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Session 1: Word List

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym: idea, notion, vision

(1) learn new **concepts**, (2) **concept** car

One such rapidly growing **concept** is quantum cryptography.

studio

n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

synonym: workshop, atelier, room

(1) a photo **studio**, (2) music **studio**

She works at a recording **studio** in Los Angeles.

awkward

adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

synonym: embarrassing, discomfiting, clumsy

(1) an **awkward** expression, (2) an **awkward** date

The **awkward** design of the interface made the operation

difficult.

adolescent

n. a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult

synonym: teen, preadult, youth

(1) **adolescent** girl, (2) pre- **adolescent** children

Timely education about birth control might help reduce **adolescent** pregnancies.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

intensive

adj. involving a lot of work or activity in a short time

synonym: thorough, comprehensive, in-depth

(1) **intensive** agriculture, (2) **intensive** care

The construction industry is labor **intensive**, although it has been somewhat automated by introducing large machinery.

blanket

n. a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content

synonym: cover, coverlet, bedspread

(1) **blanket** authority, (2) **blanket** scarf

The electric **blanket** keeps me warm on cold nights.

belong

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

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

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

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

incubator

n. an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses

synonym: hatchery, brooder, nursery

(1) infant **incubator**, (2) business **incubator** program

The eggs were placed in an artificial **incubator** to ensure proper hatching conditions.

Don

n. a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge

(1) the **don** of the university, (2) **Don** Giovanni

He could never go against what **Don** Carlos said.

atom

n. the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus

synonym: particle, element, fraction

(1) oxygen **atom**, (2) neutral hydrogen **atoms**

The outermost electron shell of an **atom** determines its chemical characteristics.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym: likely, possible, potential

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

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

upgrade

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

synonym: improve, boost, enrich

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

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

equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

synonym: prepare, furnish, provide

(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills

The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

technique

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

synonym: approach, procedure, strategy

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

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

spare

adj. additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone

synonym: extra, excess, (verb) afford

(1) **spare** parts, (2) **spare** cost

I made plans to spend my **spare** time beneficially.

donation

n. a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them

synonym: contribution, gift, subsidy

(1) make a **donation**, (2) political **donation**

He made a generous **donation** to the charity.

junk

n. discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition

synonym: trash, debris, waste

(1) **junk** mail, (2) hunk of **junk**

I need to clear out some of the **junk** in my garage.

rocket

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

synonym : projectile, missile

(1) **rocket** attack against the enemy, (2) **rocket** fuel

The **rocket** launch platform is visible from this hill.

medical

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

synonym : health, disease, treatment

(1) a **medical** opinion, (2) temporary **medical** treatment

The **medical** team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym : academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

conduct

v. to organize and carry out a particular activity

synonym : behave, lead, carry on

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

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

oversea

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

synonym : foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

prototype

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

synonym : mock-up, precursor, model

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

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

infant

n. a baby or very young child

synonym : baby, newborn, tot

(1) **infant** daughter, (2) **infant** food

Mozart was an **infant** prodigy.

inspire

v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

synonym : boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

manufacture

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

synonym : create, fabricate, assemble

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

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

influence

n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself

synonym : power, leverage, effect

(1) **influence** a child's future, (2) **influence** the daily life

The former emperor had a particular **influence** even after he abdicated.

recognition

n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal

synonym : acknowledgement, identification, credit

(1) **recognition** award, (2) joint **recognition**

He was given **recognition** for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.

award

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

synonym : prize, honor, accolade

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

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

inspiration

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

synonym : motivation, drive, encouragement

(1) source of **inspiration**, (2) get **inspiration** from nature

He found **inspiration** in the works of his favorite authors.

ineffective

adj. not producing any significant or intended effect or result

synonym : useless, feeble, fruitless

(1) an **ineffective** speech, (2) pull an **ineffective** player

These treatments were **ineffective** against a virus.

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.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym : agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

overload

v. to put too much a load in or on something

synonym : overfill, excess, weigh down

(1) **overload** the circulatory system, (2) **overload** a muscle

Be careful not to **overload** the laundry machine.

nurse

n. a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury

synonym : healthcare worker, caregiver, medic

(1) **nurse** practitioner, (2) a volunteer **nurse**

The night shift **nurse** checked my vital signs before administering the medication.

basis

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

synonym: foundation, base, ground

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

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

constellation

n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

synonym: asterism, array, pattern

(1) the stars of the Scorpion **constellation**, (2) northern **constellation**

Navigators still use the Little Bear **constellation** at sea.

involve

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

synonym: implicate, include, engage

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

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

financing

n. the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project

synonym: funding, loan, expenditure

(1) **financing** activity, (2) public **financing**

The investment fund offered **financing** for a company on the brink of bankruptcy.

distribute

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

synonym : broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content
His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

regulation

n. an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule

synonym : constraint, restriction, rule

(1) a company **regulation**, (2) **regulation** by the government

The **regulation** approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.

facility

n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

synonym : building, structure, installation

(1) a cell phone with an internet **facility**, (2) **facility** design

This company has an entire recycling **facility**, including major reprocessing plants.

