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Session 1: Word List

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

victim

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

synonym : prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

survivor

n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

synonym : subsister

(1) ovarian cancer **survivor**, (2) a single **survivor**

The shipwreck **survivor** was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.

narrative

n. a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

synonym: the tale, chronology, annals

(1) **narrative** poetry, (2) personal **narrative**

The **narrative** handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

(1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

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.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym: legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

entrepreneur

n. an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

synonym: founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**

Entrepreneurs willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

conflict

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

synonym: clash, discord, competition

(1) the **conflict** between good and evil, (2) the longstanding **conflict**

He and I often had **conflicts**, not only in personality but also in ideology.

compelling

adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

synonym: tempting, captivating, influential

(1) tell a **compelling** story, (2) new and **compelling** evidence

His **compelling** presentation deeply moved everyone.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym: finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

graduated

adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees

synonym: completed, finished, earned

(1) **graduated** taxation, (2) **graduated** flask

She was a **graduated** student of a prestigious university.

hustle

v. to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way

synonym: bustle, rush, haste

(1) **hustle** on business, (2) **hustle** up money

You must **hustle** and struggle on the court to win an acquittal.

decent

adj. satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

synonym: respectable, honorable, good

(1) yearn for the **decent** living, (2) a **decent** education
He earned a **decent** salary at his job.

struggle

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

synonym: toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

population

n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location

synonym: people, inhabitants, folk

(1) **population** change, (2) labor **population**

In just four years, the **population** has doubled.

immediate

adj. happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else

synonym: prompt, quick, instantaneous

(1) take **immediate** effect, (2) the **immediate** past

Both forts were subject to **immediate** attacks.

aftermath

n. the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event

synonym: consequence, backwash, result

(1) financial **aftermath**, (2) the **aftermath** of a crisis

The **aftermath** of the hurricane left the city in shambles.

genocide

n. the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation

synonym: mass murder, extermination, annihilation

(1) **genocide** victims, (2) **genocide** resolution

The international community condemned the **genocide** in the country.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

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

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

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.

astronomical

adj. relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude

synonym : huge, vast, enormous

(1) **astronomical** observation, (2) **astronomical** numbers

The cost of the new equipment was **astronomical** and beyond the company's budget.

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.

entrepreneurship

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

synonym : self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody

entrepreneurship

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

consultant

n. a person who provides professional or expert advice
synonym: expert, advisor, specialist

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

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

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

intern

v. to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

synonym: apprentice, trainee, student

(1) **intern** civilians, (2) medical **intern**

The navy **interned** ships of defeated nations.

peaceful

adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

synonym: friendly, pacific, amicable

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

Plutonium has limited **peaceful** applications.

security

n. the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

synonym: safety, protection, stock

(1) national **security**, (2) **security** analyst

The building's **security** system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

candidate

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

synonym: applicant, nominee, contender

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

The **candidate's** platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.

apprentice

n. a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves

synonym: learner, trainee, protégé

(1) **apprentice** carpenter, (2) a young **apprentice**

He took on an **apprentice** to teach him the trade.

passionate

adj. showing intense emotion or strong feeling; characterized by great enthusiasm or zeal; deeply committed to a cause or belief

synonym: ardent, fervent, intense

(1) **passionate** speech, (2) **passionate** kiss

Their **passionate** argument lasted for hours, neither willing to back down.

brave

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

synonym: courageous, valiant, heroic

(1) **brave** soldier, (2) **brave** decision

The **brave** firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

breadwinner

n. the member of a family who earns money to support the others

(1) family **breadwinner**, (2) two- **breadwinner** couple

Many women are now their families' primary **breadwinners**.

collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym: tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

doll

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

synonym: puppet, dolly, toy

(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**

The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.

lace

n. a delicate fabric made of interlacing thread or other material; a cord used to fasten or adorn clothing, often with a pattern of holes or spaces; a decorative netting or interlaced design

synonym: cord, string, ribbon

(1) **lace** curtains, (2) **lace** trim

She wore a beautiful dress with delicate **lace** detailing.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

survival

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

synonym: endurance, continuity

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

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

starvation

n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

synonym : hunger, malnutrition, emaciation

(1) die of **starvation**, (2) **starvation** wages

The drought led to widespread **starvation** in the region.

topic

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

synonym : subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

squat

v. to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground

synonym : crouch, hunch, sit

(1) **squat** behind a tree, (2) **squat** exercise

I need to **squat** down to pick up the pen from the floor.

abandon

v. to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

synonym : relinquish, leave behind, disregard

(1) **abandon** a friend, (2) **abandon** the practice

The castle was **abandoned** several years later.

garage

n. a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car

synonym : carport, shed, barn

(1) electrical **garage** door, (2) **garage** repair

He parked his car in the private **garage**.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym : stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button
My mother taught me how to **sew**.

employee

n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
synonym: worker, staff, personnel

(1) **employee** benefits, (2) **employee** evaluation
The **employee** handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental
synonym: critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life
Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

winery

n. a facility where grapes are processed, and wine is made and stored, often includes areas for tasting, tours, and sales
synonym: vineyard, wine cellar

(1) **winery** tour, (2) boutique **winery**
She works as a sommelier at a prestigious **winery** in Napa Valley.

advertise

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

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

agency

n. an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action
synonym: organization, bureau, institution

(1) real estate **agency**, (2) intelligence **agency**

The government **agency** regulated the country's food and drug safety standards.

herald

v. to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare

synonym: announce, proclaim, declare

(1) **herald** the news, (2) **herald** a new era

The sound of the trumpet **heralded** the arrival of the king.

tribune

n. an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience

synonym: platform, podium, stand

(1) the position of **tribune**, (2) editorial **tribune**

The politician delivered his speech from the **tribune** to a crowd of cheering supporters.

