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Session 1: Word List

marked

adj. having a noticeable feature or distinctive quality; easily noticeable or obvious

synonym : distinct, prominent, striking

(1) a **marked** difference, (2) **marked** decline

Her **marked** improvement in her grades resulted from her increased focus and effort.

artistic

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

synonym : beautiful, aesthetic, creative

(1) an **artistic** photograph, (2) cultural and **artistic** activity

Promising entrepreneurs often have a high **artistic** sensibility.

excellence

n. the quality of being extremely good

synonym : distinction, goodness, superiority

(1) **excellence** in product design, (2) highest standards of **excellence**

He has also won many marketing **excellence** awards.

instability

n. the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly

synonym : imbalance, fluctuation, unstableness

(1) political **instability**, (2) **instability** in currency markets

Lack of sleep and overwork often lead to emotional **instability**.

mismanagement

n. the act of managing something poorly, incompetently, or ineffectively, resulting in negative consequences

synonym: inefficiency, mishandling, incompetence

(1) **mismanagement** of funds, (2) **mismanagement** of time

The company's profits suffered due to the **mismanagement** of its resources.

wit

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

synonym: humor, comedy, funniness

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

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

military

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

synonym: armed, martial, warlike

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

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

coup

n. a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement

synonym: revolution, overthrow, takeover

(1) **coup** plotters, (2) military **coup**

The prime minister was arrested and charged with treason after he was found to be involved in the **coup**.

dimly

adv. faintly or indistinctly; with little light or clarity; not clearly or brightly

synonym: faintly, obscurely, hazily

(1) **dimly** visible, (2) **dimly** remember

The **dimly** lit room created a cozy and intimate atmosphere

for the dinner party.

shack

n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

synonym: shanty, cabin, hut

(1) humble **shack**, (2) beach **shack**

The fisherman lived in a small **shack** by the lake.

flickering

adj. shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame

synonym: shining, flashing, twinkling

(1) **flickering** flames, (2) **flickering** hope

The **flickering** candlelight added a cozy ambiance to the room.

background

n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem

synonym: ground, experience, backdrop

(1) a **background** color, (2) a criminal **background**

The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's **background**.

blindfold

n. a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

(1) **blindfold** game, (2) **blindfold** challenge

The doctor administered a **blindfold** test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.

pole

n. one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a

support or to hang something

synonym : rod, staff, shaft

(1) a fishing **pole**, (2) the plus **pole**

The North **Pole** is the northernmost point on Earth.

fir

n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

synonym : pine, spruce, cedar

(1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest

The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

squad

n. a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team

synonym : team, unit, group

(1) a bomb-disposal **squad**, (2) antiriot **squad**

The police department assembled a special **squad** to handle the situation.

aim

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

synonym : aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

broadcast

v. to send out a program or some information on radio or television

synonym : air, announce, advertise

(1) **broadcast** a concert, (2) **broadcast** a radio ad

Most of the programs are **broadcast** in this area.

shock

n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

synonym : amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

shed

v. to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage

synonym: discard, drop, cast off

(1) **shed** an old skin, (2) a cow **shed**

He **shed** a secret tear when he heard the news of his friend's death.

blend

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

synonym: combine, mix, intermingle

(1) **blend** all the elements, (2) **blend** milk and cream

The toad altered its appearance to better **blend** in with its new environments.

chameleon

n. a lizard-like reptile that can change its color to blend into its environment as a form of protective camouflage; a person who can adapt their behavior, speech, or appearance to fit various social situations or expectations

synonym: shape-shifter, transformer, mimic

(1) **chameleon** colors, (2) **chameleon** behavior

The **chameleon's** ability to change colors enabled it to blend seamlessly with its surroundings.

tactic

n. a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective

synonym: strategy, approach, method

(1) an imprudent **tactic**, (2) alternative **tactic**

The coach implemented a new **tactic** to win the game.

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym: endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

typecast

v. to always give an actor the same kind of character to play, usually because of their suitability

(1) **typecast** as a villain, (2) **typecast** for the role of a gangster

She didn't want to be **typecast** as a stupid blonde.

exotic

adj. originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

synonym : foreign, alien, unfamiliar

(1) **exotic** species, (2) **exotic** vacation

I love trying **exotic** foods from different cultures.

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.

terror

n. intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm

synonym : fear, alarm, horror

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

The bomb blast spread **terror** among the people.

ashamed

adj. feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done

synonym : regretful, repentant, mortified

(1) feel **ashamed** of him, (2) cast **ashamed** eyes

You don't have to be **ashamed**.

fortunate

adj. having good luck or lucky

synonym : fortuitous, lucky, blessed

(1) **fortunate** situation, (2) less **fortunate** person

He was pretty **fortunate** to pass the exam.

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.

absence

n. the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

synonym: dearth, scarcity, lack

(1) **absence** from work, (2) a leave of **absence**

Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's **absence**.

president

n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

synonym: leader, CEO, chairperson

(1) **president** emeritus, (2) vice- **president** for finance

The club **president** does not have absolute power.