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.

ministry

n. a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service

synonym : department, agency, bureau

(1) **ministry** officials, (2) enter the **ministry**

The **ministry** of education is responsible for managing the schools in the country.

donor

n. a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a

person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person

synonym: contributor, patron, supporter

(1) a transfusion of **donor** blood, (2) an unnamed **donor**

His body rejected the liver of the **donor**.

similarly

adv. in almost the same way

synonym: also, likewise, ditto

(1) **similarly** situated, (2) have **similarly** great abilities

We argue that wages for temporary workers should **similarly** rise.

multinational

adj. relating to or involving multiple countries or nationalities; having operations or business interests in multiple countries

synonym: international, global, cross-border

(1) **multinational** enterprise, (2) **multinational** team

The **multinational** corporation has offices in over 30 countries.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

synonym: gadget, instrument, tool

(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**

I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

emerging

adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known

synonym: arising, occurring, state-of-the-art

(1) **emerging** country, (2) **emerging** technologies

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

disease

n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal

functioning of organs or systems

synonym: illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

affluence

n. an abundance of wealth, resources, or property; prosperity

synonym: wealth, prosperity, richness

(1) postwar **affluence**, (2) material **affluence**

She lived a life of **affluence**, with all the money and possessions she could ever want.

infertile

adj. unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable

synonym: barren, sterile, unproductive

(1) **infertile** woman, (2) **infertile** land

The soil in the desert is **infertile**, making it difficult to grow crops.

aspect

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

synonym: characteristic, element, factor

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

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

organization

n. a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

synonym: association, institution, community

(1) **organization** chart, (2) agricultural **organization**

She is the president of a large international **organization**.

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.

jaundice

n. a medical condition in which the skin and whites of the eyes take on a yellowish tint due to an excess of bilirubin in the blood; a metaphorical state of mind characterized by suspicion, cynicism, or bitterness

synonym : icterus, yellowing, animosity

(1) **jaundice** liver, (2) acute **jaundice**

The yellowing of the eyes is a common symptom of **jaundice**.

mind-boggling

adj. extremely surprising or overwhelming and, therefore, difficult to understand or imagine

synonym : overwhelming, amazing, astonishing

(1) a **mind-boggling** puzzle, (2) a **mind-boggling** display

Educating hundreds of thousands of recruits is a **mind-boggling** task.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym : approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

severe

adj. extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

synonym : harsh, relentless, powerful

(1) **severe** heat, (2) a **severe** case of pneumonia

The senator received **severe** criticism from his opponent.

disability

n. a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do

synonym : impairment, disadvantage, restriction

(1) a **disability** pension, (2) a learning **disability**

Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing **disability**.

exchange

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

synonym: trade, swap, interchange

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

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

transfusion

n. the transfer of blood or blood products from one person or animal to another, often to replace blood lost due to injury or surgery

synonym: transfer, graft, infusion

(1) red blood cell **transfusion**, (2) plasma **transfusion**

The patient received a blood **transfusion** during the surgery to replenish her supply.

technological

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

synonym: specialized, technical

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

Technological advances have disrupted many industries.

complexity

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

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

daunting

adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out

something

synonym: intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task
My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

overhead

n. the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky

synonym: expense, upkeep, (adverb) aloft

(1) **overhead** capital, (2) a cloud passing **overhead**
This merger will help them reduce **overhead** costs substantially.

therapy

n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

synonym: antidote, medicine, treatment

(1) **therapy** for a patient, (2) field of gene **therapy**
I underwent aversion **therapy** for my addiction to alcohol.

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?

illuminating

adj. making something clear or easy to understand; providing light

synonym: enlightening, informative, clarifying

(1) **illuminating** light, (2) an **illuminating** answer
The lecture was **illuminating** and gave me a new perspective on the topic.

patient

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

synonym:

client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss
The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

effectiveness

n. the fact or quality of producing the result that is wanted or intended

synonym : efficacy, usefulness, significance

(1) teaching **effectiveness**, (2) **effectiveness** against insomnia

This product is a durable material that combines cost-**effectiveness** and quality.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym : purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym : amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

meter

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

synonym : gauge, indicator, rhythm

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

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

neonatal

adj. relating to the first few weeks after birth; pertaining to newborn infants

synonym : newborn, infant, baby

(1) **neonatal** care, (2) **neonatal** jaundice

The **neonatal** unit at the hospital specializes in caring for premature babies.

cesarean

adj. (also known as "C-section") relating to the delivery of a baby through a surgical incision made in the mother's abdomen and uterus rather than through vaginal birth

synonym : C-section, surgical birth

(1) **cesarean** delivery, (2) emergency **cesarean**

The **cesarean** recovery period can be longer and more challenging than a vaginal birth recovery.

bum

n. a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive

synonym : hobo, vagrant, tramp

(1) homeless **bum**, (2) lazy **bum**

He used to be a successful businessman, but now he's a washed-up **bum** with nothing to show.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym : susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

uncommon

adj. not occurring or seen very often; rare

synonym : rare, scarce, unusual

(1) **uncommon** occurrence, (2) **uncommon** talents

It was **uncommon** for the store to have such a big sale.

standpoint

n. a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter

synonym : viewpoint, perspective, opinion

(1) **standpoint** theory, (2) moral **standpoint**

From a marketing **standpoint**, this product may need to be more effective.

dumb

adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

synonym : mute, speechless, idiotic

(1) **dumb** creatures, (2) struck **dumb**

He made a **dumb** mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

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.

inexpensive

adj. costing little; having a low price

synonym : cheap, affordable, economical

(1) **inexpensive** option, (2) an **inexpensive** inn

The restaurant offered delicious food at an **inexpensive** price.

rugged

adj. having a rough, uneven, or jagged surface or terrain; characterized by a sturdy, strong, or robust nature

synonym : rough, hardened, harsh

(1) **rugged** coastline, (2) **rugged** landscape

The hikers braved the **rugged** terrain to reach the summit of the mountain.

administrator

n. a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone

who administers, regulates, or supervises

synonym : manager, executive, supervisor

(1) school **administrator**, (2) network **administrator**

The university's **administrator** announced new policies regarding campus safety.

curse

n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

synonym : condemnation, cuss, hex

(1) under a **curse**, (2) few **curse** words

Many autocratic policies became a **curse** for that country's economy.