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

automatically

adv. without needing a direct human control

synonym: mechanically, unconsciously, spontaneously

(1) record driving **automatically**, (2) **automatically** adjusted

Our subscription plan is **automatically** renewed.

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.

bias

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

synonym : inclination, partiality, predilection

(1) **bias** against a big company, (2) have a **bias** toward socialism

She researched gender **bias** in politics.

intentional

adj. done, made or performed with purpose and intent

synonym : deliberate, intended, preplanned

(1) **intentional** destruction of evidence, (2) an **intentional** walk

The law distinguishes between accidental and **intentional** killing.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym : extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

mislead

v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true

synonym : misinform, delude, belie

(1) **mislead** him into trusting her, (2) **mislead** the enemy

Our troops pulled back to **mislead** the enemy.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym : banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

- aim** *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
synonym: aspire, direct, target
(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse
We **aim** for an overseas expansion.
- incredibly** *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily
(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure
Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.
- self-sufficient** *adj.* able to provide for one's own needs without assistance from others
synonym: independent, self-reliant, self-sustaining
(1) **self-sufficient** economy, (2) **self-sufficient** renewable energy
He was determined to become **self-sufficient** and not rely on anyone else.
- self-respect** *n.* a feeling of being proud of and confident in yourself
synonym: dignity, pride, self-esteem
(1) lacks a sense of **self-respect**, (2) wound his **self-respect**
Her failure resulted in a loss of her **self-respect**.
- hop** *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
synonym: jump, bounce, skip
(1) **hop** on one foot, (2) **hop** from one place to another
The rabbit **hopped** over the fence.

medium

adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

synonym : average, intermediate, (noun) channel

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**

The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

firm

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

synonym : stable, secure, steadfast

(1) **firm** grip, (2) accounting **firm**

The **firm** deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

develop

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

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

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

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

ignore

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

synonym : neglect, disregard, shun

(1) **ignore** her advice, (2) **ignore** a ban

Since independence, the area has been completely **ignored**.

risky

adj. involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

synonym : dangerous, perilous, scary

(1) change **risky** behavior, (2) a **risky** enterprise

It is extremely **risky** to sail in such a storm.

stick

- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

productivity

- n.* the state or quality of being productive; the rate at which a company or individual produces goods or services, often measured in terms of output per unit of input, such as labor, capital, or time

synonym : efficiency, output, performance

(1) **productivity** growth, (2) improved **productivity**

She increased her **productivity** by planning out her tasks for the day.

trap

- n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym : catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

expand

- v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym : extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

handout

- n.* giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need

synonym : contribution, aid, brochure

(1) plead for **handouts**, (2) three-page **handout**

All those eligible will receive financial **handouts**.

equip

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

synonym: prepare, furnish, provide

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

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

export

v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

synonym: ship, send, transfer

(1) **export** goods, (2) **export** the data

The country **exports** a large amount of agricultural products.

employ

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

synonym: hire, engage, use

(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method

When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.

fuel

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

synonym: energy, power, gas

(1) biomass **fuel**, (2) smokeless **fuel**

The **fuel** scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

empirical

adj. based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic

synonym: observational, experiential, factual

(1) **empirical** research, (2) **empirical** philosophy

The study's results were based on **empirical** evidence gathered from extensive research.

invention

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

synonym : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

asset

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

synonym : aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company

A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

contract

n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law

synonym : agreement, deal, arrangement

(1) employment **contract**, (2) **contract** law

The company signed a **contract** with the supplier for the delivery of goods.

collateral

n. something of value pledged as security against a loan or debt; something that is related or complementary to something else, often as a secondary consequence

synonym : guarantee, security, pledge

(1) **collateral** damage, (2) **collateral** agreement

The loan was secured with **collateral**, requiring the borrower to put up their house as a guarantee.

experiment

n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

synonym : experimentation, investigation

(1) **experiment** design, (2) series of **experiments**

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

crowdsourcing

n. the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet

(1) **crowdsourcing** apps, (2) **crowdsourcing** in climate policy

The company used this **crowdsourcing** platform to gather ideas for its next product.

fashion

n. a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

synonym: style, manner, fad

(1) go out of **fashion**, (2) new **fashion** trends

That style is no longer in **fashion**.

emerging

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

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

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

Emerging technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

terrific

adj. causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent

synonym: fantastic, great, excellent

(1) absolutely **terrific**, (2) at a **terrific** speed

The view from the top of the mountain was **terrific**, with sweeping vistas of the valley below.

investor

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

synonym: financier, banker, stockholder

(1) **investor** lawsuit, (2) a real estate **investor**

Institutional **investors** refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

innovation

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

synonym: invention, initiation, creation

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

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread

to the United Kingdom.

tailor

n. a person who makes, alters, or repairs clothing professionally, typically working in a tailor shop or boutique; (verb) to customize, modify, or adapt something to suit a particular purpose, need, or individual

synonym: seamster, designer, dressmaker

(1) **tailor-made** suit, (2) **tailor** your needs

I need to find a skilled **tailor** to alter my wedding dress.

recreation

n. the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

synonym: amusement, entertainment, refreshment

(1) outdoor **recreation**, (2) **recreation** of the homeland

Basketball is their usual **recreation** after school.

replace

v. to take the place of something

synonym: substitute, supersede, displace

(1) **replace** one word with another, (2) **replace** a phone

Eventually, the new design will **replace** all older models.

lofty

adj. elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language

synonym: high, elevated, grand

(1) a **lofty** peak, (2) **lofty** ambitions

His **lofty** goals were admirable but unrealistic.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym: discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

nutrition

n. the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health

synonym : alimentation, nourishment, sustenance

(1) **nutrition** condition, (2) **nutrition** intake

This food contains all the **nutrition** your dog requires.

maternal

adj. relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child

synonym : motherly, maternalistic, maternal-like

(1) on the **maternal** side, (2) **maternal** care

She had a very **maternal** instinct towards her newborn baby.

mortality

n. the quality or state of being subject to death

synonym : fatality

(1) **mortality** due to cancer, (2) lower infant **mortality**

This disease has a high **mortality**.

literacy

n. the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively

synonym : education, reading, writing

(1) digital **literacy**, (2) financial **literacy**

Many charities focus on improving **literacy** rates in underprivileged communities.

gender

n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology

synonym : sexuality

(1) **gender-blind** policies, (2) dual **gender**

Cultural norms strongly influence **gender** expectations.