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**.

footprint

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

synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

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

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

childhood

n. the state or time of being a child

synonym: youth, infancy, adolescence

(1) since **childhood**, (2) **childhood** development

He had fond memories of his **childhood** spent playing in the

park with his friends.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym : encircle, encompass, envelop

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

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

cheer

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

synonym : comfort, encourage, hearten

(1) **cheer** for the home team, (2) **cheer** me up

Supporters in the stands **cheered** at every goal.

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**.

democracy

n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**

Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

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.

fragile

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

synonym : delicate, brittle, breakable

(1) politically **fragile** nation, (2) **fragile** ecosystem

The vase was made of **fragile** ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

identity

n. the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another

synonym : character, personality, individuality

(1) mistaken **identity**, (2) **identity** as an individual

The terrorist's **identity** remains unknown.

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**.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym : freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

strength

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

synonym : resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**
Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

foundation

n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

synonym: base, support, groundwork

(1) **foundation** course, (2) weak **foundation**

The **foundation** of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.

poll

n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

synonym: survey, ballot, voting

(1) a pre-election **poll**, (2) public opinion **polls**

Several **polls** show a decline in the president's approval rating.

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.

voter

n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

synonym: elector, citizen

(1) an eligible **voter**, (2) **voter** apathy

The election administration nullified the election results because of **voter** fraud.

eager

adj. showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

synonym: keen, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **eager** anticipation, (2) with **eager** eyes

The children were **eager** to start the treasure hunt.

fate

n. the development of events beyond one's control; destiny; the ultimate outcome or consequence of a situation or person's actions

synonym : destiny, fortune, karma

(1) **fate** of nations, (2) accept my **fate**

The fortune teller predicted his **fate** and warned him of the looming danger.

forth

adv. forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open

synonym : forward, onwards, ahead

(1) bring **forth** a beautiful vase, (2) call **forth** demand

I pushed **forth** with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.

achieve

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

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

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

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

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.

candidate

n. a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

synonym : applicant, nominee, contender

(1) **candidate** selection, (2) PhD **candidate**

The **candidate's** platform focused on healthcare reform and

reducing income inequality.

rhetoric

n. speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form

synonym: oratory, eloquence, persuasion

(1) the **rhetoric** of a debate, (2) high-flown **rhetoric**

He was known for his powerful **rhetoric** and ability to persuade people with his words.

cliche

n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

synonym: truism, platitude, stereotype

(1) **cliche** plot, (2) age-old **cliche**

Using the same **cliche** phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.

haunt

v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

synonym: stalk, spook, obsess

(1) **haunt** memories, (2) **haunt** my conscience

The crowd's boos and jeers continued to **haunt** the performer long after the show ended.

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

intimidation

n. the act of instilling fear or anxiety in someone, often to make them feel inferior or submissive; the use of threats or coercion to deter someone from taking a certain

course of action

synonym : frightening, bullying, harassment

(1) act of **intimidation**, (2) fear of **intimidation**

Using **intimidation** tactics in the workplace is unacceptable and should not be tolerated.

ballot

n. a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election

synonym : vote, poll, election

(1) the final **ballot**, (2) **ballot** booth

The **ballot** for the upcoming election will be sent out to registered voters next week.

inflated

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

synonym : enlarged, swollen, distended

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

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

mob

n. a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals

synonym : crowd, throng, horde

(1) **mob** psychology, (2) **mob** violence

The excited **mob** was getting out of control at the concert.

eruption

n. an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something

synonym : explosion, outburst, burst

(1) **eruption** alert level, (2) emotional **eruption**

The volcanic **eruption** caused widespread destruction and left the area covered in ash.

brutal

adj. harsh or cruel

synonym : harsh, cruel, barbarous

(1) **brutal** bully, (2) **brutal** honesty

The **brutal** attack left the victim with serious injuries.

scramble

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

synonym: jumble, disarrange

(1) **scramble** my mind, (2) **scramble** for support

Local business owners **scrambled** to find skilled workers.

chaos

n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control

synonym: disorder, turmoil, confusion

(1) **chaos** theory, (2) midst of **chaos**

The conference room was in **chaos** as everyone tried to speak at once.

sink

v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

synonym: descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

proof

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

synonym: testimony, evidence, assurance

(1) documentary **proof**, (2) a geometric **proof**

Proof is better than argument.

capable

adj. having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise

synonym: able, competent, proficient

(1) **capable** worker, (2) **capable** leader

She is highly **capable** of handling multiple tasks at once.

govern

v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new

laws, organizing and maintaining public services

synonym: control, rule, preside

(1) a nation's right to **govern**, (2) **govern** a public enterprise

The regulations **governing** medical malpractice claims are rigorous.

shortcoming

n. a lack or deficiency in a particular respect; a fault or defect

synonym: deficiency, fault, weakness

(1) have a serious **shortcoming**, (2) the **shortcoming** in the system

The company's main **shortcoming** was a lack of innovation.

echo

n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff

synonym: reverberate, repeat, reflection

(1) the **echo** of a person's footsteps, (2) sound **echo**

A thunderous boom **echoed** throughout the valley.

gunshot

n. the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target

synonym: shot, blast, gunfire

(1) **gunshot** wound, (2) **gunshot** residue

The loud **gunshot** startled the wildlife in the nearby forest.

linger

v. to stay in a place or exist longer than expected

synonym: dawdle, tarry, loiter

(1) **linger** in the mind, (2) **linger** over your work

She **lingered** for a moment before leaving the room.

drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals

easily.

