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Session 1: Word List

- ego** *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
synonym : self-esteem, personality, psyche
(1) **ego** defense mechanisms, (2) national **ego**
She was constantly trying to boost her **ego** by talking about her accomplishments.
- avatar** *n.* (the concept in Hinduism) a god appearing in human or superhuman or animal form; a graphical representation of a user or the user's character or persona in online games, chat rooms, etc.
synonym : embodiment, expression, apotheosis
(1) digital **avatar**, (2) the **avatar** of the authority
A person's cyberspace **avatar** often represents the appearance and behavior that the person wants to be.
- nickname** *n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name
synonym : moniker, sobriquet, handle
(1) endearing **nickname**, (2) **nickname** for a person
The team has a **nickname** for their star player: "The Ace."

cyber

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

synonym: digital, computer, Internet

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

Cyber espionage between countries can have serious consequences.

frank

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

synonym: candid, direct, freehearted

(1) **frank** and open discussion, (2) make a **frank** apology

Full involvement means **frank** and prompt responses.

outcome

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

synonym: result, consequence, effect

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

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

struggle

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

synonym: toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym: lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

difficulty

n. a condition or state that causes problems

synonym: hardship, complication, problem

(1) the degree of **difficulty**, (2) **difficulty** in breathing

He has **difficulty** exercising because of a back injury

sustained in an accident.

horizontal

adj. parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group

synonym : even, lying, parallel

(1) **horizontal** lines, (2) **horizontal** stripes

Airplanes need **horizontal** tails to improve stability.

parallax

n. the apparent shift in the position of an object when viewed from two different perspectives, caused by differences in vantage point or angle of observation; the effect of an observing instrument that produces apparent displacement or shift of an object or its parts

synonym : shift, displacement, difference

(1) optical **parallax**, (2) **parallax** error

The **parallax** of the star was measured to determine its distance from Earth.

midnight

n. the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day

synonym : middle of the night, witching hour

(1) **midnight** snack, (2) **midnight** shift

I stayed up until **midnight** watching my favorite movie.

asleep

adj. in a state of sleep

synonym : sleeping, fallen, at rest

(1) **asleep** at the wheel, (2) dead **asleep**

He lay down and fell **asleep** immediately.

delete

v. to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information

synonym : erase, wipe out, remove

(1) **delete** a file, (2) **delete** this modification

Highlight the sentences that you want to **delete**.

flip

v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

synonym : throw, jump

(1) **flip** over the pork chop, (2) **flip** a coin

He **flipped** when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.

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.

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

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**.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

innovation

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

synonym : invention, initiation, creation

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

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

consultant

n. a person who provides professional or expert advice

synonym: expert, advisor, specialist

(1) **consultant** firm, (2) chief **consultant**

We hired a management **consultant** to help us improve our business strategy.

statistics

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

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

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

inception

n. the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence

synonym: origin, beginning, start

(1) **inception** date, (2) lease **inception**

The idea for the company was formed at its **inception** and has since grown into a successful business.

executive

n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

synonym: administrator, manager, director

(1) **executive** editor at the publishing house, (2) **executive** vice president

As the **executive** director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.

forecast

n. a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the

future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

synonym : prediction, outlook, (verb) guess

(1) a weather **forecast**, (2) **forecast** an epidemic

Their team specializes in demand **forecasts** for our products.

obsolete

adj. no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced

synonym : ancient, bygone, outdated

(1) an **obsolete** word, (2) become **obsolete**

New technology has rendered my old smartphone **obsolete**.

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**.

implement

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

synonym : execute, enforce, put through

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

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

professional

adj. having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful

synonym : skilled, competent, accomplished

(1) **professional** athlete, (2) certified **professional** secretary

He has a **professional** demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.

suppose

v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible

synonym : guess, assume, presume

(1) **suppose** you're right, (2) **suppose** beforehand

What do you **suppose** the culprit's motive was?

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

expense

n. the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something

synonym: cost, expenditure, outlay

(1) enormous **expenses**, (2) **expense** account

For this project to be successful, we must control **expenses** strictly.

majesty

n. regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness

synonym: grandeur, royalty, eminence

(1) morning **majesty**, (2) **majesty** of nature

The king's **majesty** was apparent in his elegant attire and powerful presence.

foresee

v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

synonym: predict, anticipate, forecast

(1) **foresee** the consequences, (2) **foresee** challenges

I **foresee** a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

extent

n. the point or degree or area to which something extends

synonym: amount, degree, intensity

(1) certain **extent**, (2) the **extent** of the damage

I was amazed at the **extent** of her generosity.

severity

n. the quality or condition of being severe, strict, or harsh

synonym: harshness, rigidity, austerity

(1) the **severity** of cold, (2) high **severity**

The **severity** of the drought was a major concern for farmers.

crisis

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

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

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

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

eminent

adj. famous, respected, or important, especially in a particular profession; standing above others in quality or position

synonym : outstanding, distinguished, superior

(1) an **eminent** writer, (2) hold **eminent** positions

She was a pre- **eminent** researcher in our lab.