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.

buck

n. a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention

synonym : dollar, money, currency

(1) **buck** the trend, (2) extra **buck**

I spotted a majestic **buck** with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.

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.

trustworthy

adj. reliable and dependable

synonym : reliable, dependable, honest

(1) **trustworthy** ally, (2) **trustworthy** source

People tend to believe **trustworthy** friends with their secrets.

firefly

n. a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark

(1) the glow of a **firefly**, (2) sparkle like **firefly**

In that country, there is a culture of eating live **firefly** squid.

state-of-the-art

adj. characterized by the use of the latest and most advanced technology or methods; cutting-edge

synonym : advanced, cutting-edge, innovative

(1) **state-of-the-art** technology, (2) **state-of-the-art** software

The hospital has **state-of-the-art** equipment and facilities to ensure the best healthcare for its patients.

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.

stack

n. a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

synonym : accumulation, heap, pile

(1) high **stack**, (2) a large **stack** of paper

The earthquake caused a **stack** of lumber to crumble noisily.

electronics

n. the branch of physics and technology that deals with the behavior and control of electrons and the use of electronic devices and systems

synonym : technology, gadgets, circuitry

(1) **electronics** industry, (2) **electronics** store

The company specializes in manufacturing and selling cutting-edge **electronics**.

cockroach

n. a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home

synonym : roach

(1) **cockroach** killer, (2) have a **cockroach** phobia

Cockroaches sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.

component

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

synonym : element, part, factor

(1) key **component**, (2) spare **components** for cars

The researchers try to discover a common **component** in all types of successful organizations.

laptop

n. a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap

(1) bring my **laptop**, (2) thin-and-light **laptop**

I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my **laptop** all day.

corps

n. a large group of people trained and organized for a particular purpose, such as the military or a performing arts troupe

synonym : body, group, organization

(1) airborne **corps**, (2) **corps** artillery

The **corps** arrived at the front lines just in time to reinforce the exhausted soldiers.

pixel

n. the smallest unit of an image that can be displayed or manipulated electronically, typically a point of light on a computer screen or in a digital image

synonym : dot, point, picture element

(1) **pixel** density, (2) color **pixels**

The computer screen comprises thousands of tiny **pixels** that

create the overall picture.

ant *n.* a very small insect that lives under the ground or in a mound in highly organized groups
synonym : pismire, insect
(1) a white **ant**, (2) **ant** bite
We can find many large **ant** mounds in this area.

perish *v.* to die or cease to exist; to suffer complete ruin or destruction; to decay or deteriorate
synonym : die, expire, deteriorate
(1) **perish** in a fire, (2) **perish** from hunger
The orchids **perished** without enough sunlight or water.

vent *n.* a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion
synonym : duct, outlet, venthole
(1) volcanic **vent**, (2) **vent** tube
He gave **vent** to his anger by playing the guitar.

fan *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
synonym : lover, devotee, blade
(1) a film **fan**, (2) engine cooling **fan**
I'm a big **fan** of French food.

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.

rid *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

synonym : do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.

sealed

adj. closed or secured with

synonym : closed, impenetrable

(1) **sealed** orders, (2) **sealed** jar

We packed and shipped the product in **sealed** containers.

goofy

adj. silly or foolish

synonym : silly, crazy, dopey

(1) wore a **goofy** hat, (2) with a **goofy** expression

He made a **goofy** face as he recalled this morning's events.

frustrate

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

synonym : hinder, thwart, dishearten

(1) **frustrate** the advancement, (2) **frustrate** other team members

The coach explained a strategy to **frustrate** the opponent's schemes to the players.

excuse

n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt

synonym : apology, justification, reason

(1) **excuse** for inaction, (2) perfect **excuse**

He quickly fabricated an **excuse** for not attending the meeting.

quest

n. a long or challenging search for something

synonym : exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness

That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a photo st___o
n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
2. ro____y speaking
adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
3. in_____le land
adj. unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable
4. get r_d of the rats
v. to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
5. sta_____art technology
adj. characterized by the use of the latest and most advanced technology or methods; cutting-edge
6. field of gene th____y
n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
7. de_____on authority
n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
8. a te_____ue in martial arts
n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
9. em_____ng technologies
adj. starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
10. have si_____ly great abilities
adv. in almost the same way
11. the stars of the Scorpion
con_____ion
n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

ANSWERS: 1. studio, 2. roughly, 3. infertile, 4. rid, 5. state-of-the-art, 6. therapy, 7. decision, 8. technique, 9. emerging, 10. similarly, 11. constellation

12. in_____le woman *adj.* unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable
13. in_____e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
14. a desirable ou_____e *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
15. in____t daughter *n.* a baby or very young child
16. postwar af_____ce *n.* an abundance of wealth, resources, or property; prosperity
17. a gas me__r *n.* a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse
18. homeless b_m *n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive
19. b__k the trend *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
20. the glow of a fi_____y *n.* a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark
21. tec_____cal policy *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress

ANSWERS: 12. infertile, 13. inspire, 14. outcome, 15. infant, 16. affluence, 17. meter, 18. bum, 19. buck, 20. firefly, 21. technological

22. mul_____nal team *adj.* relating to or involving multiple countries or nationalities; having operations or business interests in multiple countries
23. get ins_____on from nature *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
24. struck d__b *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
25. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
26. ne_____al care *adj.* relating to the first few weeks after birth; pertaining to newborn infants
27. a cell phone with an internet fa_____ty *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
28. in_____e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
29. immune fu_____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
30. an aw_____d date *adj.* making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