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym: hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

aft

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

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

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

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym: fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

melody

n. a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music

synonym: tune, song, piece

(1) a simple **melody**, (2) the **melody** of a tune

This harmonious **melody** immortalized its composer.

harmonious

adj. characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone

synonym: concordant, consistent, melodious

(1) **harmonious** relationship, (2) **harmonious** blend

The painting's **harmonious** composition and balance of colors made it a masterpiece.

uphold

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

synonym: defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

peaceful

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

synonym: friendly, pacific, amicable

(1) **peaceful** country, (2) **peaceful** coexistence

Plutonium has limited **peaceful** applications.

mass

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

synonym: abundance, crowd, mob

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

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

urgently

adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

synonym: promptly, immediately, swiftly

(1) tackle the problem **urgently**, (2) **urgently** required
I need to send this email **urgently**.

comparison

n. the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

synonym: equivalence, analogy, contrast

(1) ease of **comparison**, (2) **comparison** of foods on a caloric basis

I've included the two designs for a **comparison**.

preach

v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience

synonym: expound, advocate, sermonize

(1) **preach** the gospel, (2) **preach** to the masses

The pastor **preached** about the importance of forgiveness.

shining

adj. giving off or reflecting light; bright, glistening, or gleaming; characterized by impressive accomplishments or excellence

synonym : sparkling, gleaming, radiant

(1) **shining** star, (2) **shining** example

The **shining** sun reflected off the calm ocean water.

stall

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

synonym : halt, hamper, (noun) cubicle

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

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

bush

n. a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

synonym : copse, scrub, brushwood

(1) trees and **bushes**, (2) a **bush** of hair

I am going to trim this **bush** off.

gore

v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound

synonym : pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene

The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

unwilling

adj. not ready or wanting to do something

synonym : disinclined, involuntary, reluctant

(1) **unwilling** look, (2) in an **unwilling** voice

They were **unwilling** to take any risks.

proceed

v. to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress

synonym : advance, progress, move ahead

(1) **proceed** with caution, (2) **proceed** to the next step

We can now **proceed** with the next item on our agenda.

honor

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality;
(verb) to show respect towards someone

synonym: integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly **honor**, (2) **honor** our ancestors

I claim on my **honor** that it is true.

supreme

adj. highest in rank, level, or importance

synonym: foremost, highest, greatest

(1) the **supreme** commander, (2) justice of the **supreme** court

The **supreme** pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.

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.

elector

n. a person who has the right to vote in an election

synonym: voter, constituent, citizen

(1) presidential **elector**, (2) qualified for an **elector**

The **elector** cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

commissioner

n. an official member of a government department or another organization who is responsible for controlling something or performing specific duties

synonym: administrator, agent, official

(1) elect police **commissioners**, (2) **commissioner** of patent office

He became an audit **commissioner** because of his years of

experience as an accountant.

declare

v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly

synonym: announce, state, affirm

(1) **declare** independence, (2) **declare** my love

Foreign goods from abroad must be **declared** to customs when entering a country.

consent

n. permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority

synonym: approval, authorization, concession

(1) **consent** for surgery, (2) give silent **consent**

She gave her **consent** to the company's proposal.

unprecedented

adj. never having been seen, done, or known before

synonym: novel, outstanding, unparalleled

(1) **unprecedented** boom, (2) **unprecedented** business opportunity

Unprecedented amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

rerun

n. the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again

synonym: repeat, replay, re-airing

(1) **rerun** episode, (2) **rerun** of a TV show

I missed the episode of my favorite show, so I hope they will air a **rerun** soon.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym: cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop

yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

defeat

v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt

synonym: conquer, beat, overpower

(1) **defeat** a global power, (2) **defeat** body odor

Despite his best efforts, he was unable to **defeat** the enemy.

cycle

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

synonym: revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

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.

uphill

adj. sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope

synonym: skyward, ascending, difficult

(1) an **uphill** road, (2) an **uphill** task

The road is **uphill** for a while.