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**.

correlate

v. to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

synonym: associate, liken, connect

(1) **correlate** closely with the quality, (2) **correlate** to the size

We may frequently **correlate** age with the frequency of disease.

competitiveness

n. the quality or characteristic of being competitive, or the ability or inclination to compete; the degree or extent to which someone or something is competitive in nature or behavior

synonym: rivalry, competition, contest

(1) economic **competitiveness**, (2) global **competitiveness**

The industry's **competitiveness** requires companies to innovate and improve their products constantly.

eliminate

v. to remove or get rid of someone or something

synonym: wipe out, destroy, eradicate

(1) **eliminate** contestants, (2) **eliminate** sexual barriers

We can **eliminate** this possibility from those consumptions.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

(1) **participate** fully in conversation, (2) **participate** in the program

The majority of students actively **participated** in the college's intramural sports program.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

discuss

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

synonym : talk about, converse, debate

(1) **discuss** options, (2) **discuss** solutions

We need to **discuss** the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

exception

n. something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others

synonym : anomaly, rarity, exemption

(1) make an **exception**, (2) without **exception**

She was the **exception** to the rule, as she managed to graduate college in only two years.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym : halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym : in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

succeed

v. to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or

endeavor

synonym : achieve, accomplish, triumph

(1) **succeed** beyond expectations, (2) **succeed** academically

I hope to **succeed** in my career and live a happy life.

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**.

pioneer

n. inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something

synonym : frontiersperson, innovator, trailblazer

(1) act as a **pioneer**, (2) early **pioneers**

John Whitney was a computer animation **pioneer**.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym : bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

emulate

v. to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else

synonym : impersonate, mimic, imitate

(1) **emulate** a successful business model, (2) **emulate** his watercolors

They intend to **emulate** the footsteps of successful software companies.

dismiss

v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's

employment

synonym: decline, disband, dissolve

(1) **dismiss** a person from the office, (2) **dismiss** a matter with a laugh

The committee has decided to **dismiss** the president from the post.

aberration

n. a deviation from the norm or expected pattern; a departure from what is considered normal or typical

synonym: deviation, anomaly, irregularity

(1) random **aberration**, (2) genetic **aberration**

The team's losing streak was an **aberration** from their typical winning record.

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.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas

He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

layaway

n. a purchasing method in which a customer reserves and pays for a product over a period of time before taking possession of it; the act or process of reserving and paying for a product in this manner

synonym: installment, deposit, reservation

(1) **layaway** deposit, (2) **layaway** option

She was delighted when she made the final payment on her **layaway** purchase and could take home the dress she'd been eyeing.

consign

v. to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use

synonym: transfer, deliver, entrust

(1) **consign** to oblivion, (2) **consign** the rare coins to an auction house

I will **consign** these old clothes to the donation bin.

breast

n. either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth

synonym: bosom, chest, bust

(1) **breast** cancer, (2) the mountain's **breast**

He grilled the **breast** meat of a chicken.

cancer

n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

synonym: tumor, carcinoma, malignancy

(1) **cancer** diagnosis, (2) **cancer** research

Breast **cancer** is the most common type of cancer in women.

applied

adj. of or relating to a subject of study, especially a science, that is used in a practical way

synonym : practical, practiced, used

(1) **applied** research, (2) **applied** physics

Military technology eventually became the foundation for **applied** technology that supported people's lives.

tragedy

n. an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

synonym : disaster, adversity, calamity

(1) a **tragedy** during work, (2) the aftermath of this **tragedy**

Macbeth is a famous **tragedy** by Shakespeare.

abuse

n. the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

synonym : misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**

Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

dignity

n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

synonym : grace, elegance, nobility

(1) respect for human **dignity**, (2) retain everyone's **dignity**

The failure destroyed his trust and personal **dignity**.

intact

adj. undamaged and complete

synonym : flawless, unchanged, entire

(1) **intact** brain, (2) **intact** forestland

Despite the scandals, his reputation remained **intact**.

import

v. to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;

synonym : bring, spell

(1) **import** goods, (2) **import** a style sheet

The company **imports** raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.

limitation

n. a rule or act that restricts the scope of something

synonym : restriction, constraint, burden

(1) impose **limitation**, (2) **limitation** of exercise

Disability is a physical **limitation** to living everyday life.

complain

v. to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody

synonym : gripe, claim, denounce

(1) **complain** about a job, (2) call and **complain** frequently

Our users are often **complaining** about the slow application.

veteran

n. a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity

synonym : expert, pro, vet

(1) A 20-year **veteran** in the industry, (2) **veteran** teacher

The **veteran** soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym : unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

plum

n. a small, sweet fruit with juicy flesh and a hard stone in the middle; a desirable or highly valued object, person, or position

(1) **plum** pudding, (2) **plum** harvest

The farmer proudly displayed his basket of freshly picked **plums** at the market.

assignment

n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies

synonym :

task, duty, designation

(1) finish the **assignment**, (2) **assignment** of interest

My **assignment** was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.

fellowship

n. an association of people who share common interests or goals, typically involving research, study, or a specific profession

synonym: association, society, group

(1) research **fellowship**, (2) postdoctoral **fellowship**

The **fellowship** of scientists worked together to conduct research and make important discoveries.

oversea

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

synonym: foreign, abroad, international

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

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

kiddo

n. a term of endearment used to address a young child or an adult in a playful or affectionate manner

(1) little **kiddo**, (2) **kiddo** party

Hey, **kiddo**, did you finish your homework yet?