ANSWERS: 22. multinational, 23. inspiration, 24. dumb, 25. probable, 26. neonatal, 27. facility, 28. inspire, 29. function, 30. awkward

31. bl____t scarf *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
32. for ov____a use *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
33. infant in____or *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
34. em____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
35. ex____ge a few friendly words *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
36. un____on talents *adj.* not occurring or seen very often; rare
37. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 31. blanket, 32. oversea, 33. incubator, 34. emerging, 35. exchange, 36. uncommon, 37. develop

38. hunk of j__k *n.* discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition
39. in_____ve agriculture *adj.* involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
40. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
41. emergency ce_____an *adj.* (also known as "C-section") relating to the delivery of a baby through a surgical incision made in the mother's abdomen and uterus rather than through vaginal birth
42. enter the mi_____ry *n.* a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service
43. j__k mail *n.* discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition
44. under a cu__e *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
45. sp__e parts *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
46. di_____e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 38. junk, 39. intensive, 40. fantastic, 41. cesarean, 42. ministry, 43. junk, 44. curse, 45. spare, 46. disease

47. a learning dis_____ty *n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
48. ware a go__y hat *adj.* silly or foolish
49. ele_____cs industry *n.* the branch of physics and technology that deals with the behavior and control of electrons and the use of electronic devices and systems
50. poetic me__r *n.* a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse
51. org_____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
52. lazy b_m *n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive
53. political do_____on *n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them
54. co__s artillery *n.* a large group of people trained and organized for a particular purpose, such as the military or a performing arts troupe
55. th_____y for a patient *n.* the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.
56. se___e heat *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

ANSWERS: 47. disability, 48. goofy, 49. electronics, 50. meter, 51. organization, 52. bum, 53. donation, 54. corps, 55. therapy, 56. severe

57. co____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
58. ru___d coastline *adj.* having a rough, uneven, or jagged surface or terrain; characterized by a sturdy, strong, or robust nature
59. ine____ve option *adj.* costing little; having a low price
60. high st__k *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
61. up____e work performance *v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
62. airborne co__s *n.* a large group of people trained and organized for a particular purpose, such as the military or a performing arts troupe
63. in____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
64. eq__p our children with some special skills *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
65. ex____ge rate *v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded

ANSWERS: 57. concept, 58. rugged, 59. inexpensive, 60. stack, 61. upgrade, 62. corps, 63. influence, 64. equip, 65. exchange

66. co_____t research	<i>v.</i>	to organize and carry out a particular activity
67. eq__p an army	<i>v.</i>	to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
68. an unnamed do__r	<i>n.</i>	a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person
69. in_____fy diplomatic efforts	<i>v.</i>	to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
70. de___e a question	<i>v.</i>	to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
71. face the da_____ng reality	<i>adj.</i>	looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
72. with a go__y expression	<i>adj.</i>	silly or foolish
73. ov_____ad the circulatory system	<i>v.</i>	to put too much a load in or on something
74. learn new co_____ts	<i>n.</i>	an idea or principle associated with something abstract
75. his conclusion was ob_____s	<i>adj.</i>	easy to see, discover or understand
76. si_____ly situated	<i>adv.</i>	in almost the same way
77. agricultural org_____ion	<i>n.</i>	a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

ANSWERS: 66. conduct, 67. equip, 68. donor, 69. intensify, 70. decide, 71. daunting, 72. goofy, 73. overload, 74. concept, 75. obvious, 76. similarly, 77. organization

78. ro____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
79. mul_____nal enterprise *adj.* relating to or involving multiple countries or nationalities; having operations or business interests in multiple countries
80. public fi_____ng *n.* the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project
81. ro___t attack against the enemy *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
82. absolutely fa_____ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
83. ja_____ce liver *n.* a medical condition in which the skin and whites of the eyes take on a yellowish tint due to an excess of bilirubin in the blood; a metaphorical state of mind characterized by suspicion, cynicism, or bitterness
84. ele_____cs store *n.* the branch of physics and technology that deals with the behavior and control of electrons and the use of electronic devices and systems
85. in_____e a lot of paperwork *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
86. neutral hydrogen a__ms *n.* the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus

ANSWERS: 78. roughly, 79. multinational, 80. financing, 81. rocket, 82. fantastic, 83. jaundice, 84. electronics, 85. involve, 86. atom

87. ne____al jaundice *adj.* relating to the first few weeks after birth; pertaining to newborn infants
88. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
89. a se___e case of pneumonia *adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous
90. key co_____nt *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
91. nu__e practitioner *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
92. engine cooling f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
93. pre-ado_____nt children *n.* a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult
94. plasma tra_____on *n.* the transfer of blood or blood products from one person or animal to another, often to replace blood lost due to injury or surgery
95. ex___e for inaction *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
96. music st___o *n.* a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company

ANSWERS: 87. neonatal, 88. vulnerable, 89. severe, 90. component, 91. nurse, 92. fan, 93. adolescent, 94. transfusion, 95. excuse, 96. studio

97. a white a_t *n.* a very small insect that lives under the ground or in a mound in highly organized groups
98. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
99. tru_____hy source *adj.* reliable and dependable
100. D_n Giovanni *n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
101. ce_____an delivery *adj.* (also known as "C-section") relating to the delivery of a baby through a surgical incision made in the mother's abdomen and uterus rather than through vaginal birth
102. moral sta_____nt *n.* a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter
103. a min_____ing puzzle *adj.* extremely surprising or overwhelming and, therefore, difficult to understand or imagine
104. research in_____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