grant

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

synonym: allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. less fo_____te person | <i>adj.</i> having good luck or lucky |
| 2. death from sh__k | <i>n.</i> a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant |
| 3. ca_____e worker | <i>adj.</i> having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise |
| 4. gu_____t wound | <i>n.</i> the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target |
| 5. a leave of ab_____e | <i>n.</i> the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be |
| 6. de___t a global power | <i>v.</i> to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt |
| 7. an in_____ed balloon | <i>adj.</i> swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high |
| 8. a_m to be a nurse | <i>v.</i> to try or plan to get or achieve something |
| 9. m_b psychology | <i>n.</i> a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals |
| 10. ex___c species | <i>adj.</i> originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing |

ANSWERS: 1. fortunate, 2. shock, 3. capable, 4. gunshot, 5. absence, 6. defeat, 7. inflated, 8. aim, 9. mob, 10. exotic

11. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
12. I was dr__ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
13. the preliminary ra__y *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
14. a bac_____nd color *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
15. midst of ch__s *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
16. tackle the problem ur_____ly *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
17. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
18. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
19. since ch_____od *n.* the state or time of being a child
20. justice of the su_____e court *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
21. ch_____on behavior *n.* a lizard-like reptile that can change its color to blend into its environment as a form of protective camouflage; a person who can adapt their behavior, speech, or appearance to fit various social situations or expectations

ANSWERS: 11. aft, 12. drown, 13. rally, 14. background, 15. chaos, 16. urgently, 17. democracy, 18. violent, 19. childhood, 20. supreme, 21. chameleon

22. fo_____te situation *adj.* having good luck or lucky
23. call fo__h demand *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
24. br___l bully *adj.* harsh or cruel
25. military c__p *n.* a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement
26. a bomb-disposal sq__d *n.* a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team
27. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
28. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
29. fli_____ng hope *adj.* shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame
30. ch__s theory *n.* a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
31. ch_____on colors *n.* a lizard-like reptile that can change its color to blend into its environment as a form of protective camouflage; a person who can adapt their behavior, speech, or appearance to fit various social situations or expectations

ANSWERS: 22. fortunate, 23. forth, 24. brutal, 25. coup, 26. squad, 27. environment, 28. chant, 29. flickering, 30. chaos, 31. chameleon

32. br_____st a radio ad *v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television
33. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
34. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
35. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
36. feel as_____d of him *adj.* feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done
37. a ma___d difference *adj.* having a noticeable feature or distinctive quality; easily noticeable or obvious
38. ac_____e success *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
39. ch__r for the home team *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval
40. a pre-election p__l *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
41. an imprudent ta___c *n.* a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective

ANSWERS: 32. broadcast, 33. cycle, 34. surround, 35. mass, 36. ashamed, 37. marked, 38. achieve, 39. cheer, 40. poll, 41. tactic

42. the plus p__e *n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
43. f__e of nations *n.* the development of events beyond one's control; destiny; the ultimate outcome or consequence of a situation or person's actions
44. bl__d all the elements *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
45. womanly ho__r *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
46. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
47. unp_____ted business opportunity *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
48. a b__h of hair *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
49. di__y visible *adv.* faintly or indistinctly; with little light or clarity; not clearly or brightly
50. elect police com_____ners *n.* an official member of a government department or another organization who is responsible for controlling something or performing specific duties

ANSWERS: 42. pole, 43. fate, 44. blend, 45. honor, 46. incredibly, 47. unprecedented, 48. bush, 49. dimly, 50. commissioner

51. com_____on of foods on a caloric basis *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
52. an ar_____ic photograph *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
53. ease of com_____on *n.* the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things
54. public opinion p__ls *n.* an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election
55. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
56. har_____us blend *adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone
57. bring fo__h a beautiful vase *adv.* forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open
58. har_____us relationship *adj.* characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone
59. co_____t for surgery *n.* permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority

ANSWERS: 51. comparison, 52. artistic, 53. comparison, 54. poll, 55. determinant, 56. harmonious, 57. forth, 58. harmonious, 59. consent

60. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
61. de____e independence *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
62. unpre_____ted boom *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
63. high-flown rh_____ic *n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form
64. political ins_____ty *n.* the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly
65. cl___e plot *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
66. fear of int_____ion *n.* the act of instilling fear or anxiety in someone, often to make them feel inferior or submissive; the use of threats or coercion to deter someone from taking a certain course of action
67. ex___c vacation *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
68. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
69. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 60. aim, 61. declare, 62. unprecedented, 63. rhetoric, 64. instability, 65. cliché, 66. intimidation, 67. exotic, 68. independence, 69. president

70. g__e scene *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
71. bl_____ld game *n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
72. age-old cl___e *n.* a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement
73. qualified for an el_____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
74. ab_____te loyalty *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
75. de___t body odor *v.* to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
76. an eligible vo___r *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
77. documentary pr___f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
78. the problem of drug ab___e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
79. ch___r me up *v.* to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

ANSWERS: 70. gore, 71. blindfold, 72. cliché, 73. elector, 74. absolute, 75. defeat, 76. voter, 77. proof, 78. abuse, 79. cheer

