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Session 1: Word List

newscast

n. a radio or television program that delivers news to the public, usually broadcast at set times throughout the day

synonym: news, broadcast, bulletin

(1) live **newscast**, (2) breaking **newscast**

I always watch the evening **newscast** to stay updated on current events.

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

synonym: devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

shatter

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

synonym: break, crash, destroy

(1) **shatter** the plate, (2) **shatter** a world record

Her husband's death **shattered** her life entirely.

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.

tornado

n. a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud

synonym: whirlwind, twister, cyclone

(1) **tornado** alley, (2) **tornado** warning

The deadly **tornado** that hit the town yesterday destroyed many buildings and injured several people.

rip

v. to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

synonym: tear, cut, slit

(1) **rip** a notebook apart, (2) **rip** a hole in the roof

During transit, the stuff may **rip** off the luggage tag.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym: linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

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.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym: seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

disaster

n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life

synonym : catastrophe, calamity, tragedy

(1) global **disaster**, (2) **disaster** recovery

The **disaster** response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.

fake

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

synonym : affected, bogus, counterfeit

(1) **fake** police officer, (2) spread of **fake** news

The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and **faked** it

cleverly

adv. in a way that demonstrates intelligence or ability

synonym : smartly, shrewdly, wittily

(1) **cleverly** devised trap, (2) guess **cleverly**

The dog jumped **cleverly** to one side.

standing

adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position;
(noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

synonym : upright, vertical, (noun) position

(1) **standing** water, (2) his social **standing**

The **standing** concert was packed with fans.

lamppost

n. a tall standing pole that supports one or more electric lamps

synonym : streetlight, light post, pole light

(1) **lamppost** light, (2) hit a **lamppost**

The **lamppost** on the corner of the street has been out for a week, making it difficult to see at night.

sprint

v. to run at full speed over a short distance or period of time

synonym : dash, bolt, race

(1) **sprint** for a bus, (2) **sprint** towards the finish line

Top athletes can **sprint** 100 meters in less than 10 seconds.

basement

n. a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level

synonym: cellar, storage, vault

(1) four **basement** floor, (2) church **basement**

Underground rivers flow over a **basement** layer that is impervious to water.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

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

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

burning

adj. intense or scorching heat

synonym: scorching, blazing, smoldering

(1) **burning** desire, (2) **burning** passion

The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a **burning** inferno.

atmospheric

adj. about or located in the earth's atmosphere

synonym: atmospherical, climatic

(1) doubling of **atmospheric** carbon dioxide,

(2) **atmospheric** pressure

The sea surface temperature and **atmospheric** circulation are inextricably linked.

weird

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

synonym: bizarre, creepy, peculiar

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

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

display

v. to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

synonym : show, exhibit, present

(1) **display** merchandise, (2) **display** artwork

We need to **display** our products in an attractive way to attract customers.

radar

n. a technology that employs radio waves to locate items that cannot be seen

synonym : sonar, radiolocation

(1) **radar** air traffic control, (2) **radar** scanning

Radar systems cannot spot the submarine.

super-cell

n. a severe thunderstorm characterized by a persistent rotating updraft can often produce severe weather conditions such as tornadoes, large hail, and damaging winds. These storms tend to have a long-lasting and well-defined structure

synonym : thunderstorm, severe storm, mesocyclone

(1) **super-cell** thunderstorm, (2) developing **super-cell**

The **super-cell** formation on the radar indicated the potential for significant severe weather later in the day.

battery

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

synonym : electric cell, array, batch

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

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

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym : memorable, momentous, historical

(1) **historic** accomplishment, (2) achieve the **historic** feat

The Chinese people have accomplished several **historic** feats.

church

n. a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

synonym : chapel, cathedral, synagogue

(1) **church** bell, (2) small **church**

The **church** on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.

icon

n. a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

synonym : figure, hero, idol

(1) **icon** for young people, (2) television **icon**

Some comic book characters are considered gay **icons**.

steeple

n. a tall, often pointed structure, typically found on top of a church or other building and often serves as a landmark

synonym : spire, tower, belfry

(1) lower case **steeple**, (2) **steeple** silhouette

The church's **steeple** reached high into the sky, making it a prominent landmark in the town.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

overnight

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

synonym : all-night, sudden, immediate

(1) **overnight** parking, (2) **overnight** success

The **overnight** package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

depart

v. to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

synonym: go away, leave, vacate

(1) arrive and **depart** on time, (2) **depart** from the faith

We **departed** before the temperature fell below zero.

suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

synonym: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

sweat

n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

synonym: perspiration, steam, hardwork

(1) all in a **sweat**, (2) **sweat** bath

She wiped the **sweat** off her forehead with a towel.

chainsaw

n. a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects

synonym: handsaw, power saw, buzz saw

(1) use a **chainsaw**, (2) sharpen a **chainsaw**

The lumberjack used his **chainsaw** to chop through the tree's thick trunk.

extent

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

synonym: amount, degree, intensity

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

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

damage

v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

synonym: harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

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.

organ

n. a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job

synonym : function, structure

(1) **organ** bleeding, (2) damage to internal **organs**

These infections have the potential to impact practically every **organ** system.

pastor

n. a spiritual leader or minister in a Christian church, especially one in charge of a local congregation

synonym : minister, clergyman, priest

(1) **pastor** of a large church, (2) **pastor** ministry

The faithful **pastor** delivered a moving sermon at the Sunday service.

bob

v. to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders

synonym : bobble, bounce, wag

(1) **bob** a quick curtsy, (2) **bob** on the surface of the water
I need to **bob** my head to the beat of the music.

infrastructure

n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies

synonym : foundation, framework

(1) IT **infrastructure**, (2) **infrastructure** cost

Aging societies tend to require huge costs for **infrastructure** maintenance.

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.

recover

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

synonym : come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

heading

n. a title, caption, or heading that introduces or summarizes the content of a written or printed document; the direction or course in which something is moving or heading

synonym : title, caption, label

(1) chapter **heading**, (2) **heading** font

She carefully reviewed the **heading** of each section before diving into the research paper.

volunteer

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

synonym : unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

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

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

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.

inventory

n. a complete list of all the items or goods held in stock by a business or organization; the act of making such a list

synonym: stock, supplies, goods

(1) **inventory** control, (2) annual **inventory**

The store manager took **inventory** of the products on the shelves to know what needed restocking.