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym: employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

leap

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

synonym: jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.

underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

undervalue

v. to assign too low a value to something

synonym: underrate, underestimate, devalue

(1) **undervalue** his contribution, (2) **undervalue** the potential

He **undervalued** the importance of teamwork and struggled to succeed.

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.

desperately

adv. in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

synonym: urgently, perilously, seriously

(1) **desperately** anxious, (2) **desperately** ill patient

The baby clung **desperately** to her mother.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. el____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
2. respect for human di____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
3. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
4. re____e a phone *v.* to take the place of something
5. im____t goods *v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
6. intelligence ag____y *n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action
7. economic com_____ess *n.* the quality or characteristic of being competitive, or the ability or inclination to compete; the degree or extent to which someone or something is competitive in nature or behavior
8. 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

ANSWERS: 1. elevate, 2. dignity, 3. innovation, 4. replace, 5. import, 6. agency, 7. competitiveness, 8. exceptional

9. co_____n to oblivion *v.* to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use
10. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
11. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
12. und_____ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
13. em____y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
14. des_____ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
15. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.
16. die of sta_____on *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
17. in____t brain *adj.* undamaged and complete
18. ad_____se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

ANSWERS: 9. consign, 10. invest, 11. sew, 12. underestimate, 13. employ, 14. desperately, 15. gap, 16. starvation, 17. intact, 18. advertise

19. billionaire ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
20. finish the ass_____nt *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
21. a_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
22. on the ma_____al side *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child
23. su_____d beyond expectations *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
24. co_____ct law *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
25. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
26. em_____al research *adj.* based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic
27. un_____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
28. ap_____d research *adj.* of or relating to a subject of study, especially a science, that is used in a practical way

ANSWERS: 19. entrepreneur, 20. assignment, 21. aim, 22. maternal, 23. succeed, 24. contract, 25. amaze, 26. empirical, 27. unleash, 28. applied

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| 29. he___d the news | <i>v.</i> | to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare |
| 30. chief con_____nt | <i>n.</i> | a person who provides professional or expert advice |
| 31. series of exp_____nts | <i>n.</i> | the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge |
| 32. sta_____on wages | <i>n.</i> | a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death |
| 33. vi___m compensation | <i>n.</i> | a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event |
| 34. mi_____d him into trusting her | <i>v.</i> | to cause someone to believe something that is not true |
| 35. st_____le against discrimination | <i>v.</i> | to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction |
| 36. absolutely te_____ic | <i>adj.</i> | causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent |
| 37. labor pop_____on | <i>n.</i> | the total number of people in a country, region, or location |
| 38. te_____y people | <i>v.</i> | to frighten someone very much |
| 39. an int_____al walk | <i>adj.</i> | done, made or performed with purpose and intent |
| 40. eq__p an army | <i>v.</i> | to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity |

ANSWERS: 29. herald, 30. consultant, 31. experiment, 32. starvation, 33. victim, 34. mislead, 35. struggle, 36. terrific, 37. population, 38. terrify, 39. intentional, 40. equip

41. pas_____te kiss *adj.* showing intense emotion or strong feeling; characterized by great enthusiasm or zeal; deeply committed to a cause or belief
42. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
43. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
44. the position of tr_____e *n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience
45. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
46. financial li_____cy *n.* the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively
47. nu_____on intake *n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
48. di_____s options *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
49. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

ANSWERS: 41. passionate, 42. struggle, 43. opportune, 44. tribune, 45. incredibly, 46. literacy, 47. nutrition, 48. discuss, 49. secondly

50. a ri__y enterprise *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
51. la____y deposit *n.* a purchasing method in which a customer reserves and pays for a product over a period of time before taking possession of it; the act or process of reserving and paying for a product in this manner
52. have a b__s toward socialism *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
53. change ri__y behavior *adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss
54. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
55. sq__t exercise *v.* to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground
56. national se_____ty *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

ANSWERS: 50. risky, 51. layaway, 52. bias, 53. risky, 54. invention, 55. squat, 56. security

57. pro_____ity growth *n.* the state or quality of being productive; the rate at which a company or individual produces goods or services, often measured in terms of output per unit of input, such as labor, capital, or time
58. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
59. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
60. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
61. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
62. ig___e a ban *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
63. accounting f__m *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
64. wi___y tour *n.* a facility where grapes are processed, and wine is made and stored, often includes areas for tasting, tours, and sales

ANSWERS: 57. productivity, 58. topic, 59. stick, 60. invention, 61. critic, 62. ignore, 63. firm, 64. winery

65. hu___e up money *v.* to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
66. gr_____ed flask *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
67. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
68. se_____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
69. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
70. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
71. und_____ue his contribution *v.* to assign too low a value to something
72. act as a pi_____r *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
73. editorial tr_____e *n.* an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience
74. em_____e his watercolors *v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
75. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location

ANSWERS: 65. hustle, 66. graduated, 67. experiment, 68. secondly, 69. opportune, 70. communal, 71. undervalue, 72. pioneer, 73. tribune, 74. emulate, 75. population