80. the e__o of a person's footsteps *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
81. pe____ul country *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
82. ho__r our ancestors *n.* high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone
83. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
84. up____d tradition *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
85. accept my f__e *n.* the development of events beyond one's control; destiny; the ultimate outcome or consequence of a situation or person's actions
86. bl__d milk and cream *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
87. br_____st a concert *v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television
88. fr_____e ecosystem *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
89. di_____t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
90. the me____y of a tune *n.* a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music
91. c__p plotters *n.* a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement

ANSWERS: 80. echo, 81. peaceful, 82. honor, 83. aft, 84. uphold, 85. fate, 86. blend, 87. broadcast, 88. fragile, 89. distort, 90. melody, 91. coup

92. a nation's right to go___n *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
93. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
94. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
95. s__d an old skin *v.* to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage
96. victim of sexual ab___e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
97. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
98. go to the workplace by cy__e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
99. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
100. un_____ng look *adj.* not ready or wanting to do something
101. ab_____e from work *n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be

ANSWERS: 92. govern, 93. decide, 94. elect, 95. shed, 96. abuse, 97. surround, 98. cycle, 99. footprint, 100. unwilling, 101. absence

102. 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
103. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
104. a criminal bac_____nd *n.* the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
105. full of w_t *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
106. sound e__o *n.* a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
107. sh__k-resistant *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
108. die su_____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
109. trees and b__hes *n.* a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root
110. an ab_____te must *adj.* perfect or complete or to the most considerable degree possible
111. st__l in a tunnel *v.* to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area

ANSWERS: 102. metaphor, 103. mass, 104. background, 105. wit, 106. echo, 107. shock, 108. suddenly, 109. bush, 110. absolute, 111. stall

112. mis_____ent of time *n.* the act of managing something poorly, incompetently, or ineffectively, resulting in negative consequences
113. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
114. s__k a buzzer-beater *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
115. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
116. de_____e my love *v.* to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
117. the sho_____ng in the system *n.* a lack or deficiency in a particular respect; a fault or defect
118. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
119. a fishing p__e *n.* one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
120. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
121. ch_____od development *n.* the state or time of being a child
122. in_____ed prices *adj.* swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high

ANSWERS: 112. mismanagement, 113. incredibly, 114. sink, 115. elect, 116. declare, 117. shortcoming, 118. suddenly, 119. pole, 120. military, 121. childhood, 122. inflated

123. with ea__r eyes *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
124. f_r forest *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
125. a mi____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
126. br___l honesty *adj.* harsh or cruel
127. give silent co____t *n.* permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority
128. fli_____ng flames *adj.* shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame
129. li___r in the mind *v.* to stay in a place or exist longer than expected
130. humble sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
131. ur____ly required *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
132. cultural and ar____ic activity *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
133. emotional er____on *n.* an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something

ANSWERS: 123. eager, 124. fir, 125. military, 126. brutal, 127. consent, 128. flickering, 129. linger, 130. shack, 131. urgently, 132. artistic, 133. eruption

134. sh____g star *adj.* giving off or reflecting light; bright, glistening, or gleaming; characterized by impressive accomplishments or excellence
135. ba____t booth *n.* a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election
136. the rh____ic of a debate *n.* speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form
137. ca____e leader *adj.* having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise
138. er____on alert level *n.* an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something
139. act of int____ion *n.* the act of instilling fear or anxiety in someone, often to make them feel inferior or submissive; the use of threats or coercion to deter someone from taking a certain course of action
140. li____r over your work *v.* to stay in a place or exist longer than expected
141. f_r branch *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
142. go____n a public enterprise *v.* to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services

ANSWERS: 134. shining, 135. ballot, 136. rhetoric, 137. capable, 138. eruption, 139. intimidation, 140. linger, 141. fir, 142. govern

143. st__l at sea *v.* to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area
144. have a serious sho_____ng *n.* a lack or deficiency in a particular respect; a fault or defect
145. 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
146. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
147. com_____ner of patent office *n.* an official member of a government department or another organization who is responsible for controlling something or performing specific duties
148. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
149. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
150. the su_____e commander *adj.* highest in rank, level, or importance
151. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
152. a simple me___y *n.* a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music

ANSWERS: 143. stall, 144. shortcoming, 145. decide, 146. footprint, 147. commissioner, 148. determinant, 149. survival, 150. supreme, 151. chant, 152. melody

153. pr___h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
154. sc_____le my mind *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
155. a geometric pr__f *n.* a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists
156. ha__t memories *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
157. alternative ta___c *n.* a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective
158. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
159. antiriot sq__d *n.* a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team
160. the final ba___t *n.* a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election
161. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
162. gr__t a new license *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
163. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 153. preach, 154. scramble, 155. proof, 156. haunt, 157. tactic, 158. violent, 159. squad, 160. ballot, 161. environment, 162. grant, 163. president

164. gu____t residue *n.* the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target
165. 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
166. a cow s__d *v.* to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage
167. the w_t of man *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
168. pr____d with caution *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
169. re__n of a TV show *n.* the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again
170. di____t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
171. an up____l road *adj.* sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope