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.

pile

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

synonym: accumulation, heap, stack

(1) a sand **pile**, (2) the height of a **pile**

After the party, they had to clean up **piles** of dirty dishes.

hotline

n. a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance

synonym: helpline, emergency line, crisis line

(1) **hotline** number, (2) automated **hotline**

The emergency **hotline** is available 24/7 for people in need of immediate assistance.

flier

n. (also "flyer") a person who travels by air or an airplane passenger; a leaflet or pamphlet designed to be handed out or posted to provide information or advertise something

synonym: aeronaut, pamphlet, handbill

(1) seasoned **flier**, (2) promotional **flier**

As a frequent **flier**, I accumulate a lot of miles that I use for vacation trips.

accepting

adj. willing to receive or to take something offered

synonym : tolerant, open-minded, receptive

(1) **accepting** attitude, (2) **accepting** of diversity

He was an **accepting** person who believed in diversity and inclusiveness.

canvas

n. the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on

(1) blank **canvas**, (2) oil on **canvas**

Life is a vast **canvas**; you should put as much paint on it as possible.

freezer

n. a device that keeps food, beverages, or other perishable items at low temperatures to maintain their freshness or preserve them for later use

synonym : refrigerator, icebox, cooler

(1) portable **freezer**, (2) **freezer** bag

I put the ice cream in the **freezer** to keep it from melting.

insure

v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

synonym : protect, guard, safeguard

(1) **insure** my house against fire, (2) **insure** domestic tranquility

I will **insure** my car before I go on a road trip.

donate

v. to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization

synonym : bestow, contribute, grant

(1) **donate** to charity, (2) **donate** blood to the Red Cross

Our company **donates** to the school endowment fund every year.

scout

n. a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

synonym : scoutmaster, explorer, surveyor

(1) boy **scout**, (2) **scout** troop

The company sent a **scout** to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym: group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

rebuild

v. to build again or anew

synonym: reconstruct, renovate, restore

(1) **rebuild** a company, (2) **rebuild** communities

They are planning to **rebuild** the house after the fire.

puppy

n. a young dog, usually less than a year old

synonym: dog, young dog, pup

(1) **puppy** in a pet shop, (2) nurse a **puppy**

She adopted a small brown **puppy** from the shelter.

chimney

n. a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system

synonym: flue, smokestack, stack

(1) smoke **chimney**, (2) **chimney** sweep

The **chimney** in the factory was constantly emitting dark smoke.

poison

n. a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly

synonym: toxin, venom, pollutant

(1) **poison** ivy, (2) **poison** bilateral relations

The plant's leaves contain a deadly **poison** that can cause

hallucinations and seizures.

ivy *n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
(1) poison **ivy**, (2) **ivy** plant
The overgrown **ivy** cleaved to the ruined castle walls.

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.

urgent *adj.* requiring immediate attention or action; pressing
synonym: pressing, critical, immediate
(1) an **urgent** telegram, (2) **urgent** situation
It is **urgent** that we leave for the airport now to catch our flight.

emergency *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
synonym: crisis, trouble, difficulty
(1) **emergency** action, (2) acute **emergency**
The president declared a state of **emergency**.

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.

flood *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
synonym: deluge, downpour, overflow
(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

These heavy rains caused flash **floods** on several islands.

hurricane

n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

synonym : cyclone, typhoon, storm

(1) a **hurricane** of applause, (2) the ravages of a **hurricane**

The devastating **hurricane** caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

lye

n. a highly alkaline solution made by soaking hardwood ashes in the water, used in the production of soap, detergents, and other cleaning agents; a caustic substance

synonym : caustic soda, sodium hydroxide, alkaline solution

(1) **lye** soap, (2) **lye** water

The drain cleaner contains caustic **lye**, and should be handled with care.

scrap

n. a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole

synonym : fragment, piece, remnant

(1) **scrap** metal, (2) a broken piece of **scrap**

She made a collage from **scraps** of paper and fabric from the art supply store.

context

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

synonym : background, setting, environment

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

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

shower

n. a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of

a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child

synonym : rain, sprinkle, downpour

(1) take a quick **shower**, (2) bridal **shower**

The weather forecast predicted a **shower** in the afternoon.

shelter

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

synonym : refuge, hideout, lair

(1) rainproof **shelter**, (2) anti-air raid **shelter**

They need food and **shelter**.

lever

n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

synonym : lifter, crowbar, bar

(1) a gear change **lever**, (2) **lever** for reform

This initiative will be a **lever** for increasing company sales.

no-brainer

n. a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do

(1) **no-brainer** product, (2) look like a **no-brainer**

The first question in the test was a complete **no-brainer**.

deploy

v. to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

synonym : set up, expand, launch

(1) **deploy** troops for battle, (2) **deploy** safety measures

This country **deployed** its weapons in the east region.

observe

v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

synonym : watch, monitor, scrutinize

(1) **observe** a tradition, (2) **observe** wildlife

It is important to **observe** safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.

aid

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

synonym: helper, resource, assistance

(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs

Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

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**.

exceptional

adj. standing out from others in a noteworthy or superior way, unusually good or impressive; representing an exception or deviation from the norm

synonym: special, remarkable, extraordinary

(1) **exceptional** customer service, (2) **exceptional** career opportunities

Her **exceptional** talent in music allowed her to become a world-famous performer.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

fulfill

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

synonym: satisfy, complete, accomplish

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

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

specific

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

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

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

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

resident

n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

synonym: dweller, inhabitant, inhabitant

(1) a **resident** of the city, (2) **resident** tax

Visa renewal for **resident** foreigners in this country is once every five years.

spontaneous

adj. happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen

synonym: willing, impulsive, intuitive

(1) a **spontaneous** behavior, (2) **spontaneous** labor

The crowd broke out into **spontaneous** laughter.

excel

v. to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something

synonym: outdo, shine, surpass

(1) **excel** in description, (2) **excel** at communication

The company **excels** in customer service.

priority

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

synonym: importance, precedence, primacy

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

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

relief

n. a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

synonym: remedy, consolation, alleviation

(1) tax **relief**, (2) sigh of **relief**

He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian **relief** fund.