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym : frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

apologize

v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

synonym : excuse, justify, atone

(1) **apologize** for being late, (2) **apologize** ahead of time

I **apologize** for neglecting your email.

knighthood

n. the rank, dignity, or status of a knight; the condition or qualities associated with being a knight, including bravery, loyalty, chivalry, and honor

synonym : chivalry, nobility, honor

(1) hereditary **knighthood**, (2) honorary **knighthood**

He was bestowed **knighthood** for his brave actions in the battle.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

scary

adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating

synonym : terrifying, frightening, alarming

(1) **scary** dream, (2) **scary** story

The horror movie was so **scary** that I couldn't watch it alone.

mentor

n. a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school

synonym : adviser, coach, tutor

(1) **mentor** for life, (2) fashion **mentor**

As a **mentor**, he helped me realize my career.

tackle

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

synonym : deal with, dive into, work on

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

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

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym : bizarre, creepy, peculiar

(1) a **weird** dress, (2) the state of being **weird**

My computer has been acting **weird** recently.

collaboration

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

synonym :

affiliation, alliance, coalition

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

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

functional

adj. designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service

synonym : applicable, practical, usable

(1) field of **functional** medicine, (2) **functional** deafness

The mobile phone was still **functional** even after being dropped.

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.

hierarchy

n. a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest

synonym : ranking, order, scale

(1) top of the **hierarchy**, (2) **hierarchy** of folders

She has taken a step up in the organizational **hierarchy**.

accelerate

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

synonym : speed up, quicken, rev

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

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

cyberspace

n. the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments

synonym : Internet, virtual reality, online world

(1) **cyberspace** security, (2) virtual **cyberspace**
Hackers are constantly trying to exploit vulnerabilities in **cyberspace** for their gain.

exponential

adj. becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents

(1) **exponential** growth, (2) **exponential** function
Since the 1990s, the Internet has continued to experience **exponential** growth.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding
The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

whoosh

n. a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound

synonym: swoosh, swish, whizz

(1) **whoosh** of a falling object, (2) hear a **whoosh**
The **whoosh** of the wind through the trees was the only sound in the forest.

acceleration

n. a rate of increase in velocity; the rate of change of velocity with respect to time

synonym: speed up, quicken, hastening

(1) a unit of **acceleration**, (2) **acceleration** of an object
The car's **acceleration** was impressive, going from 0 to 60 mph in just 5 seconds.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym: cooperate, combine, collaborate

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

another

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

density

n. the quality of compactness of a substance

synonym: tightness, viscosity

(1) population **density**, (2) higher pixel **density**

Do you know the **density** of the population in Hong Kong?

interaction

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

synonym: dealings, exchange, relations

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

(2) **interaction** among human beings

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

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.

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.

underneath

adv. under or below something else

synonym: below, under, beneath

(1) **underneath** the surface of the water, (2) **underneath** the laughter

The penny fell **underneath** the piano.

headquarter

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

synonym: base, center, command

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

headquarter

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

corporation

n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

synonym: business, company, enterprise

(1) a public **corporation**, (2) **corporation** assets

Four companies were amalgamated into a single **corporation**.

tweet

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

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

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

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

turbulent

adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

synonym: chaotic, stormy, tumultuous

(1) **turbulent** waves, (2) **turbulent** age

The stock market has been **turbulent** lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.

metaphor

n. a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

synonym: conceit, analogy, symbol

(1) **metaphor** for death, (2) visual **metaphor**

She expressed her thought in an artful choice of **metaphors**.

engineer

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

synonym : architect, creator, builder

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

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

demonstration

n. a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others

synonym : manifestation, presentation, show

(1) **demonstration** project, (2) a campus **demonstration**

Thousands of people attended the protest **demonstration** against the proposed policy.

demonstrator

n. a person who publicly advocates for or protests against a particular cause, often in a group or a public space

synonym : protester, activist

(1) peaceful **demonstrator**, (2) violent **demonstrator**

The police gathered in large numbers to control the **demonstrators** protesting in the streets.

intriguing

adj. arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating

synonym : fascinating, captivating, arresting

(1) **intriguing** concept, (2) **intriguing** character

The novel's plot was **intriguing** and kept readers in their seats.

transparent

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

synonym : translucent, evident, diaphanous

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

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

attach

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

synonym : fix, fasten, bind

(1) **attach** firmly, (2) **attach** a file to an e-mail

He does not **attach** importance to these rumors.