ANSWERS: 164. gunshot, 165. metaphor, 166. shed, 167. wit, 168. proceed, 169. rerun, 170. distort, 171. uphill

172. ha__t my conscience *v.* to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent
173. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
174. in an un_____ng voice *adj.* not ready or wanting to do something
175. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
176. weak fou_____on *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
177. g__e him with a weapon *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
178. cast as_____d eyes *adj.* feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done
179. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
180. sub_____an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
181. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence

ANSWERS: 172. haunt, 173. sub-Saharan, 174. unwilling, 175. survival, 176. foundation, 177. gore, 178. ashamed, 179. statistics, 180. sub-Saharan, 181. independence

182. gr__t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
183. m_b violence *n.* a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals
184. highest standards of exc_____ce *n.* the quality of being extremely good
185. ca_____te selection *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
186. sc_____le for support *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
187. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
188. ty_____st for the role of a gangster *v.* to always give an actor the same kind of character to play, usually because of their suitability
189. up___d the law *v.* to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
190. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
191. ra__y in front of the embassy *v.* a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm
192. pr_____d to the next step *v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress

ANSWERS: 182. grant, 183. mob, 184. excellence, 185. candidate, 186. scramble, 187. claim, 188. typecast, 189. uphold, 190. democracy, 191. rally, 192. proceed

193. ac____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
194. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
195. beach sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
196. di__y remember *adv.* faintly or indistinctly; with little light or clarity; not clearly or brightly
197. s__k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
198. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
199. mistaken id_____ty *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
200. muscular st_____th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
201. pr___h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
202. vo__r apathy *n.* a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election

ANSWERS: 193. achieve, 194. drown, 195. shack, 196. dimly, 197. sink, 198. statistics, 199. identity, 200. strength, 201. preach, 202. voter

203. fou_____on course *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
204. politically fr_____e nation *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
205. ea__r anticipation *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
206. PhD ca_____te *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
207. id_____ty as an individual *n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
208. bl_____ld challenge *n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging
209. presidential el_____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
210. ty_____st as a villain *v.* to always give an actor the same kind of character to play, usually because of their suitability

ANSWERS: 203. foundation, 204. fragile, 205. eager, 206. candidate, 207. identity, 208. blindfold, 209. elector, 210. typecast

221. an up___l task

adj. sloping upward; difficult or challenging;
(adverb) upward on a hill or slope

222. sh_____g example

adj. giving off or reflecting light; bright,
glistening, or gleaming; characterized
by impressive accomplishments or
excellence

ANSWERS: 221. uphill, 222. shining

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The coach implemented a new _____ to win the game.
n. a method or strategy used to achieve a particular goal or objective

2. He _____ a secret tear when he heard the news of his friend's death.
v. to get rid of something as superfluous or unwanted; to cast off hair, skin, horn, or feathers; (noun) an outbuilding with a single story, mainly used for shelter or storage

3. The company's main _____ was a lack of innovation.
n. a lack or deficiency in a particular respect; a fault or defect

4. Lack of sleep and overwork often lead to emotional _____.
n. the state of being unstable or uncertain and likely to change suddenly

5. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.
n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

6. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

7. The smell of fresh _____ trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.
n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

8. The negotiations proceeded slowly and finally _____.
v. to stop or cause to stop making progress; (noun) small area or booth set off for the sale of goods in a market or large covered area

ANSWERS: 1. tactic, 2. shed, 3. shortcoming, 4. instability, 5. abuse, 6. independence, 7. fir, 8. stalled

9. Gandhi had an _____ zeal for nonviolence.

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

10. _____ is better than argument.

n. a fact or piece of information that shows something is true or exists

11. Supporters in the stands _____ at every goal.

v. to give a loud shout to show support, praise, or approval

12. The ____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

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

13. The prime minister was arrested and charged with treason after he was found to be involved in the _____.

n. a sudden, violent, and illegal seizure of power from a government; an impressive or successful action or achievement

14. I've included the two designs for a _____.

n. the consideration or examination of the similarities between two or more people or things

15. I claim on my _____ that it is true.

n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

16. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

ANSWERS: 9. absolute, 10. Proof, 11. cheered, 12. aft, 13. coup, 14. comparison, 15. honor, 16. survival

17. Her _____ improvement in her grades resulted from her increased focus and effort.
adj. having a noticeable feature or distinctive quality; easily noticeable or obvious
18. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.
v. to be all around something or somebody
19. The company's profits suffered due to the _____ of its resources.
n. the act of managing something poorly, incompetently, or ineffectively, resulting in negative consequences
20. 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
21. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
22. This harmonious _____ immortalized its composer.
n. a succession of musical tones forming part of a larger piece of music
23. The judge may _____ the decision of the lower court.
v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
24. The fisherman lived in a small _____ by the lake.
n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
25. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 17. marked, 18. surround, 19. mismanagement, 20. metaphors, 21. incredibly, 22. melody, 23. uphold, 24. shack, 25. statistics

26. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

27. She didn't want to be _____ as a stupid blonde.

v. to always give an actor the same kind of character to play, usually because of their suitability

28. The children were _____ to start the treasure hunt.

adj. showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

29. The chairperson _____ him the right to speak.

v. to agree to give or allow somebody

30. He had fond memories of his _____ spent playing in the park with his friends.

n. the state or time of being a child

31. _____ amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

adj. never having been seen, done, or known before

32. The athlete's ego became _____ by their success.

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

33. The _____ lit room created a cozy and intimate atmosphere for the dinner party.

adv. faintly or indistinctly; with little light or clarity; not clearly or brightly

34. I pushed _____ with my new project, even though it would take much hard work.

adv. forward, outward, or onward in location, direction, or progress; into view or consideration; with confidence, boldness, or in the open

ANSWERS: 26. suddenly, 27. typecast, 28. eager, 29. granted, 30. childhood, 31. Unprecedented, 32. inflated, 33. dimly, 34. forth

35. The bomb blast spread _____ among the people.
n. intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
36. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.
v. to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
37. The painting's _____ composition and balance of colors made it a masterpiece.
adj. characterized by harmony or agreement; free from conflict or disagreement; pleasing or soothing in sound or tone
38. The volcanic _____ caused widespread destruction and left the area covered in ash.
n. an instance of a sudden and violent release of lava, gas, or ash from a volcano; a sudden outburst or explosion of something
39. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.
n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
40. A thunderous boom _____ throughout the valley.
n. a sound heard after being reflected off a surface, such as a wall or a cliff
41. The vase was made of _____ ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.
adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged
42. There was a massive police presence at the anti-government _____.
v. a public meeting of a group of people intended to arouse enthusiasm

ANSWERS: 35. terror, 36. preached, 37. harmonious, 38. eruption, 39. mass, 40. echoed, 41. fragile, 42. rally

43. The excited ____ was getting out of control at the concert.
n. a large and disorderly crowd of people; a large horde of animals
44. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
45. I need to send this email _____.
adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
46. The coffee producers in _____ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.
adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
47. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.
n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
48. The _____ pleasure of life is the conviction that we are loved.
adj. highest in rank, level, or importance
49. The North ____ is the northernmost point on Earth.
n. one of two antipodal points where the Earth's axis of rotation intersects the Earth's surface; a long, slender, rounded rod, typically of wood or metal, used as a support or to hang something
50. Using the same _____ phrase in every conversation can take time and effort.
n. a phrase or expression that has become overused to the point that it has lost its original impact or meaning; a trite or unoriginal idea or statement

ANSWERS: 43. mob, 44. president, 45. urgently, 46. sub-Saharan, 47. footprint, 48. supreme, 49. Pole, 50. cliché

51. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
52. Foreign goods from abroad must be _____ to customs when entering a country.
v. to say, state, or announce something clearly, officially, or publicly
53. The election administration nullified the election results because of _____ fraud.
n. a person who votes or has a legal right to vote in a political election
54. The regulations _____ medical malpractice claims are rigorous.
v. to legally control and direct a country, city, group of people, etc. and be responsible for introducing new laws, organizing and maintaining public services
55. The company's hiring criteria emphasize personality, not a person's _____.
n. the details of a person's social heritage, such as family, vocational or educational experience; past information that is essential to understanding a situation or problem
56. The conference room was in _____ as everyone tried to speak at once.
n. a state of complete confusion or disorder, often characterized by a lack of predictability or control
57. He has also won many marketing _____ awards.
n. the quality of being extremely good
58. He got an electric _____ at work.
n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

ANSWERS: 51. violent, 52. declared, 53. voter, 54. governing, 55. background, 56. chaos, 57. excellence, 58. shock

59. The _____ cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.

n. a person who has the right to vote in an election

60. I am going to trim this _____ off.

n. a plant growing thickly with many small branches and several stiff stems coming up from the root

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

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

62. They were _____ to take any risks.

adj. not ready or wanting to do something

63. The road is _____ for a while.

adj. sloping upward; difficult or challenging; (adverb) upward on a hill or slope

64. She gave her _____ to the company's proposal.

n. permission or agreement to do something, especially given by somebody in authority

65. Economists contend that taxes _____ consumer behavior in general.

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

66. He has the _____ to keep talking about this topic.

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

67. 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: 59. elector, 60. bush, 61. military, 62. unwilling, 63. uphill, 64. consent, 65. distort, 66. wit, 67. elected

68. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
- n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
69. She _____ for a moment before leaving the room.
- v.* to stay in a place or exist longer than expected
70. 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
71. The _____ candlelight added a cozy ambiance to the room.
- adj.* shining or flashing in an unsteady or irregular way; fluctuating or wavering, often with regards to light or flame
72. The _____ platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.
- n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
73. Plutonium has limited _____ applications.
- adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
74. We can now _____ with the next item on our agenda.
- v.* to move forward or to continue with a process or action; to advance or progress
75. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 68. Democracy, 69. lingered, 70. environment, 71. flickering, 72. candidate's, 73. peaceful, 74. proceed, 75. determinant