essentially

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

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

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

synonym : back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

gradual

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

synonym : incremental, gradational, piecemeal

(1) a **gradual** process, (2) a **gradual** change

The country experienced a **gradual** increase in population.

peak

n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

synonym : summit, vertex, apex

(1) at **peak** hour, (2) the **peak** current in the circuit

This measurement aims to reduce traffic at **peak** periods.

mobilize

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

synonym : activate, rally, marshal

(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

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**.

capture

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

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

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

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

slide

v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

synonym : glide, drift, drop

(1) **slide** a card across the table, (2) **slide** a glance

If necessary, you can **slide** the front seats forward.

curve

n. a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape

synonym : bend, arc, turn

(1) learning **curve**, (2) yield **curve**

The **curve** in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.

software

n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

synonym : program, system, operating system

(1) **software** architect, (2) copyrighted **software**

The company specializes in both hardware and **software**.

gap

n. a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym : opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap**

Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

affected

adj. influenced; feeling or showing emotion, especially exaggerated emotion; not natural or sincere

synonym : artificial, pretentious, stilted

(1) **affected** way of walking, (2) the **affected** part
Her **affected** accent made it difficult to take her seriously.

adjust

v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

synonym: adapt, alter, acclimate

(1) **adjust** a schedule, (2) **adjust** the rearview mirror
You have to **adjust** your content to the age of the audience.

inherent

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

synonym: intrinsic, natural, innate

(1) **inherent** risk, (2) have an **inherent** dislike
Honesty is an **inherent** quality that everyone should strive to possess.

jump-start

v. to start or revitalize something stagnant or slow-moving, often by introducing new ideas or energy; to kick-start a car or other vehicle by connecting it to another vehicle's battery

synonym: revitalize, energize, kick-start

(1) **jump-start** a career, (2) **jump-start** an economy
I had to **jump-start** my car's battery this morning because it was dead.

federal

adj. relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level

synonym: national, central, governmental

(1) **federal** regulations, (2) **federal** funding
The **federal** government announced new regulations to protect the environment.

expense

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

synonym : cost, expenditure, outlay

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

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

labor

n. productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal

synonym : toil, moil, donkeywork

(1) seasonal **labor**, (2) manual **labor**

In several countries, child **labor** is a serious social problem.

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym : donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

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.

inevitably

adv. in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

synonym : unavoidably, necessarily, surely

(1) **inevitably** decline with age, (2) **inevitably** reach the consumer

Because of his excellent performance, he will **inevitably** be

promoted.

database

n. a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

(1) **database** administrator, (2) employee **database**

Each country's officials can access the central **database**.

engineer

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

synonym: architect, creator, builder

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

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

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

operate

v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something

synonym: work, use, employ

(1) **operate** 24 hours a day, (2) manually **operate** a machine

This machine is too difficult to **operate** for me.

partnership

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

synonym: alliance, participation, cooperation

(1) **partnership** across the Atlantic, (2) establish a **partnership**

The military **partnership** between the two countries created tension in the international community.

license

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

synonym : permit, authorization, certificate

(1) **license** renewal, (2) software **license**

Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's **license**.

launch

v. to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

synonym : start, initiate, begin

(1) **launch** a spaceship into orbit, (2) **launch** a big attack

The company is set to **launch** its new product line next month.

static

adj. not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing

synonym : immobile, unchanging, fixed

(1) **static** electricity, (2) **static** website

The **static** image on the screen took a lot of work to make out.

outdated

adj. no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned

synonym : obsolete, ancient, bygone

(1) become **outdated**, (2) **outdated** technology

We replaced **outdated** equipment to improve factory productivity.

frenetic

adj. frenzied, fast-paced, and full of energy or activity; characterized by intense and chaotic busyness or agitation

synonym : frenzied, hyperactive, violent

(1) **frenetic** dancing, (2) **frenetic** energy

The **frenetic** pace of the city can be overwhelming for some people.

structure

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

synonym : construction, architecture, establishment

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

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

platform

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

synonym : stage, podium, forum

(1) an arrival **platform**, (2) a digital **platform** for enterprise

The speaker mounted the **platform** and started to speak.

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**.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

micro

n. extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth

(1) **micro** bubble, (2) **micro** force sensor

This approach employs both **micro** and macro analysis methods.

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.

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.

hometown

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up

synonym: birthplace, home, native place

(1) **hometown** celebrity, (2) **hometown** memory

I always look forward to going back to my **hometown** during the holidays.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

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

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

spreadsheet

n. a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns

(1) a **spreadsheet** program, (2) plug numbers into a **spreadsheet**

I accidentally deleted all the contents of the **spreadsheet**.

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.

anniversary

n. the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year

synonym: commemoration, celebration, observance

(1) **anniversary** celebration, (2) a bicentennial **anniversary**

They celebrated their 10th **anniversary** with a romantic dinner.

empower

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

synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

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

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

transformation

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

synonym: change, conversion, renewal

(1) the **transformation** of a tadpole into a frog, (2) cast a **transformation** spell

Understanding unitary **transformations** of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

eventually

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

synonym: finally, someday, ultimately

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. ine_____ly reach the consumer *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
2. developing sup_____ll *n.* a severe thunderstorm characterized by a persistent rotating updraft can often produce severe weather conditions such as tornadoes, large hail, and damaging winds. These storms tend to have a long-lasting and well-defined structure
3. ba_____y charging *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
4. fr_____ic energy *adj.* frenzied, fast-paced, and full of energy or activity; characterized by intense and chaotic busyness or agitation
5. pu__y in a pet shop *n.* a young dog, usually less than a year old
6. ro___t fuel *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
7. sh_____r the plate *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
8. small ch___h *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination

ANSWERS: 1. inevitably, 2. super-cell, 3. battery, 4. frenetic, 5. puppy, 6. rocket, 7. shatter, 8. church

9. poison i_y *n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
10. da_____se administrator *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
11. fu_____l a contract *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
12. pu____e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
13. manually op_____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
14. l_e water *n.* a highly alkaline solution made by soaking hardwood ashes in the water, used in the production of soap, detergents, and other cleaning agents; a caustic substance
15. tr_____rm heat into power *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
16. 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
17. 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