- tap**
- v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
- synonym* : knock, exploit, use
- (1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger
To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.
- skip**
- v. to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
- synonym* : bounce, spring, neglect
- (1) **skip** across the country, (2) **skip** breakfast
We **skipped** the topic because it was too complicated.
- attache**
- n. a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase
- synonym* : diplomat, envoy, briefcase
- (1) a commercial **attache**, (2) black **attache** case
A prime minister talked with a military **attache** of the country's embassy.
- 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.
- stick**
- v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
- synonym* : pierce, adhere, stay
- (1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**
You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

needle

n. a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood

synonym: thorn, spike, pin

(1) **needle** prick, (2) sewing **needle**

The acupuncturist inserted **needles** into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.

boring

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

synonym: dull, tedious, monotonous

(1) **boring** work, (2) **boring** day

The lecture was so **boring** that many people fell asleep.

flicker

v. to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light

synonym: flash, spark, glimmer

(1) **flicker** every two seconds, (2) **flicker** out like a candle

The fireflies **flickered** in the darkness.

slightly

adv. in a small degree or extent; a little

synonym: barely, narrowly, scarcely

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

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

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

inky

adj. resembling, containing, or covered in ink; dark, opaque, or intense in color or appearance

synonym: dark, ink-stained

(1) **inky** fingerprints, (2) **inky** pen

The **inky** shadows created a spooky atmosphere in the room.

devil

n. a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is

harmful, dangerous, or wicked

synonym : demon, fiend, satan

(1) **devil's** advocate, (2) **devil** horns

There are various ways to ward off the **devil**, including prayer and holy water.

eddy

n. a circular current of water or air that flows in the opposite direction to the main current, causing a small whirlpool; a current of opinion, activity, or trend that goes against the main current

synonym : whirlpool, vortex, swirl

(1) **eddy** of water, (2) **eddy** of leaves

Unfortunately, the swirling **eddy** in the river made it difficult to swim.

violent

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

disperse

v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

synonym : dissipate, spread, scatter

(1) **disperse** false information, (2) **disperse** the protesters

Before authorities **dispersed** the protesters, they yelled slogans.

dilute

v. to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it

synonym : weaken, thin, reduce

(1) **dilute** acid with water, (2) **dilute** a great idea

She **diluted** the concentrated juice with water.

laminated

n. a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring

synonym : veneer, coating, layer

(1) **laminated** flooring, (2) **laminated** table

The countertop in my kitchen is made of durable **laminated** material.

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**.

instantly

adv. immediately

synonym : immediately, right away, directly

(1) **instantly** cope with, (2) be killed **instantly**

I remembered that person **instantly** and never forgot.

possibility

n. a chance that something may happen or be true

synonym : chance, prospect, likelihood

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

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

turbulence

n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight

synonym : choppiness, tumult, agitation

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

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

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym : specialized, technical

(1) **technological** advancement, (2) **technological** policy
Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym : plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

represent

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

synonym : depict, express, describe

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

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

pace

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

synonym : gait, rate, speed

(1) at your own **pace**, (2) the runner's **pace**

The economy is growing at a supercharged **pace**.

approve

v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

synonym : accept, authorize, agree

(1) **approve** a measures, (2) unanimously **approve** a resolution

My boss wouldn't **approve** of the plan.

strategy

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

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**
Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

institutionalize

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

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

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

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

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.

overtake

v. to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

synonym: surpass, outstrip, catch up with

(1) **overtake** a rival, (2) **overtake** a milestone

The race car driver knew he had to **overtake** the other drivers to win the race.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

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

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

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.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

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.

unacceptably

adv. in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory

synonym: improperly, unsatisfactorily, inadequately

(1) **unacceptably** high prices, (2) **unacceptably** poor

The restaurant's service was **unacceptably** slow.

harsh

adj. severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit

synonym: brutal, severe, backbreaking

(1) **harsh** climate, (2) use of **harsh** chemicals

The prime minister faced **harsh** criticism.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

procedure

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

synonym: action, approach, course

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

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

sloppy

adj. characterized by a lack of order or neatness; careless, disorganized, or careless in appearance or performance

synonym : messy, untidy, disheveled

(1) **sloppy** writing, (2) **sloppy** appearance

She looked **sloppy** in her wrinkled shirt and mismatched socks.

quitter

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

synonym : coward, deserter, surrender

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

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

virtual

adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact

synonym : practical

(1) a **virtual** image, (2) trading of **virtual** currencies

She is the **virtual** president of the company.

inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

synonym : shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

Session 2: Spelling

1. 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
2. hold em____t positions
adj. famous, respected, or important, especially in a particular profession; standing above others in quality or position
3. mi____ht shift
n. the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
4. ex____ng football player
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
5. me____n name
v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly
6. be killed in____ly
adv. immediately
7. cy__r bullying
adj. relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
8. morning ma____y
n. regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness
9. de___e a file
v. to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information
10. tec_____cal advancement
adj. based on scientific and industrial progress
11. wh___h of a falling object
n. a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound

ANSWERS: 1. vision, 2. eminent, 3. midnight, 4. exciting, 5. mention, 6. instantly, 7. cyber, 8. majesty, 9. delete, 10. technological, 11. whoosh

12. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
13. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
14. dem_____ion project *n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
15. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
16. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
17. pa_____ax error *n.* the apparent shift in the position of an object when viewed from two different perspectives, caused by differences in vantage point or angle of observation; the effect of an observing instrument that produces apparent displacement or shift of an object or its parts
18. certified pro_____nal secretary *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
19. optical pa_____ax *n.* the apparent shift in the position of an object when viewed from two different perspectives, caused by differences in vantage point or angle of observation; the effect of an observing instrument that produces apparent displacement or shift of an object or its parts

ANSWERS: 12. recognize, 13. outcome, 14. demonstration, 15. quitter, 16. obvious, 17. parallax, 18. professional, 19. parallax

20. sl___y writing *adj.* characterized by a lack of order or neatness; careless, disorganized, or careless in appearance or performance
21. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
22. at your own p___e *n.* the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
23. una_____bly poor *adv.* in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory
24. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
25. financial tur_____ce *n.* a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
26. me_____or for death *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
27. a weather fo_____st *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance
28. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
29. make a fr__k apology *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

ANSWERS: 20. sloppy, 21. environment, 22. pace, 23. unacceptably, 24. economical, 25. turbulence, 26. metaphor, 27. forecast, 28. unfortunately, 29. frank

30. di_____se the protesters *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
31. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
32. high se_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being severe, strict, or harsh
33. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
34. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
35. in____t under the skin *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
36. an emergency hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
37. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
38. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
39. fl_____r every two seconds *v.* to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light
40. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
41. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

ANSWERS: 30. disperse, 31. transform, 32. severity, 33. planet, 34. absolutely, 35. inject, 36. headquarter, 37. weird, 38. government, 39. flicker, 40. discovery, 41. strategy

42. fl____r out like a candle *v.* to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light
43. as___p at the wheel *adj.* in a state of sleep
44. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
45. di___e a great idea *v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
46. standard pr____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
47. sl____ly alkaline soils *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
48. the ex___t of the damage *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
49. st____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
50. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
51. gov____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
52. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
53. increase sl____ly *adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
54. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 42. flicker, 43. asleep, 44. planet, 45. dilute, 46. procedure, 47. slightly, 48. extent, 49. struggle, 50. creative, 51. government, 52. crazy, 53. slightly, 54. decision

55. 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
56. digital av____r *n.* (the concept in Hinduism) a god appearing in human or superhuman or animal form; a graphical representation of a user or the user's character or persona in online games, chat rooms, etc.
57. the most am____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
58. col____ion between companies *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
59. ta____e the issue *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
60. 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
61. i____y pen *adj.* resembling, containing, or covered in ink; dark, opaque, or intense in color or appearance
62. a cr____y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
63. cutting-edge inn____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation

ANSWERS: 55. movement, 56. avatar, 57. amazing, 58. collaboration, 59. tackle, 60. movement, 61. inky, 62. crazy, 63. innovation

64. pro_____nal athlete *adj.* having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
65. f__p a coin *v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
66. mathematical pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
67. ma_____y of nature *n.* regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness
68. una_____bly high prices *adv.* in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory
69. ha__h climate *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
70. a commercial at_____e *n.* a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase
71. cy__r crime *adj.* relating to or involving computers, computer networks, or virtual reality
72. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
73. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
74. peaceful dem_____tor *n.* a person who publicly advocates for or protests against a particular cause, often in a group or a public space

ANSWERS: 64. professional, 65. flip, 66. puzzle, 67. majesty, 68. unacceptably, 69. harsh, 70. attache, 71. cyber, 72. suppose, 73. violent, 74. demonstrator

75. black at_____e case *n.* a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase
76. a tra_____nt lie *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
77. hor_____al stripes *adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
78. la_____te flooring *n.* a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring
79. ne____e prick *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
80. und_____th the surface of the water *adv.* under or below something else
81. de____e this modification *v.* to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information
82. 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
83. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

ANSWERS: 75. attache, 76. transparent, 77. horizontal, 78. laminate, 79. needle, 80. underneath, 81. delete, 82. decision, 83. tap

84. certain ex___t *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
85. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
86. a public cor_____on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
87. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
88. a unit of acc_____ion *n.* a rate of increase in velocity; the rate of change of velocity with respect to time
89. undergo a surgical pr_____re *n.* a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
90. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
91. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
92. ap_____ze for being late *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
93. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
94. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 84. extent, 85. environment, 86. corporation, 87. tweet, 88. acceleration, 89. procedure, 90. tap, 91. represent, 92. apologize, 93. interact, 94. statistics

95. sc__y story *adj.* causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
96. hi_____hy of folders *n.* a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest
97. unanimously ap_____e a resolution *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.
98. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
99. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
100. fo_____e challenges *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
101. a vi_____l image *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
102. col_____ion platform *n.* the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
103. crossword pu___e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 95. scary, 96. hierarchy, 97. approve, 98. recognize, 99. pound, 100. foresee, 101. virtual, 102. collaboration, 103. puzzle