76. mi__o force sensor *n.* extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth
77. pe_____ve language *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
78. gr_____ed taxation *adj.* having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
79. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
80. ta___r-made suit *n.* a person who makes, alters, or repairs clothing professionally, typically working in a tailor shop or boutique; (verb) to customize, modify, or adapt something to suit a particular purpose, need, or individual
81. ast_____cal numbers *adj.* relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude
82. ex___d a lineup *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
83. pas_____te speech *adj.* showing intense emotion or strong feeling; characterized by great enthusiasm or zeal; deeply committed to a cause or belief
84. el_____te sexual barriers *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something

ANSWERS: 76. micro, 77. pervasive, 78. graduated, 79. economy, 80. tailor, 81. astronomical, 82. expand, 83. passionate, 84. eliminate

85. smokeless f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
86. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
87. employment co_____ct *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
88. co_____in about a job *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
89. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
90. ab_____n a friend *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
91. und_____ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
92. ex____t the data *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
93. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
94. di_____s a person from the office *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

ANSWERS: 85. fuel, 86. participate, 87. contract, 88. complain, 89. introduction, 90. abandon, 91. underestimate, 92. export, 93. survival, 94. dismiss

95. PhD ca_____te *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
96. random abe_____on *n.* a deviation from the norm or expected pattern; a departure from what is considered normal or typical
97. embody ent_____hip *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
98. a real estate in_____or *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
99. ge_____de resolution *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
100. a de____t education *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
101. wound his sel_____ect *n.* a feeling of being proud of and confident in yourself
102. ov_____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
103. a_m at a specific target *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
104. ga____e repair *n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car
105. la_____y option *n.* a purchasing method in which a customer reserves and pays for a product over a period of time before taking possession of it; the act or process of reserving and paying for a product in this manner

ANSWERS: 95. candidate, 96. aberration, 97. entrepreneurship, 98. investor, 99. genocide, 100. decent, 101. self-respect, 102. overlook, 103. aim, 104. garage, 105. layaway

106. sel_____ent renewable energy *adj.* able to provide for one's own needs without assistance from others
107. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
108. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
109. two-bre_____er couple *n.* the member of a family who earns money to support the others
110. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
111. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
112. three-page ha_____t *n.* giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need
113. 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
114. ast_____cal observation *adj.* relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude
115. improved pro_____ity *n.* the state or quality of being productive; the rate at which a company or individual produces goods or services, often measured in terms of output per unit of input, such as labor, capital, or time

ANSWERS: 106. self-sufficient, 107. introduction, 108. survival, 109. breadwinner, 110. critic, 111. essential, 112. handout, 113. contribution, 114. astronomical, 115. productivity

116. se_____ty analyst *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
117. a successful ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
118. the pe_____ve odor of garlic *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
119. the stock market co_____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
120. in_____or lawsuit *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
121. em_____y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
122. mo_____ty due to cancer *n.* the quality or state of being subject to death
123. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
124. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
125. lacks a sense of sel_____ect *n.* a feeling of being proud of and confident in yourself
126. su_____d academically *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor

ANSWERS: 116. security, 117. entrepreneur, 118. pervasive, 119. collapse, 120. investor, 121. employ, 122. mortality, 123. trap, 124. resilient, 125. self-respect, 126. succeed

127. ab_____n the practice *v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity
128. he____d a new era *v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare
129. the im_____te past *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
130. mi__o bubble *n.* extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth
131. ma_____al care *adj.* relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child
132. rec_____on of the homeland *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
133. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
134. sel_____ent economy *adj.* able to provide for one's own needs without assistance from others
135. ent_____hip culture *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
136. without ex_____on *n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others

ANSWERS: 127. abandon, 128. herald, 129. immediate, 130. micro, 131. maternal, 132. recreation, 133. innovate, 134. self-sufficient, 135. entrepreneurship, 136. exception

137. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
138. make an ex_____on *n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
139. 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
140. global com_____ess *n.* the quality or characteristic of being competitive, or the ability or inclination to compete; the degree or extent to which someone or something is competitive in nature or behavior
141. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
142. em_____ee evaluation *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
143. me___m color *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
144. di_____s solutions *v.* to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic
145. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

ANSWERS: 137. pause, 138. exception, 139. exceptional, 140. competitiveness, 141. confer, 142. employee, 143. medium, 144. discuss, 145. context

146. take im_____te effect *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
147. f__m grip *adj.* resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company
148. new and com_____ng evidence *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
149. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
150. retain everyone's di_____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
151. br__e decision *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
152. pe_____ul country *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
153. des_____ly ill patient *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
154. legal co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
155. mi_____d the enemy *v.* to cause someone to believe something that is not true
156. col_____al damage *n.* something of value pledged as security against a loan or debt; something that is related or complementary to something else, often as a secondary consequence

ANSWERS: 146. immediate, 147. firm, 148. compelling, 149. feat, 150. dignity, 151. brave, 152. peaceful, 153. desperately, 154. context, 155. mislead, 156. collateral

157. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
158. p__m harvest *n.* a small, sweet fruit with juicy flesh and a hard stone in the middle; a desirable or highly valued object, person, or position
159. ad_____se on social media *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
160. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
161. h_p from one place to another *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
162. ca___r research *n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
163. ovarian cancer su_____or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
164. co_____te to the size *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
165. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
166. in___t forestland *adj.* undamaged and complete

ANSWERS: 157. invisible, 158. plum, 159. advertise, 160. sew, 161. hop, 162. cancer, 163. survivor, 164. correlate, 165. asset, 166. intact