ANSWERS: 9. ivy, 10. database, 11. fulfill, 12. pursue, 13. operate, 14. lye, 15. transform, 16. frustrate, 17. sink

18. anti-air raid sh____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
19. legal co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
20. he____g font *n.* a title, caption, or heading that introduces or summarizes the content of a written or printed document; the direction or course in which something is moving or heading
21. spo____us labor *adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen
22. hit a la____st *n.* a tall standing pole that supports one or more electric lamps
23. ur____t situation *adj.* requiring immediate attention or action; pressing
24. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
25. the height of a p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
26. ob____e a tradition *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

ANSWERS: 18. shelter, 19. context, 20. heading, 21. spontaneous, 22. lamppost, 23. urgent, 24. communal, 25. pile, 26. observe

27. a civil en_____er *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
28. da___e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
29. IT inf_____ure *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
30. at p__k hour *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
31. the state of being we__d *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
32. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
33. annual in_____ry *n.* a complete list of all the items or goods held in stock by a business or organization; the act of making such a list
34. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
35. ac_____ng attitude *adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered

ANSWERS: 27. engineer, 28. damage, 29. infrastructure, 30. peak, 31. weird, 32. massive, 33. inventory, 34. capture, 35. accepting

36. automated ho____e *n.* a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance
37. di____y artwork *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
38. certain ex____t *n.* the point or degree or area to which something extends
39. ch____h bell *n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
40. a gear change le__r *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
41. in____e my house against fire *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
42. in____ry control *n.* a complete list of all the items or goods held in stock by a business or organization; the act of making such a list
43. an ur____t telegram *adj.* requiring immediate attention or action; pressing
44. la____h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

ANSWERS: 36. hotline, 37. display, 38. extent, 39. church, 40. lever, 41. insure, 42. inventory, 43. urgent, 44. launch

45. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
46. lower case st____e *n.* a tall, often pointed structure, typically found on top of a church or other building and often serves as a landmark
47. st____e silhouette *n.* a tall, often pointed structure, typically found on top of a church or other building and often serves as a landmark
48. fu____l a lifetime dream *v.* to meet the requirements or expectations; to achieve or realize
49. ex____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
50. D_n Giovanni *n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
51. a gr____l process *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
52. enormous ex____es *n.* the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something
53. the members of a military tr__p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
54. cl____ly devised trap *adv.* in a way that demonstrates intelligence or ability
55. a re____nt of the city *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
56. 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

ANSWERS: 45. flood, 46. steeple, 47. steeple, 48. fulfill, 49. explode, 50. Don, 51. gradual, 52. expense, 53. troop, 54. cleverly, 55. resident, 56. rocket

57. yield cu__e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
58. ex__l at communication *v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
59. bridal sh___r *n.* a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child
60. the tra_____ion of a tadpole into a frog *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
61. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
62. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
63. exc_____al career opportunities *adj.* standing out from others in a noteworthy or superior way, unusually good or impressive; representing an exception or deviation from the norm
64. a sand p__e *n.* a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money
65. ob_____e wildlife *v.* to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion

ANSWERS: 57. curve, 58. excel, 59. shower, 60. transformation, 61. essentially, 62. specific, 63. exceptional, 64. pile, 65. observe

66. sup_____ll thunderstorm *n.* a severe thunderstorm characterized by a persistent rotating updraft can often produce severe weather conditions such as tornadoes, large hail, and damaging winds. These storms tend to have a long-lasting and well-defined structure
67. damage to internal or__ns *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
68. af_____ed way of walking *adj.* influenced; feeling or showing emotion, especially exaggerated emotion; not natural or sincere
69. ine_____ly decline with age *adv.* in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented
70. ma____d decline *adj.* having a noticeable feature or distinctive quality; easily noticeable or obvious
71. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
72. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
73. de____y safety measures *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
74. software li_____e *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

ANSWERS: 66. super-cell, 67. organ, 68. affected, 69. inevitably, 70. marked, 71. eventually, 72. capture, 73. deploy, 74. license

75. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
76. di_____y merchandise *v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value
77. ac_____ng of diversity *adj.* willing to receive or to take something offered
78. em_____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
79. take a quick sh_____r *n.* a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child
80. to_____o alley *n.* a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud
81. sharpen a ch_____aw *n.* a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects
82. cast a tra_____ion spell *n.* a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something
83. in_____nt risk *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

ANSWERS: 75. context, 76. display, 77. accepting, 78. empower, 79. shower, 80. tornado, 81. chainsaw, 82. transformation, 83. inherent

84. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
85. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
86. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
87. so_____re architect *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
88. the d_n of the university *n.* a Spanish gentleman; a university lecturer, especially a senior member of a college at Oxford or Cambridge
89. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
90. fe_____l regulations *adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
91. sp_____t for a bus *v.* to run at full speed over a short distance or period of time
92. a we__d dress *adj.* extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain
93. 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
94. st_____ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

ANSWERS: 84. immediately, 85. gap, 86. resilient, 87. software, 88. Don, 89. essentially, 90. federal, 91. sprint, 92. weird, 93. sink, 94. standing

95. atm_____ic pressure *adj.* about or located in the earth's atmosphere
96. in___e domestic tranquility *v.* to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage
97. sp___t towards the finish line *v.* to run at full speed over a short distance or period of time
98. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
99. mi__o force sensor *n.* extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth
100. fe_____l funding *adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
101. use a ch_____aw *n.* a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects
102. en_____er shortage *n.* a person whose job is designing, building, or maintaining something such as machines, structures, or software
103. 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
104. sc__p metal *n.* a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole

ANSWERS: 95. atmospheric, 96. insure, 97. sprint, 98. straight, 99. micro, 100. federal, 101. chainsaw, 102. engineer, 103. frustrate, 104. scrap

105. ob____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
106. su___r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
107. a gr_____l change *adj.* happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt
108. sc__t troop *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
109. financial a_d *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
110. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
111. co_____er of the university *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
112. i_y plant *n.* an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings
113. rainproof sh____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
114. sw__t bath *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress

ANSWERS: 105. obvious, 106. suffer, 107. gradual, 108. scout, 109. aid, 110. flood, 111. cofounder, 112. ivy, 113. shelter, 114. sweat

115. ex_____e account *n.* the money, time, or effort incurred or required for something
116. the p__k current in the circuit *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
117. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
118. ra__r air traffic control *n.* a technology that employs radio waves to locate items that cannot be seen
119. global di_____er *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
120. ex_____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
121. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
122. tax re____f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced
123. no-_____er product *n.* a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do
124. the qu__t for truth *n.* a long or challenging search for something
125. fr_____r bag *n.* a device that keeps food, beverages, or other perishable items at low temperatures to maintain their freshness or preserve them for later use

ANSWERS: 115. expense, 116. peak, 117. communal, 118. radar, 119. disaster, 120. explode, 121. gap, 122. relief, 123. no-brainer, 124. quest, 125. freezer

126. 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
127. a ma____d difference *adj.* having a noticeable feature or distinctive quality; easily noticeable or obvious
128. to_____o warning *n.* a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud
129. 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
130. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
131. pa____r of a large church *n.* a spiritual leader or minister in a Christian church, especially one in charge of a local congregation
132. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
133. di_____er recovery *n.* an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
134. ann_____ry celebration *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year

ANSWERS: 126. decision, 127. marked, 128. tornado, 129. donation, 130. mobilize, 131. pastor, 132. slide, 133. disaster, 134. anniversary

135. re____d a company *v.* to build again or anew
136. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
137. television i__n *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
138. pr_____ty seating for elderly *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
139. establish a par_____ip *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
140. a bicentennial ann_____ry *n.* the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year
141. org_____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
142. pr_____ty call *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
143. de___y troops for battle *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
144. po___n bilateral relations *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly

ANSWERS: 135. rebuild, 136. structure, 137. icon, 138. priority, 139. partnership, 140. anniversary, 141. organization, 142. priority, 143. deploy, 144. poison

145. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
146. par_____ip across the Atlantic *n.* the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business
147. do___e to charity *v.* to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization
148. manual la__r *n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
149. le__r for reform *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
150. portable fr_____r *n.* a device that keeps food, beverages, or other perishable items at low temperatures to maintain their freshness or preserve them for later use
151. la___h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
152. li_____e renewal *n.* an official permission or authorization to do, use, or own something; a legal document that grants the holder the right to perform certain activities, such as driving a car, practicing a profession, or using a particular product or service

ANSWERS: 145. immediately, 146. partnership, 147. donate, 148. labor, 149. lever, 150. freezer, 151. launch, 152. license

153. sh____r a world record *v.* to break suddenly into many pieces
154. cyclonic des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
155. r_p a notebook apart *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
156. doubling of atm_____ic carbon dioxide *adj.* about or located in the earth's atmosphere
157. l_e soap *n.* a highly alkaline solution made by soaking hardwood ashes in the water, used in the production of soap, detergents, and other cleaning agents; a caustic substance
158. my vo_____er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
159. ch_____y sweep *n.* a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system
160. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
161. his social st_____ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
162. 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

ANSWERS: 153. shatter, 154. destruction, 155. rip, 156. atmospheric, 157. lye, 158. volunteer, 159. chimney, 160. straight, 161. standing, 162. donation

163. promotional fl__r *n.* (also "flyer") a person who travels by air or an airplane passenger; a leaflet or pamphlet designed to be handed out or posted to provide information or advertise something
164. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
165. do___e blood to the Red Cross *v.* to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization
166. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
167. copyrighted so____re *n.* a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs
168. have an in____nt dislike *adj.* existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute
169. ex__l in description *v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
170. sl__e a card across the table *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
171. re____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
172. ma____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
173. look like a no-____er *n.* a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do

ANSWERS: 163. flier, 164. elect, 165. donate, 166. suffer, 167. software, 168. inherent, 169. excel, 170. slide, 171. resilient, 172. massive, 173. no-brainer

174. em____r the secretary to do the same
v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
175. ad____t a schedule
v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
176. el__t the school board
v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
177. pu____e freedoms
v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
178. live ne____st
n. a radio or television program that delivers news to the public, usually broadcast at set times throughout the day
179. b_b a quick curtsy
v. to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders
180. go to the workplace by cy__e
n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
181. ho____wn celebrity
n. the town or city where one was born or grew up

ANSWERS: 174. empower, 175. adjust, 176. elect, 177. pursue, 178. newscast, 179. bob, 180. cycle, 181. hometown

182. nurse a pu__y *n.* a young dog, usually less than a year old
183. a broken piece of sc__p *n.* a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole
184. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
185. ba_____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
186. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
187. acute em_____cy *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
188. re_____nt tax *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
189. ho_____e number *n.* a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance
190. fr_____ic dancing *adj.* frenzied, fast-paced, and full of energy or activity; characterized by intense and chaotic busyness or agitation
191. f__e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
192. op_____e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
193. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
194. ov_____ht parking *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

ANSWERS: 182. puppy, 183. scrap, 184. troop, 185. backward, 186. transform, 187. emergency, 188. resident, 189. hotline, 190. frenetic, 191. fake, 192. operate, 193. aft, 194. overnight

195. pa___r ministry *n.* a spiritual leader or minister in a Christian church, especially one in charge of a local congregation
196. i__n for young people *n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file
197. em_____cy action *n.* a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action
198. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
199. exc_____al customer service *adj.* standing out from others in a noteworthy or superior way, unusually good or impressive; representing an exception or deviation from the norm
200. church ba_____nt *n.* a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level
201. smoke ch_____y *n.* a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system
202. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
203. ad___t the rearview mirror *v.* to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.