ANSWERS: 97. ant, 98. develop, 99. trustworthy, 100. Don, 101. cesarean, 102. standpoint, 103. mind-boggling, 104. institute

105. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
106. extra b__k *n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
107. su_____e you're right *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
108. aw__d ceremony *n.* a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
109. make a do_____on *n.* a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them
110. v__t tube *n.* a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion
111. pa_____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
112. sta_____art software *adj.* characterized by the use of the latest and most advanced technology or methods; cutting-edge
113. tracking de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

ANSWERS: 105. distribute, 106. buck, 107. suppose, 108. award, 109. donation, 110. vent, 111. patient, 112. state-of-the-art, 113. device

114. the qu__t for truth	<i>n.</i> a long or challenging search for something
115. ru__l accents	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to the countryside
116. an ine_____ve speech	<i>adj.</i> not producing any significant or intended effect or result
117. nontechnical as___ts of the job	<i>n.</i> one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
118. the d_n of the university	<i>n.</i> a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
119. un_____on occurrence	<i>adj.</i> not occurring or seen very often; rare
120. ru___d landscape	<i>adj.</i> having a rough, uneven, or jagged surface or terrain; characterized by a sturdy, strong, or robust nature
121. mi_____ry officials	<i>n.</i> a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service
122. joint rec_____on	<i>n.</i> the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
123. early pr_____pe	<i>n.</i> a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
124. teaching eff_____ess	<i>n.</i> the fact or quality of producing the result that is wanted or intended
125. network adm_____tor	<i>n.</i> a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises

ANSWERS: 114. quest, 115. rural, 116. ineffective, 117. aspect, 118. Don, 119. uncommon, 120. rugged, 121. ministry, 122. recognition, 123. prototype, 124. effectiveness, 125. administrator

126. a min_____ing display *adj.* extremely surprising or overwhelming and, therefore, difficult to understand or imagine
127. pull an ine_____ve player *adj.* not producing any significant or intended effect or result
128. r_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
129. color pi__ls *n.* the smallest unit of an image that can be displayed or manipulated electronically, typically a point of light on a computer screen or in a digital image
130. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
131. electronic de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
132. in_____e a high degree of risk *v.* to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
133. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
134. a cloud passing ov_____ad *n.* the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky
135. bl_____t authority *n.* a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content

ANSWERS: 126. mind-boggling, 127. ineffective, 128. rid, 129. pixel, 130. complexity, 131. device, 132. involve, 133. crazy, 134. overhead, 135. blanket

136. ba__s for calculation *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
137. man_____re a product *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
138. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
139. spare co_____nts for cars *n.* one of several parts that combines with others to form something bigger
140. perfect ex___e *n.* a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
141. re__n episode *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
142. a large st__k of paper *n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated

ANSWERS: 136. basis, 137. manufacture, 138. function, 139. component, 140. excuse, 141. rerun, 142. stack

143. pe___h in a fire *v.* to die or cease to exist; to suffer complete ruin or destruction; to decay or deteriorate
144. 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
145. on an equal ba__s *n.* the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
146. 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
147. ov_____ad capital *n.* the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky
148. sta_____nt theory *n.* a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter
149. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something

ANSWERS: 143. perish, 144. foundation, 145. basis, 146. foundation, 147. overhead, 148. standpoint, 149. quest

150. a me____l opinion *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
151. a volunteer nu__e *n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
152. a dis_____ty pension *n.* a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
153. 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
154. business in_____or program *n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses
155. se___d orders *adj.* closed or secured with
156. su_____e beforehand *v.* to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
157. a film f_n *n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces

ANSWERS: 150. medical, 151. nurse, 152. disability, 153. rerun, 154. incubator, 155. sealed, 156. suppose, 157. fan

158. improved student ou_____es *n.* the result or effect of an action, event, etc.
159. few cu__e words *n.* a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry
160. complete a pr_____pe product *n.* a first or preliminary example of something such as a device or vehicle from which other forms are developed
161. ov_____a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
162. as____ts of social, political, and economic life *n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
163. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
164. reg_____on by the government *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
165. be____g to different species *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
166. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
167. 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

ANSWERS: 158. outcome, 159. curse, 160. prototype, 161. oversea, 162. aspect, 163. institute, 164. regulation, 165. belong, 166. rural, 167. decision

168. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
169. source of ins_____on *n.* something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity
170. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
171. a_t bite *n.* a very small insect that lives under the ground or in a mound in highly organized groups
172. ado_____nt girl *n.* a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult
173. man_____re an enzyme *v.* to make goods in large numbers, usually in a factory using machines
174. a company reg_____on *n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule
175. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
176. seem like a da_____ng task *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
177. acute ja_____ce *n.* a medical condition in which the skin and whites of the eyes take on a yellowish tint due to an excess of bilirubin in the blood; a metaphorical state of mind characterized by suspicion, cynicism, or bitterness

ANSWERS: 168. crazy, 169. inspiration, 170. complexity, 171. ant, 172. adolescent, 173. manufacture, 174. regulation, 175. influence, 176. daunting, 177. jaundice

178. ill_____ing light *adj.* making something clear or easy to understand; providing light
179. bring my la____p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
180. co_____t a background check *v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
181. fi_____ng activity *n.* the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project
182. volcanic v__t *n.* a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion
183. co_____ch killer *n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
184. in____t food *n.* a baby or very young child
185. pa_____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
186. an ine_____ve inn *adj.* costing little; having a low price
187. temporary me_____l treatment *adj.* relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine
188. tec_____cal advancement *adj.* based on scientific and industrial progress