167. co_____te closely with the quality *v.* to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another
168. am__e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
169. con_____nt firm *n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
170. little ki__o *n.* a term of endearment used to address a young child or an adult in a playful or affectionate manner
171. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
172. yearn for the de___t living *adj.* satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense
173. ge_____de victims *n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation
174. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
175. na_____ve poetry *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
176. the mountain's br___t *n.* either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth
177. at a te_____ic speed *adj.* causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent
178. manage my fi_____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

ANSWERS: 167. correlate, 168. amaze, 169. consultant, 170. kiddo, 171. writ, 172. decent, 173. genocide, 174. doll, 175. narrative, 176. breast, 177. terrific, 178. finance

179. int_____al destruction of evidence *adj.* done, made or performed with purpose and intent
180. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
181. the af_____th of a crisis *n.* the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event
182. l__p to a conclusion *v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward
183. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
184. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
185. 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
186. em_____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
187. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
188. im___t a style sheet *v.* to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;

ANSWERS: 179. intentional, 180. invest, 181. aftermath, 182. leap, 183. resilient, 184. invisible, 185. icon, 186. emerging, 187. hire, 188. import

189. impose lim_____on *n.* a rule or act that restricts the scope of something
190. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
191. br__e soldier *adj.* showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity
192. personal na_____ve *n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story
193. record driving aut_____lly *adv.* without needing a direct human control
194. br___t cancer *n.* either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth
195. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
196. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
197. p__m pudding *n.* a small, sweet fruit with juicy flesh and a hard stone in the middle; a desirable or highly valued object, person, or position
198. lim_____on of exercise *n.* a rule or act that restricts the scope of something
199. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

ANSWERS: 189. limitation, 190. celebrate, 191. brave, 192. narrative, 193. automatically, 194. breast, 195. fuel, 196. finance, 197. plum, 198. limitation, 199. fashion

200. research fel_____ip *n.* an association of people who share common interests or goals, typically involving research, study, or a specific profession
201. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
202. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
203. ki__o party *n.* a term of endearment used to address a young child or an adult in a playful or affectionate manner
204. ov_____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
205. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
206. ap_____d physics *adj.* of or relating to a subject of study, especially a science, that is used in a practical way
207. lower infant mo_____ty *n.* the quality or state of being subject to death
208. victim of sexual ab__e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
209. the aftermath of this tr_____y *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character

ANSWERS: 200. fellowship, 201. develop, 202. communal, 203. kiddo, 204. overlook, 205. innovate, 206. applied, 207. mortality, 208. abuse, 209. tragedy

210. 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
211. ig___e her advice *v.* to intentionally not listen or pay attention to
212. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
213. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
214. ge___r-blind policies *n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
215. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
216. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
217. ass_____nt of interest *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
218. h_p on one foot *v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.

ANSWERS: 210. icon, 211. ignore, 212. feat, 213. incredibly, 214. gender, 215. celebrate, 216. doll, 217. assignment, 218. hop

219. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
220. a young app_____ce *n.* a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves
221. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
222. ov_____a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
223. early pi_____rs *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
224. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
225. plead for ha_____ts *n.* giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need
226. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
227. de___y safety measures *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
228. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
229. ready to co_____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
230. the problem of drug ab___e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

ANSWERS: 219. develop, 220. apprentice, 221. writ, 222. oversea, 223. pioneer, 224. incredible, 225. handout, 226. incredible, 227. deploy, 228. survive, 229. collapse, 230. abuse

231. family bre_____er
n. the member of a family who earns money to support the others
232. the longstanding co_____ct
n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
233. an advertising me_____m
adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
234. vi_____m support
n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
235. es_____al amino acid
adj. indispensable; fundamental
236. par_____te in the program
v. to take part in something
237. cro_____ing in climate policy
n. the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
238. l____e trim
n. a delicate fabric made of interlacing thread or other material; a cord used to fasten or adorn clothing, often with a pattern of holes or spaces; a decorative netting or interlaced design
239. a lo____y peak
adj. elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language
240. for ov_____a use
adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

ANSWERS: 231. breadwinner, 232. conflict, 233. medium, 234. victim, 235. essential, 236. participate, 237. crowdsourcing, 238. lace, 239. lofty, 240. oversea

250. outdoor rec_____on *n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place
251. re_____e one word with another *v.* to take the place of something
252. col_____al agreement *n.* something of value pledged as security against a loan or debt; something that is related or complementary to something else, often as a secondary consequence
253. el_____te contestants *v.* to remove or get rid of someone or something
254. a tr_____y during work *n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
255. di_____s a matter with a laugh *v.* to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment
256. postdoctoral fel_____ip *n.* an association of people who share common interests or goals, typically involving research, study, or a specific profession
257. app_____ce carpenter *n.* a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves
258. 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

ANSWERS: 250. recreation, 251. replace, 252. collateral, 253. eliminate, 254. tragedy, 255. dismiss, 256. fellowship, 257. apprentice, 258. deploy

259. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
260. digital li_____cy *n.* the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively
261. em_____ee benefits *n.* a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
262. A 20-year ve_____n in the industry *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
263. em_____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
264. genetic abe_____on *n.* a deviation from the norm or expected pattern; a departure from what is considered normal or typical
265. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
266. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
267. 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
268. pe_____ul coexistence *adj.* not involving violence, conflict, or war
269. go out of fa_____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

ANSWERS: 259. conflict, 260. literacy, 261. employee, 262. veteran, 263. emerging, 264. aberration, 265. elevate, 266. pause, 267. contribution, 268. peaceful, 269. fashion

270. real estate ag___y *n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action
271. financial af_____th *n.* the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event
272. a single su_____or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
273. b__s against a big company *n.* a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment
274. the to__c of the book *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
275. ve_____n teacher *n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity
276. electrical ga___e door *n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car
277. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
278. ex___t goods *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