ANSWERS: 195. pastor, 196. icon, 197. emergency, 198. destruction, 199. exceptional, 200. basement, 201. chimney, 202. historic, 203. adjust

204. inf_____ure cost *n.* the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
205. on a qu__t for happiness *n.* a long or challenging search for something
206. the ravages of a hu_____ne *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
207. arrive and de___t on time *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
208. his conclusion was ob____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
209. make a positive con_____ion *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
210. la_____st light *n.* a tall standing pole that supports one or more electric lamps
211. a spr_____et program *n.* a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns
212. ra__r scanning *n.* a technology that employs radio waves to locate items that cannot be seen
213. re_____r approval ratings *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
214. sigh of re___f *n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

ANSWERS: 204. infrastructure, 205. quest, 206. hurricane, 207. depart, 208. obvious, 209. contribution, 210. lamppost, 211. spreadsheet, 212. radar, 213. recover, 214. relief

215. an arrival pl____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
216. r_p a hole in the roof *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
217. chapter he____g *n.* a title, caption, or heading that introduces or summarizes the content of a written or printed document; the direction or course in which something is moving or heading
218. bring my la____p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
219. boy sc__t *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
220. seasoned fl__r *n.* (also "flyer") a person who travels by air or an airplane passenger; a leaflet or pamphlet designed to be handed out or posted to provide information or advertise something
221. the st____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 215. platform, 216. rip, 217. heading, 218. laptop, 219. scout, 220. flier, 221. structure

222. a spo_____us behavior *adj.* happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen
223. walk ba_____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
224. ou_____ed technology *adj.* no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned
225. spread of f__e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
226. bu_____g desire *adj.* intense or scorching heat
227. learning cu___e *n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
228. breaking ne_____st *n.* a radio or television program that delivers news to the public, usually broadcast at set times throughout the day
229. a dry ba_____y *n.* a device that is placed inside a car, gadget, equipment, etc. and that provides electrical power to them
230. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
231. ov_____ht success *adj.* lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time
232. ho_____wn memory *n.* the town or city where one was born or grew up

ANSWERS: 222. spontaneous, 223. backward, 224. outdated, 225. fake, 226. burning, 227. curve, 228. newscast, 229. battery, 230. organization, 231. overnight, 232. hometown

233. all in a sw__t *n.* the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
234. oil on ca___s *n.* the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on
235. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
236. thin-and-light la___p *n.* a portable computer that is small enough to be carried around easily and used on your lap
237. guess cl____ly *adv.* in a way that demonstrates intelligence or ability
238. 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
239. po___n ivy *n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
240. become ou____ed *adj.* no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned
241. or__n bleeding *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job

ANSWERS: 233. sweat, 234. canvas, 235. decide, 236. laptop, 237. cleverly, 238. decide, 239. poison, 240. outdated, 241. organ

242. b_b on the surface of the water *v.* to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders
243. con_____ion to society *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
244. jum_____rt a career *v.* to start or revitalize something stagnant or slow-moving, often by introducing new ideas or energy; to kick-start a car or other vehicle by connecting it to another vehicle's battery
245. re_____d communities *v.* to build again or anew
246. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
247. de____t from the faith *v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey
248. sp_____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
249. jum_____rt an economy *v.* to start or revitalize something stagnant or slow-moving, often by introducing new ideas or energy; to kick-start a car or other vehicle by connecting it to another vehicle's battery

ANSWERS: 242. bob, 243. contribution, 244. jump-start, 245. rebuild, 246. decision, 247. depart, 248. specific, 249. jump-start

250. st___c electricity	<i>adj.</i> not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing
251. seasonal la__r	<i>n.</i> productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
252. hi____ic accomplishment	<i>adj.</i> famous or significant in history, or potentially so
253. plug numbers into a spr____et	<i>n.</i> a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns
254. the af____ed part	<i>adj.</i> influenced; feeling or showing emotion, especially exaggerated emotion; not natural or sincere
255. re____r a loss	<i>v.</i> to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
256. eve____ly become obsolete	<i>adv.</i> finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
257. the ex___t of the damage	<i>n.</i> the point or degree or area to which something extends
258. a hu____ne of applause	<i>n.</i> a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
259. mi__o bubble	<i>n.</i> extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth
260. a digital pl____rm for enterprise	<i>n.</i> the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

ANSWERS: 250. static, 251. labor, 252. historic, 253. spreadsheet, 254. affected, 255. recover, 256. eventually, 257. extent, 258. hurricane, 259. micro, 260. platform

261. late co_____er *n.* one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
262. st___c website *adj.* not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing
263. employee da_____se *n.* a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily
264. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
265. bu_____g passion *adj.* intense or scorching heat
266. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
267. four ba_____nt floor *n.* a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level
268. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
269. da___e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
270. blank ca___s *n.* the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on

ANSWERS: 261. cofounder, 262. static, 263. database, 264. aft, 265. burning, 266. cycle, 267. basement, 268. volunteer, 269. damage, 270. canvas

271. mo____ze cooperation

v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

272. country-by-country a_d programs

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

ANSWERS: 271. mobilize, 272. aid

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.
adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
2. The _____ response team worked around the clock to aid those affected by the earthquake.
n. an unexpected event or series of events that cause widespread damage, destruction, or loss of life
3. 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
4. This measurement aims to reduce traffic at _____ periods.
n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
5. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
6. They need food and _____.
n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
7. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand

ANSWERS: 1. backward, 2. disaster, 3. sink, 4. peak, 5. suffers, 6. shelter, 7. obvious

8. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to _____ a blood vessel.
- v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
9. The _____ on the corner of the street has been out for a week, making it difficult to see at night.
- n. a tall standing pole that supports one or more electric lamps
10. Top athletes can _____ 100 meters in less than 10 seconds.
- v. to run at full speed over a short distance or period of time
11. It is important to _____ safety procedures in the workplace to prevent accidents.
- v. to watch or notice something carefully, often to gather information or insights; to take note of something or someone; to celebrate or commemorate a special event or occasion
12. The _____ pace of the city can be overwhelming for some people.
- adj. frenzied, fast-paced, and full of energy or activity; characterized by intense and chaotic busyness or agitation
13. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
- adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
14. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.
- v. to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

ANSWERS: 8. damage, 9. lamppost, 10. sprint, 11. observe, 12. frenetic, 13. massive, 14. slide