76. Another critical factor of child poverty is the father's _____.
- n.* the fact or condition of being away from a place where they are typically anticipated to be
77. The _____ ability to change colors enabled it to blend seamlessly with its surroundings.
- n.* a lizard-like reptile that can change its color to blend into its environment as a form of protective camouflage; a person who can adapt their behavior, speech, or appearance to fit various social situations or expectations
78. The terrorist's _____ remains unknown.
- n.* the fact of being who or what somebody or something is; the features, emotions, or ideas that distinguish persons from one another
79. 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
80. I love trying _____ foods from different cultures.
- adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
81. The doctor administered a _____ test to evaluate the patient's sense of touch.
- n.* a covering for the eyes used to block out light, particularly one used as a means of sensory deprivation or as a form of punishment or revenge; (verb) to cover someone's eyes with a blindfold or similar material, often as a way of preventing them from seeing something or to make a game or activity more challenging

ANSWERS: 76. absence, 77. chameleon's, 78. identity, 79. decide, 80. exotic, 81. blindfold

82. Health and _____ are, above all, gold.

n. the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

83. The _____ attack left the victim with serious injuries.

adj. harsh or cruel

84. Using _____ tactics in the workplace is unacceptable and should not be tolerated.

n. the act of instilling fear or anxiety in someone, often to make them feel inferior or submissive; the use of threats or coercion to deter someone from taking a certain course of action

85. Local business owners _____ to find skilled workers.

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

86. He was known for his powerful _____ and ability to persuade people with his words.

n. speech or writing intended to please or persuade someone; the art or study of using language effectively and persuasively in spoken or written form

87. Several _____ show a decline in the president's approval rating.

n. an inquiry into public opinion conducted by interviewing a random sample of people; the process of voting at an election

88. The crowd's boos and jeers continued to _____ the performer long after the show ended.

v. to frequent or visit repeatedly, often in a way that is disturbing or unsettling; to occupy or fill the mind, often in a way that is unpleasant or persistent

89. The food chain causes a material _____.

n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

ANSWERS: 82. strength, 83. brutal, 84. intimidation, 85. scrambled, 86. rhetoric, 87. polls, 88. haunt, 89. cycle

90. The _____ of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.
- n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
91. The toad altered its appearance to better _____ in with its new environments.
- v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
92. The police department assembled a special _____ to handle the situation.
- n.* a small group of people organized for a particular purpose, especially a military one or a sports team
93. The _____ for the upcoming election will be sent out to registered voters next week.
- n.* a piece of paper used to cast a vote in an election
94. The fortune teller predicted his _____ and warned him of the looming danger.
- n.* the development of events beyond one's control; destiny; the ultimate outcome or consequence of a situation or person's actions
95. The _____ sun reflected off the calm ocean water.
- adj.* giving off or reflecting light; bright, glistening, or gleaming; characterized by impressive accomplishments or excellence
96. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
- v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
97. We _____ for an overseas expansion.
- v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something

ANSWERS: 90. foundation, 91. blend, 92. squad, 93. ballot, 94. fate, 95. shining, 96. achieve, 97. aim

98. The abandoned ship slowly began to _____ into the murky waters of the harbor.
- v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
99. Despite his best efforts, he was unable to _____ the enemy.
- v. to win against somebody in a fight, war, or attempt
100. Most of the programs are _____ in this area.
- v. to send out a program or some information on radio or television
101. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.
- v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
102. I missed the episode of my favorite show, so I hope they will air a _____ soon.
- n. the act of repeating or replaying a previously aired episode of a television show or a past event or performance; (verb) to broadcast or play again an item, especially a television or radio program; to run a race or other sporting event again
103. The soccer game crowd broke into a _____ of "Go, team, go!"
- n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
104. The loud _____ startled the wildlife in the nearby forest.
- n. the sound or act of firing a gun or other firearm, usually accompanied by a loud explosion and a projectile that is propelled toward the target
105. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.
- v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 98. sink, 99. defeat, 100. broadcast, 101. drown, 102. rerun, 103. chant, 104. gunshot, 105. claim

106. She is highly _____ of handling multiple tasks at once.

adj. having the ability, skill, or potential to do something; competent or proficient in a particular task or area of expertise

107. You don't have to be _____.

adj. feeling guilt, embarrassment, or remorse about something because of something you have done

108. He was pretty _____ to pass the exam.

adj. having good luck or lucky

109. Promising entrepreneurs often have a high _____ sensibility.

adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities

110. The hunter _____ the deer with an arrow.

v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound

111. He became an audit _____ because of his years of experience as an accountant.

n. an official member of a government department or another organization who is responsible for controlling something or performing specific duties

ANSWERS: 106. capable, 107. ashamed, 108. fortunate, 109. artistic, 110. gored, 111. commissioner