ANSWERS: 270. agency, 271. aftermath, 272. survivor, 273. bias, 274. topic, 275. veteran, 276. garage, 277. survive, 278. export

289. nu_____on condition *n.* the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health
290. cro_____ing apps *n.* the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
291. l__e curtains *n.* a delicate fabric made of interlacing thread or other material; a cord used to fasten or adorn clothing, often with a pattern of holes or spaces; a decorative netting or interlaced design
292. call and co_____in frequently *v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
293. ta____r your needs *n.* a person who makes, alters, or repairs clothing professionally, typically working in a tailor shop or boutique; (verb) to customize, modify, or adapt something to suit a particular purpose, need, or individual
294. lo__y ambitions *adj.* elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language
295. co_____n the rare coins to an auction house *v.* to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use
296. em_____e a successful business model *v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else

ANSWERS: 289. nutrition, 290. crowdsourcing, 291. lace, 292. complain, 293. tailor, 294. lofty, 295. consign, 296. emulate

297. medical in___n
298. tell a com_____ng story
299. dual ge___r
300. ec_____y class
301. ca___r diagnosis
302. eq__p our children with some special skills
- v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria
- adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
- n.* the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
- n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
- n.* abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells
- v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity

ANSWERS: 297. intern, 298. compelling, 299. gender, 300. economy, 301. cancer, 302. equip

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The view from the top of the mountain was _____ with sweeping vistas of the valley below.
adj. causing terror or fear; extremely great or intense; very good or excellent
2. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
3. The company _____ raw materials from other countries to manufacture its products.
v. to bring goods or services into a country from another country; to transfer electronic data into a database or document;
4. Many women are now their families' primary _____.
n. the member of a family who earns money to support the others
5. We want to _____ our company through your media.
v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
6. They frequently _____ their abilities and felt inferior.
v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
7. He took on an _____ to teach him the trade.
n. a person who works for and learns from a skilled employer to become a skilled worker themselves
8. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.
n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

ANSWERS: 1. terrific, 2. expand, 3. imports, 4. breadwinners, 5. advertise, 6. underestimated, 7. apprentice, 8. topic

9. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
10. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.
v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
11. His _____ showed highly positive results.
n. the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
12. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.
adj. indispensable; fundamental
13. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
14. He was determined to become _____ and not rely on anyone else.
adj. able to provide for one's own needs without assistance from others
15. Cultural norms strongly influence _____ expectations.
n. the range of characteristics of femininity and masculinity and differentiating between them, especially when considering social and cultural differences rather than differences in biology
16. Breast _____ is the most common type of cancer in women.
n. abnormal growth of cells that can invade and destroy surrounding tissues and organs; a disease characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells

ANSWERS: 9. incredibly, 10. amazed, 11. experiments, 12. essential, 13. stick, 14. self-sufficient, 15. gender, 16. cancer

17. The general was still reluctant to _____ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.
v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
18. The _____ size shirt fits him perfectly.
adj. of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information
19. She was a _____ student of a prestigious university.
adj. having received a degree from a school, college, or university; marked with or divided into levels or degrees
20. Disability is a physical _____ to living everyday life.
n. a rule or act that restricts the scope of something
21. The company used this _____ platform to gather ideas for its next product.
n. the practice of obtaining needed services, ideas, or content by enlisting the services of a large number of people, either paid or unpaid, typically via the internet
22. Our troops pulled back to _____ the enemy.
v. to cause someone to believe something that is not true
23. I hope to _____ in my career and live a happy life.
v. to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
24. The _____ of the hurricane left the city in shambles.
n. the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event

ANSWERS: 17. unleash, 18. medium, 19. graduated, 20. limitation, 21. crowdsourcing, 22. mislead, 23. succeed, 24. aftermath

25. Macbeth is a famous _____ by Shakespeare.
- n.* an event or situation causing great loss, misfortune, or destruction; a play or literature that deals with a severe and sad event and often ends with the death of the main character
26. This approach employs both _____ and macro analysis methods.
- n.* extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth
27. Both forts were subject to _____ attacks.
- adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
28. Our subscription plan is _____ renewed.
- adv.* without needing a direct human control
29. The _____ of scientists worked together to conduct research and make important discoveries.
- n.* an association of people who share common interests or goals, typically involving research, study, or a specific profession
30. All those eligible will receive financial _____.
- n.* giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need
31. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n.* a written legal order or command
32. It is extremely _____ to sail in such a storm.
- adj.* involving the possibility of danger, failure, or loss

ANSWERS: 25. tragedy, 26. micro, 27. immediate, 28. automatically, 29. fellowship, 30. handouts, 31. writ, 32. risky

33. He earned a _____ salary at his job.

adj. satisfactory, acceptable, or good in a general sense

34. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

35. She researched gender _____ in politics.

n. a strong feeling in favor of or against one group of people, an idea, or thing, often not based on fair judgment

36. _____ technologies have dramatically improved productivity in various industries.