ANSWERS: 178. illuminating, 179. laptop, 180. conduct, 181. financing, 182. vent, 183. cockroach, 184. infant, 185. patient, 186. inexpensive, 187. medical, 188. technological

189. the te_____ue applied to construction
n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
190. an aw_____d expression
adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty
191. up_____e a product
v. to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
192. dis_____te wealth evenly
v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
193. a vul_____le bridge
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
194. eff_____ess against insomnia
n. the fact or quality of producing the result that is wanted or intended
195. di_____e control
n. a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
196. fa_____ty design
n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
197. participation aw__d
n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
198. in_____fy a good relationship
v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
199. fr_____te the advancement
v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

ANSWERS: 189. technique, 190. awkward, 191. upgrade, 192. distribute, 193. vulnerable, 194. effectiveness, 195. disease, 196. facility, 197. award, 198. intensify, 199. frustrate

200. material af_____ce	<i>n.</i> an abundance of wealth, resources, or property; prosperity
201. ov_____ad a muscle	<i>v.</i> to put too much a load in or on something
202. se____d jar	<i>adj.</i> closed or secured with
203. have a co_____ch phobia	<i>n.</i> a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
204. thin-and-light la____p	<i>n.</i> a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
205. pe____h from hunger	<i>v.</i> to die or cease to exist; to suffer complete ruin or destruction; to decay or deteriorate
206. d__b creatures	<i>adj.</i> lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
207. am_____g advances	<i>adj.</i> extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
208. tru_____hy ally	<i>adj.</i> reliable and dependable
209. oxygen a__m	<i>n.</i> the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus
210. pr_____le outcome	<i>adj.</i> likely to happen or likely to be true
211. sparkle like fi_____y	<i>n.</i> a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark
212. red blood cell tra_____on	<i>n.</i> the transfer of blood or blood products from one person or animal to another, often to replace blood lost due to injury or surgery

ANSWERS: 200. affluence, 201. overload, 202. sealed, 203. cockroach, 204. laptop, 205. perish, 206. dumb, 207. amazing, 208. trustworthy, 209. atom, 210. probable, 211. firefly, 212. transfusion

213. rec_____on award *n.* the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
214. fr_____te other team members *v.* to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something
215. in_____ve care *adj.* involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
216. school adm_____tor *n.* a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises
217. northern con_____ion *n.* a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people
218. an ill_____ing answer *adj.* making something clear or easy to understand; providing light
219. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
220. sp__e cost *adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
221. 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

ANSWERS: 213. recognition, 214. frustrate, 215. intensive, 216. administrator, 217. constellation, 218. illuminating, 219. amazing, 220. spare, 221. decide

222. ro___t fuel *n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very first by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
223. pi__l density *n.* the smallest unit of an image that can be displayed or manipulated electronically, typically a point of light on a computer screen or in a digital image
224. be___g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
225. a transfusion of do__r blood *n.* a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person
226. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 222. rocket, 223. pixel, 224. belong, 225. donor, 226. obvious

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We packed and shipped the product in _____ containers.
adj. closed or secured with
2. These treatments were _____ against a virus.
adj. not producing any significant or intended effect or result
3. The electric _____ keeps me warm on cold nights.
n. a large piece of soft material used to cover or wrap a person or thing to keep them warm; (adjective) broad in scope or content
4. Mozart was an _____ prodigy.
n. a baby or very young child
5. This region has many _____ offering higher education.
n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
6. He won the _____ for best actor at the film festival.
n. a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement
7. He was given _____ for his outstanding work in the field of medicine.
n. the action or process of recognizing or being recognized, especially by remembering; an agreement that something is true or legal
8. The soil in the desert is _____ making it difficult to grow crops.
adj. unable to grow crops or sustain life; not able to produce offspring or offspring that are viable

ANSWERS: 1. sealed, 2. ineffective, 3. blanket, 4. infant, 5. institutes, 6. award, 7. recognition, 8. infertile,

9. The orchids _____ without enough sunlight or water.
v. to die or cease to exist; to suffer complete ruin or destruction; to decay or deteriorate
10. The yellowing of the eyes is a common symptom of _____.
n. a medical condition in which the skin and whites of the eyes take on a yellowish tint due to an excess of bilirubin in the blood; a metaphorical state of mind characterized by suspicion, cynicism, or bitterness
11. The construction industry is labor _____ although it has been somewhat automated by introducing large machinery.
adj. involving a lot of work or activity in a short time
12. I need to finish this report by tonight, so I'll be working on my _____ all day.
n. a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
13. He quickly fabricated an _____ for not attending the meeting.
n. a reason or explanation, either true or invented, given to justify a fault or defend your behavior; (verb) to make someone free from blame or clear from guilt
14. Rebels have pledged to _____ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.
v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
15. 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
16. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.
adj. of or relating to the countryside

ANSWERS: 9. perished, 10. jaundice, 11. intensive, 12. laptop, 13. excuse, 14. intensify, 15. decision, 16. rural

17. The investment fund offered _____ for a company on the brink of bankruptcy.
- n.* the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project
18. Police will _____ random breath testing for drunk driving.
- v.* to organize and carry out a particular activity
19. I spotted a majestic _____ with large antlers standing at the forest's edge.
- n.* a male deer; a unit of currency, especially the US dollar; a sudden jolt or movement; a young man; (verb) to resist or oppose something, such as an authority, trend, or convention
20. His professional experience includes all _____ of media production.
- n.* one part or feature of a situation, problem, subject, etc.
21. People tend to believe _____ friends with their secrets.
- adj.* reliable and dependable
22. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.
- adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
23. This merger will help them reduce _____ costs substantially.
- n.* the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky
24. He used to be a successful businessman, but now he's a washed-up _____ with nothing to show.
- n.* a person who is homeless or lives in poverty; a lazy, shiftless, or worthless person; a beggar; a person who spends time doing nothing productive

ANSWERS: 17. financing, 18. conduct, 19. buck, 20. aspects, 21. trustworthy, 22. Emerging, 23. overhead, 24. bum

25. We must ____ ourselves of pollution.

- v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

26. The _____ approved by Congress was perfunctorily implemented.

- n.* an official rule made and maintained by a government or some other authority; the act of controlling or directing something according to a rule

27. The senator received _____ criticism from his opponent.

- adj.* extremely serious or bad in feeling, manner, or strict and harsh; extremely strong or vigorous

28. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.