104. tu_____nt waves *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
105. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress
106. tra_____nt crystal *adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
107. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
108. im_____nt security measures *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
109. higher pixel de_____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
110. become ob_____te *adj.* no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced
111. help ta___e climate change *v.* to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
112. acc_____ion of an object *n.* a rate of increase in velocity; the rate of change of velocity with respect to time
113. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
114. fun_____al deafness *adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service
115. int_____ng concept *adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating

ANSWERS: 104. turbulent, 105. technological, 106. transparent, 107. pound, 108. implement, 109. density, 110. obsolete, 111. tackle, 112. acceleration, 113. transform, 114. functional, 115. intriguing

116. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
117. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
118. tu_____nt age *adj.* marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation
119. e_o defense mechanisms *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
120. und_____th the laughter *adv.* under or below something else
121. population de_____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
122. honorary kni_____od *n.* the rank, dignity, or status of a knight; the condition or qualities associated with being a knight, including bravery, loyalty, chivalry, and honor
123. pos_____ty for growth *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
124. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
125. enormous ex_____es *n.* the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something
126. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

ANSWERS: 116. discovery, 117. represent, 118. turbulent, 119. ego, 120. underneath, 121. density, 122. knighthood, 123. possibility, 124. suppose, 125. expense, 126. strategy

127. st____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
128. the int_____on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
129. in_____ly cope with *adv.* immediately
130. fr__k and open discussion *adj.* honest and sincere; open and candid in expression
131. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
132. de__l horns *n.* a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked
133. s__p breakfast *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
134. hear a wh____h *n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound
135. mi_____ht snack *n.* the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day

ANSWERS: 127. stretch, 128. interaction, 129. instantly, 130. frank, 131. economical, 132. devil, 133. skip, 134. whoosh, 135. midnight

136. hor_____al lines *adj.* parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
137. e__y of leaves *n.* a circular current of water or air that flows in the opposite direction to the main current, causing a small whirlpool; a current of opinion, activity, or trend that goes against the main current
138. bo___g work *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
139. ap_____ze ahead of time *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
140. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
141. lease in_____on *n.* the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence
142. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
143. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
144. acc_____te a chemical reaction *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
145. pos_____ty of a major earthquake *n.* a chance that something may happen or be true
146. ap_____e a measures *v.* to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

ANSWERS: 136. horizontal, 137. eddy, 138. boring, 139. apologize, 140. exciting, 141. inception, 142. stick, 143. mention, 144. accelerate, 145. possibility, 146. approve

147. int_____ng character *adj.* arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
148. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
149. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
150. trading of vi_____l currencies *adj.* being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
151. de__'s advocate *n.* a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked
152. me____r for life *n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
153. the degree of dif_____ty *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
154. virtual cyb_____ce *n.* the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments
155. endearing ni_____me *n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name

ANSWERS: 147. intriguing, 148. statistics, 149. quitter, 150. virtual, 151. devil, 152. mentor, 153. difficulty, 154. cyberspace, 155. nickname

156. an ob____te word *adj.* no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced
157. fashion me____r *n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
158. telescopic vi____n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
159. at____h firmly *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
160. sl____y appearance *adj.* characterized by a lack of order or neatness; careless, disorganized, or careless in appearance or performance
161. use of ha____h chemicals *adj.* severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit
162. di____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
163. am____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
164. ov____ke a rival *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else
165. fo____st an epidemic *n.* a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

ANSWERS: 156. obsolete, 157. mentor, 158. vision, 159. attach, 160. sloppy, 161. harsh, 162. disappear, 163. amazing, 164. overtake, 165. forecast

166. the runner's p__e	<i>n.</i> the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes
167. e__y of water	<i>n.</i> a circular current of water or air that flows in the opposite direction to the main current, causing a small whirlpool; a current of opinion, activity, or trend that goes against the main current
168. financial cr___s	<i>n.</i> a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
169. dead as___p	<i>adj.</i> in a state of sleep
170. sc__y dream	<i>adj.</i> causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
171. vi_____t incident	<i>adj.</i> involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
172. st_____le to get the job	<i>v.</i> to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
173. at___h a file to an e-mail	<i>v.</i> to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
174. la_____te table	<i>n.</i> a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring
175. chief con_____nt	<i>n.</i> a person who provides professional or expert advice

ANSWERS: 166. pace, 167. eddy, 168. crisis, 169. asleep, 170. scary, 171. violent, 172. struggle, 173. attach, 174. laminate, 175. consultant

176. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
177. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
178. violent dem_____tor *n.* a person who publicly advocates for or protests against a particular cause, often in a group or a public space
179. di___e acid with water *v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
180. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
181. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
182. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
183. im_____nt a corporate strategy *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
184. top of the hi_____hy *n.* a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest
185. con_____nt firm *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
186. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
187. a campus dem_____ion *n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others