15. This initiative will be a _____ for increasing company sales.
n. a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
16. Her _____ talent in music allowed her to become a world-famous performer.
adj. standing out from others in a noteworthy or superior way, unusually good or impressive; representing an exception or deviation from the norm
17. He was an _____ person who believed in diversity and inclusiveness.
adj. willing to receive or to take something offered
18. The church's _____ reached high into the sky, making it a prominent landmark in the town.
n. a tall, often pointed structure, typically found on top of a church or other building and often serves as a landmark
19. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.
v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something
20. The _____ image on the screen took a lot of work to make out.
adj. not moving or not capable of moving, not changing or not capable of changing
21. Life is a vast _____ you should put as much paint on it as possible.
n. the heavy, closely woven fabric used for making tents, sails, etc. and by artists for painting on
22. The company specializes in both hardware and _____.
n. a set of computer programs and associated documentation and data for doing particular computational jobs

ANSWERS: 15. lever, 16. exceptional, 17. accepting, 18. steeple, 19. operate, 20. static, 21. canvas;, 22. software

23. The country experienced a _____ increase in population.

adj. happening slowly over a long period of time or distance; not steep or abrupt

24. The _____ in the factory was constantly emitting dark smoke.

n. a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system

25. 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

26. The food chain causes a material _____.

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

27. I was amazed at the _____ of her generosity.

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

28. Pakistan's ____ budget was still being reviewed.

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support

29. They are planning to _____ the house after the fire.

v. to build again or anew

30. I put the ice cream in the _____ to keep it from melting.

n. a device that keeps food, beverages, or other perishable items at low temperatures to maintain their freshness or preserve them for later use

ANSWERS: 23. gradual, 24. chimney, 25. Don, 26. cycle, 27. extent, 28. aid, 29. rebuild, 30. freezer

31. My computer has been acting _____ recently.

adj. extraordinary, unexpected, or difficult to explain

32. Her _____ accent made it difficult to take her seriously.

adj. influenced; feeling or showing emotion, especially exaggerated emotion; not natural or sincere

33. _____ systems cannot spot the submarine.

n. a technology that employs radio waves to locate items that cannot be seen

34. 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

35. The _____ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

36. It is _____ that we leave for the airport now to catch our flight.

adj. requiring immediate attention or action; pressing

37. The sea surface temperature and _____ circulation are inextricably linked.

adj. about or located in the earth's atmosphere

38. The military _____ between the two countries created tension in the international community.

n. the state of a cooperative relationship between people or groups, especially in business

ANSWERS: 31. weird, 32. affected, 33. Radar, 34. rocket, 35. troop, 36. urgent, 37. atmospheric, 38. partnership

39. I accidentally deleted all the contents of the _____.
- n.* a computer program that is used for displaying and dealing with numbers by arranging them in rows and columns
40. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
- v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
41. 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
42. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.
- adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
43. The company _____ employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.
- v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
44. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
- n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
45. The _____ on the corner is hosting a free community meal tonight.
- n.* a building or institution dedicated to religious worship or activities; a Christian religious organization or denomination
46. 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: 39. spreadsheet, 40. capture, 41. donation, 42. historic, 43. empowered, 44. context, 45. church, 46. elected

47. Aging societies tend to require huge costs for _____ maintenance.
n. the basic systems, services, or features that are necessary for an organization or country, such as transport and power supplies
48. The emergency _____ is available 24/7 for people in need of immediate assistance.
n. a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance
49. The crowd broke out into _____ laughter.
adj. happening or being done naturally, often unexpected way, without being made to happen
50. You have to _____ your content to the age of the audience.
v. to make a minor modification to something to make it more suited for a new set of conditions or to make it function better.
51. She is the president of a large international _____.
n. a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
52. She wiped the _____ off her forehead with a towel.
n. the salty liquid that is produced by the glands in the skin, especially when the body is hot or under stress
53. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
54. He was sick for five _____ days.
adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

ANSWERS: 47. infrastructure, 48. hotline, 49. spontaneous, 50. adjust, 51. organization, 52. sweat, 53. Communal, 54. straight

55. Because of his excellent performance, he will _____ be promoted.

adv. in a manner that cannot be avoided or prevented

56. His _____ to the charity was a generous donation of money.

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

57. Before driving, ensure you have a valid driver's _____.

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

58. They celebrated their 10th _____ with a romantic dinner.

n. the annual recurrence of a date marking a notable event; a date on which an event occurred in a previous year

59. I always look forward to going back to my _____ during the holidays.

n. the town or city where one was born or grew up

60. The _____ concert was packed with fans.

adj. existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation

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

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

62. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

ANSWERS: 55. inevitably, 56. contribution, 57. license, 58. anniversary, 59. hometown, 60. standing, 61. specific, 62. faked

63. The deadly _____ that hit the town yesterday destroyed many buildings and injured several people.
- n.* a violent, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud, characterized by a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud
64. The first question in the test was a complete _____.
- n.* a decision or a problem that requires little or no thought because it is obvious what you should do
65. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.
- n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
66. The company _____ in customer service.
- v.* to be extremely good at or proficient in doing something
67. The _____ in the road was so sharp that I had to slow down to navigate it safely.
- n.* a bend or angle in a line or surface that deviates from a straight or flat path; a gradual or smooth change in direction or shape
68. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
- adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
69. I need to ____ my head to the beat of the music.
- v.* to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders

ANSWERS: 63. tornado, 64. no-brainer, 65. floods, 66. excels, 67. curve, 68. resilient, 69. bob

70. The engine did not start because the _____ was flat.

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

71. The fire spread rapidly, engulfing everything in its path in a _____ inferno.

- adj.* intense or scorching heat

72. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.

- v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time

73. 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

74. We _____ before the temperature fell below zero.

- v.* to go away or leave, especially to start a journey

75. The _____ government announced new regulations to protect the environment.

- adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level

76. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.