- n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

29. My homework was _____ and complex, but it was also intriguing.

- adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

30. Timely education about birth control might help reduce _____ pregnancies.

- n.* a young person who is in the process of developing from a child into an adult

31. 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

ANSWERS: 25. rid, 26. regulation, 27. severe, 28. function, 29. daunting, 30. adolescent, 31. foundation

32. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.

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

33. Navigators still use the Little Bear _____ at sea.

n. a group of stars that form a recognizable pattern and have a name; a group of related or similar ideas, things, or people

34. The coach explained a strategy to _____ the opponent's schemes to the players.

v. to hinder or prevent efforts, plans, or desires from doing, succeeding, or being fulfilled; to make someone feel upset or annoyed because they are unable to change or achieve something

35. It was _____ for the store to have such a big sale.

adj. not occurring or seen very often; rare

36. I underwent aversion _____ for my addiction to alcohol.

n. the act of caring for someone through medication, remedial training, etc.

37. _____ advances have disrupted many industries.

adj. based on scientific and industrial progress

38. The company specializes in manufacturing and selling cutting-edge _____.

n. the branch of physics and technology that deals with the behavior and control of electrons and the use of electronic devices and systems

39. The patient received a blood _____ during the surgery to replenish her supply.

n. the transfer of blood or blood products from one person or animal to another, often to replace blood lost due to injury or surgery

ANSWERS: 32. amazing, 33. constellation, 34. frustrate, 35. uncommon, 36. therapy, 37. Technological, 38. electronics, 39. transfusion

40. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
- v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
41. We can find many large ____ mounds in this area.
- n.* a very small insect that lives under the ground or in a mound in highly organized groups
42. The outermost electron shell of an _____ determines its chemical characteristics.
- n.* the smallest unit of ordinary matter that forms a chemical element, composed of a nucleus and one or more electrons bound to the nucleus
43. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare _____ that had no known cure.
- n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
44. He made a _____ face as he recalled this morning's events.
- adj.* silly or foolish
45. The restaurant offered delicious food at an _____ price.
- adj.* costing little; having a low price
46. My sister and I frequently _____ books, as we love reading.
- v.* to give something and receive something else in return, often with the implication that the items being traded are of equal or comparable value; (noun) the act of giving or taking something in return for something else; a place or system where goods or services can be bought, sold, or traded
47. The eggs were placed in an artificial _____ to ensure proper hatching conditions.
- n.* an apparatus in which conditions are controlled for hatching eggs, growing cells, or keeping people or animals warm; a place, especially with support staff and equipment, offered at a low cost to new small businesses

ANSWERS: 40. belong, 41. ant, 42. atom, 43. disease, 44. goofy, 45. inexpensive,

46. exchange, 47. incubator

48. The _____ on the wall showed that the room was three meters long.
- n.* a device used to measure the amount of a particular substance or attribute, such as length, volume, or time; (prosody) the accent in a metrical foot of verse
49. _____ sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.
- n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
50. The _____ of education is responsible for managing the schools in the country.
- n.* a department of government responsible for a particular area of public service
51. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.
- n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
52. I need to clear out some of the _____ in my garage.
- n.* discarded or unused material or objects, often considered worthless or of little value; also used to describe cheap or poorly made items or food that is high in calories but lacking in nutrition
53. His estate was _____ to his sons.
- v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
54. The earthquake caused a _____ of lumber to crumble noisily.
- n.* a pile of something arranged or laid one on top of another; a large tall chimney through which combustion gases and smoke can be evacuated
55. The computer screen comprises thousands of tiny _____ that create the overall picture.
- n.* the smallest unit of an image that can be displayed or manipulated electronically, typically a point of light on a computer screen or in a digital image

ANSWERS: 48. meter, 49. Cockroaches, 50. ministry, 51. device, 52. junk, 53. distributed, 54. stack, 55. pixels

56. 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
57. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
- adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
58. I'm a big ____ of French food.
- n.* a person who admires and supports a person, group, sport, sports team, etc.; a device for creating a current of air by the movement of a surface or surfaces
59. Be careful not to _____ the laundry machine.
- v.* to put too much a load in or on something
60. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.
- v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
61. The _____ launch platform is visible from this hill.
- n.* a large tube-shaped object that moves very fast by a stream of gases let out behind it, used for space travel or as a weapon
62. She is the president of a large international _____.
- n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
63. We argue that wages for temporary workers should _____ rise.
- adv.* in almost the same way

ANSWERS: 56. rerun, 57. obvious, 58. fan, 59. overload, 60. equipped, 61. rocket, 62. organization, 63. similarly