ANSWERS: 176. unfortunately, 177. outcome, 178. demonstrator, 179. dilute, 180. innovation, 181. weird, 182. suddenly, 183. implement, 184. hierarchy, 185. consultant, 186. crisis, 187. demonstration

188. ex_____ve vice president *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
189. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
190. s__p across the country *v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
191. the se_____ty of cold *n.* the quality or condition of being severe, strict, or harsh
192. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
193. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
194. ex_____e account *n.* the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something
195. ni_____me for a person *n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name
196. a weather 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

ANSWERS: 188. executive, 189. absolutely, 190. skip, 191. severity, 192. tweet, 193. suddenly, 194. expense, 195. nickname, 196. chart

197. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
198. administrative hea_____er *n.* the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
199. ex_____ve editor at the publishing house *n.* a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations
200. cor_____on assets *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
201. national e_o *n.* a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one
202. 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
203. exp_____al growth *adj.* becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents
204. int_____on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
205. ov_____ke a milestone *v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

ANSWERS: 197. engineer, 198. headquarter, 199. executive, 200. corporation, 201. ego, 202. chart, 203. exponential, 204. interaction, 205. overtake

206. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
207. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
208. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
209. bo___g day *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
210. field of fun_____al medicine *adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service
211. sewing ne___e *n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
212. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
213. an em_____t writer *adj.* famous, respected, or important, especially in a particular profession; standing above others in quality or position
214. in_____on date *n.* the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence

ANSWERS: 206. institutionalize, 207. stick, 208. institutionalize, 209. boring, 210. functional, 211. needle, 212. engineer, 213. eminent, 214. inception

215. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
216. dif_____ty in breathing *n.* a condition or state that causes problems
217. acc_____te the car *v.* to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
218. st_____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
219. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
220. di_____se false information *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
221. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
222. cyb_____ce security *n.* the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments
223. fo_____e the consequences *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
224. exp_____al function *adj.* becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents
225. visual me_____or *n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity

ANSWERS: 215. creative, 216. difficulty, 217. accelerate, 218. stretch, 219. disappear, 220. disperse, 221. obvious, 222. cyberspace, 223. foresee, 224. exponential, 225. metaphor

226. in___t a personal opinion into a debate
v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
227. emotional tur_____ce
n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
228. hereditary kni_____od
n. the rank, dignity, or status of a knight; the condition or qualities associated with being a knight, including bravery, loyalty, chivalry, and honor
229. i___y fingerprints
adj. resembling, containing, or covered in ink; dark, opaque, or intense in color or appearance
230. in_____ct directly with customers
v. to communicate or react with somebody
231. the av___r of the authority
n. (the concept in Hinduism) a god appearing in human or superhuman or animal form; a graphical representation of a user or the user's character or persona in online games, chat rooms, etc.
232. f___p over the pork chop
v. to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion

ANSWERS: 226. inject, 227. turbulence, 228. knighthood, 229. inky, 230. interact, 231. avatar, 232. flip

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
2. The horror movie was so _____ that I couldn't watch it alone.
adj. causing fear or fright; frightening; intimidating
3. 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
4. The idea for the company was formed at its _____ and has since grown into a successful business.
n. the beginning or start of something; the point in time when something comes into existence
5. The partnership program requires a mutual _____ between both agencies.
n. the act or situation of working together to create or produce something
6. 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
7. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.
n. a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software

ANSWERS: 1. suppose, 2. scary, 3. vision, 4. inception, 5. collaboration, 6. chart, 7. engineer

8. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

9. Let's try to _____ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

10. The lecture was so _____ that many people fell asleep.

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

11. The car's _____ was impressive, going from 0 to 60 mph in just 5 seconds.

n. a rate of increase in velocity; the rate of change of velocity with respect to time

12. 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

13. For this project to be successful, we must control _____ strictly.

n. the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something

14. The stock market has been _____ lately, with prices fluctuating rapidly.

adj. marked by a lot of sudden changes, confusion, or uncertainty; characterized by intense activity or agitation

15. Four companies were amalgamated into a single _____.

n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

ANSWERS: 8. crazy, 9. inject, 10. boring, 11. acceleration, 12. creative, 13. expenses, 14. turbulent, 15. corporation

16. The countertop in my kitchen is made of durable _____ material.
n. a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring
17. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
18. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
19. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
20. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
21. I _____ for neglecting your email.
v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
22. He has a _____ demeanor and always presents himself in a polished manner.
adj. having or showing the skill appropriate to a particular job; competent or skillful
23. 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
24. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
v. to cease to exist or be visible

ANSWERS: 16. laminate, 17. government, 18. amazing, 19. obvious, 20. tweet, 21. apologize, 22. professional, 23. environment, 24. disappear

25. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

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

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

27. The penny fell _____ the piano.

adv. under or below something else

28. Her research team made an important _____.

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

29. He has _____ exercising because of a back injury sustained in an accident.

n. a condition or state that causes problems

30. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.