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

ANSWERS: 70. battery, 71. burning, 72. launch, 73. frustrate, 74. departed, 75. federal, 76. volunteer

77. She adopted a small brown _____ from the shelter.

n. a young dog, usually less than a year old

78. The president declared a state of _____.

n. a sudden unforeseen crisis usually involving danger that requires immediate action

79. I will _____ my car before I go on a road trip.

v. to provide coverage in the event of loss or damage

80. Her _____ improvement in her grades resulted from her increased focus and effort.

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

81. The devastating _____ caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

82. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

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

83. The overgrown ____ cleaved to the ruined castle walls.

n. an evergreen climbing or ground-creeping woody plant that often grows up trees or buildings

84. The _____ will repair my telephone tomorrow morning.

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

ANSWERS: 77. puppy, 78. emergency, 79. insure, 80. marked, 81. hurricane, 82. eventually, 83. ivy, 84. engineer

85. In several countries, child _____ is a serious social problem.
- n.* productive work, especially physical work done for wages; the people who do manual or physical work in a country or company for wage; (verb) to work hard or to strive and make an effort to reach a goal
86. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.
- n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
87. She made a collage from _____ of paper and fabric from the art supply store.
- n.* a small piece or amount of something, especially leftover from a larger whole
88. Many people are working together to close the gender ____.
- n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
89. The company sent a _____ to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.
- n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
90. Visa renewal for _____ foreigners in this country is once every five years.
- n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
91. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
- v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
92. We need to _____ our products in an attractive way to attract customers.
- v.* to exhibit or show something to others, often to attract attention or demonstrate its features, properties, or value

ANSWERS: 85. labor, 86. destruction, 87. scraps, 88. gap, 89. scout, 90. resident, 91. exploded, 92. display

93. The _____ formation on the radar indicated the potential for significant severe weather later in the day.
- n.* a severe thunderstorm characterized by a persistent rotating updraft can often produce severe weather conditions such as tornadoes, large hail, and damaging winds. These storms tend to have a long-lasting and well-defined structure
94. The plant's leaves contain a deadly _____ that can cause hallucinations and seizures.
- n.* a substance that can cause illness, injury, or death when ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin; something harmful, malicious, or toxic; the act of damaging or ruining a relationship; (verb) to introduce a substance into something or someone harmful and potentially deadly
95. The lumberjack used his _____ to chop through the tree's thick trunk.
- n.* a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects
96. 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
97. Our company _____ to the school endowment fund every year.
- v.* to give money, food, clothes, etc. to help a person or organization
98. The military _____ troops to the border.
- v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
99. The drain cleaner contains caustic _____ and should be handled with care.
- n.* a highly alkaline solution made by soaking hardwood ashes in the water, used in the production of soap, detergents, and other cleaning agents; a caustic substance

ANSWERS: 93. super-cell, 94. poison, 95. chainsaw, 96. decision, 97. donates, 98. mobilized, 99. lye,

100. After the party, they had to clean up _____ of dirty dishes.

n. a collection of objects positioned one on top of another; a large sum of something, such as money

101. Her husband's death _____ her life entirely.

v. to break suddenly into many pieces

102. This approach employs both _____ and macro analysis methods.

n. extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth

103. Honesty is an _____ quality that everyone should strive to possess.

adj. existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute

104. The _____ package delivery arrived at my door this morning.

adj. lasting for or occurring during one night; occurring or changing extremely quickly or suddenly; happening or being achieved in a short amount of time

105. The store manager took _____ of the products on the shelves to know what needed restocking.

n. a complete list of all the items or goods held in stock by a business or organization; the act of making such a list

106. Underground rivers flow over a _____ layer that is impervious to water.

n. a room or a part of a building that is partly or entirely below ground level

107. She carefully reviewed the _____ of each section before diving into the research paper.

n. a title, caption, or heading that introduces or summarizes the content of a written or printed document; the direction or course in which something is moving or heading

ANSWERS: 100. piles, 101. shattered, 102. micro, 103. inherent, 104. overnight, 105. inventory, 106. basement, 107. heading

108. The weather forecast predicted a _____ in the afternoon.

- n.* a brief period of rain; a device that emits a spray of water for washing oneself; a party or celebration in which gifts are given to someone, often in anticipation of a major life event such as a wedding or the birth of a child

109. As a frequent _____ I accumulate a lot of miles that I use for vacation trips.

- n.* (also "flyer") a person who travels by air or an airplane passenger; a leaflet or pamphlet designed to be handed out or posted to provide information or advertise something

110. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

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

111. Some comic book characters are considered gay _____.

- n.* a picture or statue of a holy person considered to be a sacred thing; a little icon on the screen of a computer or smartphone that denotes an application or a file

112. _____ a society is an organism.

- adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

113. 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

114. He devoted his life to establishing a humanitarian _____ fund.

- n.* a feeling of happiness and relaxation that comes when something burdensome is removed or reduced

ANSWERS: 108. shower, 109. flier, 110. structure, 111. icons, 112. Essentially, 113. aft, 114. relief

115. I always watch the evening _____ to stay updated on current events.

n. a radio or television program that delivers news to the public, usually broadcast at set times throughout the day

116. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.

v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

117. During transit, the stuff may ___ off the luggage tag.

v. to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

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

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

119. We replaced _____ equipment to improve factory productivity.

adj. no longer useful or valid because of being old-fashioned

120. The faithful _____ delivered a moving sermon at the Sunday service.

n. a spiritual leader or minister in a Christian church, especially one in charge of a local congregation

121. The dog jumped _____ to one side.

adv. in a way that demonstrates intelligence or ability

122. Understanding unitary _____ of a normal matrix require considerable mathematical sophistication.

n. a complete change in form, nature, or appearance of someone or something

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

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

ANSWERS: 115. newscast, 116. recovering, 117. rip, 118. expenses, 119. outdated, 120. pastor, 121. cleverly, 122. transformations, 123. transformed

124. That adventurer traveled in _____ of buried treasure.

n. a long or challenging search for something

125. The speaker mounted the _____ and started to speak.

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

126. Her _____ is to be a mother.

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

127. Each country's officials can access the central _____.

n. a large amount of data stored in a computer system in such a way that it can be searched and updated easily

128. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

129. It was the first time for her, but she _____ the role of Priest.

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

130. These infections have the potential to impact practically every _____ system.

n. a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job

131. This country _____ its weapons in the east region.

v. to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

ANSWERS: 124. quest, 125. platform, 126. priority, 127. database, 128. cofounder, 129. fulfilled, 130. organ, 131. deployed

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

adv. now or without delay

133. 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

134. 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

135. I had to _____ my car's battery this morning because it was dead.

v. to start or revitalize something stagnant or slow-moving, often by introducing new ideas or energy; to kick-start a car or other vehicle by connecting it to another vehicle's battery

136. She intends to _____ a political career.

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

ANSWERS: 132. immediately, 133. laptop, 134. decide, 135. jump-start, 136. pursue