64. From a marketing _____ this product may need to be more effective.
n. a particular perspective or position from which something is viewed or considered; a point of view or opinion on a specific matter
65. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.
n. the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
66. Educating hundreds of thousands of recruits is a _____ task.
adj. extremely surprising or overwhelming and, therefore, difficult to understand or imagine
67. He made a generous _____ to the charity.
n. a voluntary gift of money, service, or ideas that are given to a person or an organization, or the act of giving them
68. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
69. The _____ corporation has offices in over 30 countries.
adj. relating to or involving multiple countries or nationalities; having operations or business interests in multiple countries
70. The _____ recovery period can be longer and more challenging than a vaginal birth recovery.
adj. (also known as "C-section") relating to the delivery of a baby through a surgical incision made in the mother's abdomen and uterus rather than through vaginal birth
71. The _____ unit at the hospital specializes in caring for premature babies.
adj. relating to the first few weeks after birth; pertaining to newborn infants

ANSWERS: 64. standpoint, 65. influence, 66. mind-boggling, 67. donation, 68. complexity, 69. multinational, 70. cesarean, 71. neonatal

72. The _____ design of the interface made the operation difficult.

adj. making you feel uncomfortable or embarrassed; causing inconvenience or difficulty

73. Many autocratic policies became a _____ for that country's economy.

n. a rude or offensive word or an expression that is not polite and shows that you are very angry

74. The hikers braved the _____ terrain to reach the summit of the mountain.

adj. having a rough, uneven, or jagged surface or terrain; characterized by a sturdy, strong, or robust nature

75. The hospital has _____ equipment and facilities to ensure the best healthcare for its patients.

adj. characterized by the use of the latest and most advanced technology or methods; cutting-edge

76. He found _____ in the works of his favorite authors.

n. something that motivates or encourages someone to create or achieve something, or a feeling of excitement or creativity

77. The _____ team worked quickly to save the patient's life.

adj. relating to the treatment of illness or injuries; relating to the practice of medicine

78. This company has an entire recycling _____ including major reprocessing plants.

n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

79. The researchers try to discover a common _____ in all types of successful organizations.

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

ANSWERS: 72. awkward, 73. curse, 74. rugged, 75. state-of-the-art, 76. inspiration, 77. medical, 78. facility, 79. component

80. The _____ arrived at the front lines just in time to reinforce the exhausted soldiers.
- n.* a large group of people trained and organized for a particular purpose, such as the military or a performing arts troupe
81. The night shift _____ checked my vital signs before administering the medication.
- n.* a healthcare professional who is trained to provide care for the sick or injured; (verb) to try to cure by special care or treatment of an illness or injury
82. It's an excellent opportunity to _____ our networking.
- v.* to improve the value or usefulness of something such as a machine, computer system, etc., or to replace it with something newer or of a higher standard
83. I made plans to spend my _____ time beneficially.
- adj.* additional to what is necessary for ordinary use; (verb) to give time, money, space, etc. to someone
84. He gave _____ to his anger by playing the guitar.
- n.* a small opening to escape or release gas, air, liquid, etc.; activity or process that frees or expresses strong creative energy or emotion
85. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
86. The company enhanced _____ operations to tap into new markets.
- adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

ANSWERS: 80. corps, 81. nurse, 82. upgrade, 83. spare, 84. vent, 85. develop, 86. oversea

87. She lived a life of _____ with all the money and possessions she could ever want.
n. an abundance of wealth, resources, or property; prosperity
88. Listening to music at a high volume may lead to a hearing _____.
n. a physical or mental condition that makes it difficult for someone to do some things that other people do
89. The rain and thunder are _____ today.
adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry
90. The lecture was _____ and gave me a new perspective on the topic.
adj. making something clear or easy to understand; providing light
91. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
92. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.
adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
93. The unique style of this martial arts _____ many action film producers.
v. to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
94. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
95. They awaited news of the _____ of the election.
n. the result or effect of an action, event, etc.

ANSWERS: 87. affluence, 88. disability, 89. crazy, 90. illuminating, 91. vulnerable, 92. roughly, 93. inspired, 94. fantastic, 95. outcome

96. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.
n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
97. The university's _____ announced new policies regarding campus safety.
n. a person or organization responsible for managing and directing the affairs of a business, institution, government agency, or other organization; someone who administers, regulates, or supervises
98. He made a _____ mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.
adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
99. What do you _____ the culprit's motive was?
v. to think that something is likely to be actual or possible
100. This evidence will form the _____ for our discussion.
n. the most important facts, ideas, or events from which something is developed; the way how things are organized or arranged
101. The investigation _____ several government agencies and is expected to take several months.
v. to include or affect someone or something as a necessary part of something else
102. She works at a recording _____ in Los Angeles.
n. a room or building where creative or artistic work is produced; a television or radio production company
103. 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

ANSWERS: 96. technique, 97. administrator, 98. dumb, 99. suppose, 100. basis, 101. involves, 102. studio, 103. decide

104. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.

n. a long or challenging search for something

105. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

106. The flying car is presently in the _____ stage.

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

107. The majority of synthetic vitamins are _____ from oil.

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

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

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

109. In that country, there is a culture of eating live _____ squid.

n. a flying nocturnal insect common in warm regions with a tail that shines in the dark

110. His body rejected the liver of the _____.

n. a person or an organization that makes a gift of money, food, supplies, etc. to a cause or fund; in medicine, a person who gives blood or tissue or an organ to be used in another person

111. He could never go against what ____ Carlos said.

n. a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge

ANSWERS: 104. quest, 105. concept, 106. prototype, 107. manufactured, 108. probable, 109. firefly, 110. donor, 111. Don

112. This product is a durable material that combines cost-_____ and quality.

n. the fact or quality of producing the result that is wanted or intended

113. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.

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

ANSWERS: 112. effectiveness, 113. patient's