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

31. Highlight the sentences that you want to _____.

v. to remove something, especially that has been written; to wipe out digitally or magnetically recorded information

32. I remembered that person _____ and never forgot.

adv. immediately

ANSWERS: 25. economical, 26. innovation, 27. underneath, 28. discovery, 29. difficulty, 30. outcome, 31. delete, 32. instantly

33. The focus of these initiatives is to make the financial system more _____.
- adj.* easy to perceive, detect, or understand; (of a material or article) permitting light to pass through freely
34. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.
- n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
35. He should _____ more with his colleagues.
- v.* to communicate or react with somebody
36. Before authorities _____ the protesters, they yelled slogans.
- v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
37. The _____ of the star was measured to determine its distance from Earth.
- n.* the apparent shift in the position of an object when viewed from two different perspectives, caused by differences in vantage point or angle of observation; the effect of an observing instrument that produces apparent displacement or shift of an object or its parts
38. He lay down and fell _____ immediately.
- adj.* in a state of sleep
39. He _____ when he heard that he had been accepted into the university.
- v.* to turn over into a different position quickly; to throw or toss with a light motion
40. The race car driver knew he had to _____ the other drivers to win the race.
- v.* to catch up to and pass by someone or something that is in front of you, usually about moving vehicles; to come to a point where you become more successful, important, or influential than someone or something else

ANSWERS: 33. transparent, 34. pounds, 35. interact, 36. dispersed, 37. parallax, 38. asleep, 39. flipped, 40. overtake

41. Full involvement means _____ and prompt responses.

adj. honest and sincere; open and candid in expression

42. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

43. The prime minister faced _____ criticism.

adj. severe and unkind; extremely tough and unpleasant to inhabit

44. My boss wouldn't _____ of the plan.

v. to think that someone or something is favorable, acceptable, or appropriate; to officially accept a plan, request, etc.

45. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.

adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

46. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

47. _____ espionage between countries can have serious consequences.

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

48. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

49. Their team specializes in demand _____ for our products.

n. a prediction or statement about how something, such as the weather, will develop or what will happen in the future; (verb) to predict the future in advance

ANSWERS: 41. frank, 42. tap, 43. harsh, 44. approve, 45. violent, 46. recognize, 47. Cyber, 48. attach, 49. forecasts

50. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.
n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
51. She looked _____ in her wrinkled shirt and mismatched socks.
adj. characterized by a lack of order or neatness; careless, disorganized, or careless in appearance or performance
52. The _____ of getting the disease will drastically increase.
n. a chance that something may happen or be true
53. The _____ of the drought was a major concern for farmers.
n. the quality or condition of being severe, strict, or harsh
54. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
55. The novel's plot was _____ and kept readers in their seats.
adj. arousing curiosity or interest, often due to a mysterious or complex quality; fascinating or captivating
56. Airplanes need _____ tails to improve stability.
adj. parallel to the ground or in a baseline; being at the same level as all members of a group
57. 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

ANSWERS: 50. puzzle, 51. sloppy, 52. possibility, 53. severity, 54. unfortunately, 55. intriguing, 56. horizontal, 57. mentioned

58. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
59. 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
60. As a _____ he helped me realize my career.
- n.* a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person over time, usually at work or school
61. She _____ the concentrated juice with water.
- v.* to make a substance less concentrated by adding a liquid or another substance to it
62. The restaurant's service was _____ slow.
- adv.* in a way that is not acceptable or satisfactory
63. He moved his body _____ to the left.
- adv.* in a small degree or extent; a little
64. The king's _____ was apparent in his elegant attire and powerful presence.
- n.* regal or royal dignity; grandeur or greatness
65. The mobile phone was still _____ even after being dropped.
- adj.* designed for or capable of a particular activity, purpose, or task; practical or ready for use or service

ANSWERS: 58. statistics, 59. movement, 60. mentor, 61. diluted, 62. unacceptably, 63. slightly, 64. majesty, 65. functional

66. The government tried to _____ the commercialization of this development.
v. to make something faster or earlier; to cause to develop or progress more quickly
67. She is the _____ president of the company.
adj. being actually such in almost every respect; existing in essence or effect though not in actual fact
68. I stayed up until _____ watching my favorite movie.
n. the middle point of the night, usually defined as 12:00 AM or the start of a new day
69. The fireflies _____ in the darkness.
v. to shine unsteadily or intermittently, as if with a faint light
70. He was bestowed _____ for his brave actions in the battle.
n. the rank, dignity, or status of a knight; the condition or qualities associated with being a knight, including bravery, loyalty, chivalry, and honor
71. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
72. The pilot and flight attendant ran through the check-out _____.
n. a way of doing something, especially the official or well-known way
73. She was constantly trying to boost her ____ by talking about her accomplishments.
n. a consciousness of your own identity; a person's sense of self-esteem or self-importance, especially inflated one

ANSWERS: 66. accelerate, 67. virtual, 68. midnight, 69. flickered, 70. knighthood, 71. absolutely, 72. procedure, 73. ego

74. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
75. We _____ the topic because it was too complicated.
- v.* to move along lightly and quickly, making a step from one foot to the other with a hop or bounce; to intentionally fail to do something which would normally do
76. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
- n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
77. He could not _____ against temptation.
- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
78. We hired a management _____ to help us improve our business strategy.
- n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
79. She expressed her thought in an artful choice of _____.
- n.* a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not denote to suggest a similarity
80. The acupuncturist inserted _____ into specific points on my body to alleviate my pain.
- n.* a thin, pointed object typically used for sewing or medical purposes; a metal or plastic instrument used for administering injections or drawing blood
81. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.
- adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress

ANSWERS: 74. crisis, 75. skipped, 76. quitter, 77. struggle, 78. consultant, 79. metaphors, 80. needles, 81. Technological

82. I was amazed at the _____ of her generosity.
n. the point or degree or area to which something extends
83. The police gathered in large numbers to control the _____ protesting in the streets.
n. a person who publicly advocates for or protests against a particular cause, often in a group or a public space
84. 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
85. The government promised to _____ a new system to control the financial crisis.
v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
86. The company decided to move its _____ to New York City.
n. the central office or location from which a business or organization is managed
87. The government is determined to _____ sharp inflation.
v. to try to deal with a complex problem or situation
88. The ride on the rollercoaster was full of dips and turns, creating a feeling of _____.
n. a state of great disturbance, confusion, or uncertainty, often accompanied by violent or disruptive activity or behavior, such as air turbulence during a flight
89. My computer has been acting _____ recently.
adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

ANSWERS: 82. extent, 83. demonstrators, 84. decision, 85. implement, 86. headquarters, 87. tackle, 88. turbulence, 89. weird

90. Since the 1990s, the Internet has continued to experience _____ growth.
adj. becoming more and more rapid; of or involving mathematical exponents
91. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.
n. the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
92. She has taken a step up in the organizational _____.
n. a system in which people or things are organized into different levels of importance from highest to lowest
93. The _____ of the wind through the trees was the only sound in the forest.
n. a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound
94. Hackers are constantly trying to exploit vulnerabilities in _____ for their gain.
n. the electronic space where computer-mediated communication and interactions occur often used to refer to the internet or virtual reality environments
95. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
96. I _____ a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.
v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
97. As the _____ director of the non-profit, it's her responsibility to make sure they're meeting their mission goals.
n. a person or group of people with top-level management responsibility in a business or other organization; the branch that is responsible for implementing, administering, and enforcing laws, as well as running the day-to-day operations

ANSWERS: 90. exponential, 91. interaction, 92. hierarchy, 93. whoosh, 94. cyberspace, 95. represent, 96. foresee, 97. executive

98. Unfortunately, the swirling _____ in the river made it difficult to swim.
- n.* a circular current of water or air that flows in the opposite direction to the main current, causing a small whirlpool; a current of opinion, activity, or trend that goes against the main current
99. My father's death _____ my life completely.
- v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
100. Thousands of people attended the protest _____ against the proposed policy.
- n.* a display or show, often of a particular skill or product, intended to convince or persuade others
101. A prime minister talked with a military _____ of the country's embassy.
- n.* a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase
102. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
103. The team has a _____ for their star player: "The Ace."
- n.* a familiar or humorous name given to a person or thing instead of or as well as the real name
104. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
105. The _____ shadows created a spooky atmosphere in the room.
- adj.* resembling, containing, or covered in ink; dark, opaque, or intense in color or appearance

ANSWERS: 98. eddy, 99. transformed, 100. demonstration, 101. attache, 102. planet, 103. nickname, 104. strategy, 105. inky

106. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.
v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
107. Do you know the _____ of the population in Hong Kong?
n. the quality of compactness of a substance
108. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
109. She was a pre-_____ researcher in our lab.
adj. famous, respected, or important, especially in a particular profession; standing above others in quality or position
110. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.
v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
111. Who answers _____ knows little.
adv. quickly and unexpectedly
112. A person's cyberspace _____ often represents the appearance and behavior that the person wants to be.
n. (the concept in Hinduism) a god appearing in human or superhuman or animal form; a graphical representation of a user or the user's character or persona in online games, chat rooms, etc.

ANSWERS: 106. stretch, 107. density, 108. stick, 109. eminent, 110. institutionalize, 111. suddenly, 112. avatar

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

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

114. New technology has rendered my old smartphone _____.

adj. no longer in use or helpful because something newer or better has been invented and introduced

115. The economy is growing at a supercharged _____.

n. the speed at which someone or something moves, or the rate at which something happens or changes

116. There are various ways to ward off the _____ including prayer and holy water.

n. a supernatural being typically represented in belief systems as an evil or mischievous spirit, often used metaphorically to describe a person or thing that is harmful, dangerous, or wicked

ANSWERS: 113. exciting, 114. obsolete, 115. pace, 116. devil,