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

37. I will _____ these old clothes to the donation bin.

v. to give over, entrust, or assign control of something, particularly to another person, for safekeeping or delivery; to designate or set aside something for a particular purpose or use

38. We need to _____ the next steps for the project during our meeting tomorrow.

v. to talk about or examine in detail through conversation or debate; to exchange ideas, opinions, or information on a particular topic

39. The _____ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

n. a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

40. The enemy fell right into the _____.

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

ANSWERS: 33. decent, 34. survive, 35. bias, 36. Emerging, 37. consign, 38. discuss, 39. victim, 40. trap

41. The majority of students actively _____ in the college's intramural sports program.

v. to take part in something

42. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

43. The _____ firefighter rescued the family from the burning building.

adj. showing courage or fearlessness in the face of danger, difficulty, or adversity

44. Their _____ argument lasted for hours, neither willing to back down.

adj. showing intense emotion or strong feeling; characterized by great enthusiasm or zeal; deeply committed to a cause or belief

45. Since independence, the area has been completely _____.

v. to intentionally not listen or pay attention to

46. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.

v. to give somebody a job

47. The industry's _____ requires companies to innovate and improve their products constantly.

n. the quality or characteristic of being competitive, or the ability or inclination to compete; the degree or extent to which someone or something is competitive in nature or behavior

48. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

ANSWERS: 41. participated, 42. invention, 43. brave, 44. passionate, 45. ignored, 46. hire, 47. competitiveness, 48. collapsed

49. My mother taught me how to _____.

- v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

50. The government is investing in programs to support _____ and small business development.

- n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

51. The international community condemned the _____ in the country.

- n.* the intentional killing of a large group of people, especially those of a particular ethnic group or nation

52. _____ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

- n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks

53. He grilled the _____ meat of a chicken.

- n.* either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth

54. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for _____ of authority.

- n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

55. The government _____ regulated the country's food and drug safety standards.

- n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action

56. He parked his car in the private _____.

- n.* a building or part of a building used to store a vehicle or vehicles, typically a car

ANSWERS: 49. sew, 50. entrepreneurship, 51. genocide, 52. Entrepreneurs, 53. breast, 54. abuse, 55. agency, 56. garage

57. He _____ the importance of teamwork and struggled to succeed.
- v.* to assign too low a value to something
58. Many charities focus on improving _____ rates in underprivileged communities.
- n.* the ability to read and write; the ability to use written language to communicate effectively
59. The failure destroyed his trust and personal _____.
- n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
60. I need to find a skilled _____ to alter my wedding dress.
- n.* a person who makes, alters, or repairs clothing professionally, typically working in a tailor shop or boutique; (verb) to customize, modify, or adapt something to suit a particular purpose, need, or individual
61. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
62. The team's losing streak was an _____ from their typical winning record.
- n.* a deviation from the norm or expected pattern; a departure from what is considered normal or typical
63. Our users are often _____ about the slow application.
- v.* to say dissatisfaction or annoyance about something or somebody
64. Institutional _____ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.
- n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

ANSWERS: 57. undervalued, 58. literacy, 59. dignity, 60. tailor, 61. invest, 62. aberration, 63. complaining, 64. investors

65. The cost of the new equipment was _____ and beyond the company's budget.

adj. relating to astronomy or the study of celestial bodies and phenomena; very large or immense in scale or magnitude

66. The ____ deadline for submitting the project is tomorrow, so we need to work efficiently to finish on time.

adj. resolute or unwavering in decision-making or action; strong or secure in structure, make, or composition; reliable, trustworthy, or dependable; (noun) a business or company

67. It is an incredible ____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

68. They intend to _____ the footsteps of successful software companies.

v. to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else

69. He and I often had _____ not only in personality but also in ideology.

n. a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals

70. We ____ for an overseas expansion.

v. to try or plan to get or achieve something

71. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

ANSWERS: 65. astronomical, 66. firm, 67. feat, 68. emulate, 69. conflicts, 70. aim, 71. invisible

72. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

73. The drought led to widespread _____ in the region.

n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

74. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

75. We may frequently _____ age with the frequency of disease.

v. to have a connection or relationship in which one thing affects or depends on another

76. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

77. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector

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

78. Military technology eventually became the foundation for _____ technology that supported people's lives.

adj. of or relating to a subject of study, especially a science, that is used in a practical way

79. She had a very _____ instinct towards her newborn baby.

adj. relating to or characteristic of a mother; having feelings that are typical of a caring mother towards her child

ANSWERS: 72. secondly, 73. starvation, 74. elevates, 75. correlate, 76. finance, 77. fuel, 78. applied, 79. maternal

80. The _____ platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.
- n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
81. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
- adj.* unbelievable; enormous
82. We hired a management _____ to help us improve our business strategy.
- n.* a person who provides professional or expert advice
83. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
- v.* to frighten someone very much
84. John Whitney was a computer animation _____.
- n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
85. You must _____ and struggle on the court to win an acquittal.
- v.* to cause someone to move quickly by pushing them in a rough, aggressive way
86. The rabbit _____ over the fence.
- v.* to jump lightly and quickly on one foot or both feet; to move rapidly from one place to another; to travel using an aircraft, bus, etc.
87. The navy _____ ships of defeated nations.
- v.* to put someone in prison, especially for political or military reasons; (noun) a student or trainee who works, sometimes for free, to get work experience or to fulfill qualification criteria

ANSWERS: 80. candidate's, 81. incredible, 82. consultant, 83. terrify, 84. pioneer, 85. hustle, 86. hopped, 87. interned

88. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
89. The country _____ a large amount of agricultural products.
- v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
90. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
- n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
91. The politician delivered his speech from the _____ to a crowd of cheering supporters.
- n. an official in ancient Rome who represented various social groups and had the power to veto decisions made by other officials; a platform or elevated area used for speaking or addressing a public audience
92. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.
- n. the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
93. She was delighted when she made the final payment on her _____ purchase and could take home the dress she'd been eyeing.
- n. a purchasing method in which a customer reserves and pays for a product over a period of time before taking possession of it; the act or process of reserving and paying for a product in this manner

ANSWERS: 88. develop, 89. exports, 90. introduction, 91. tribune, 92. innovation, 93. layaway

94. He could not _____ against temptation.

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

95. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

- adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

96. My _____ was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.

- n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies

97. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

98. The sound of the trumpet _____ the arrival of the king.

- v.* to be a sign or indication of something to come; to proclaim or announce something publicly, often with great enthusiasm or fanfare

99. The man _____ before opening the door.

- v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

100. The baby clung _____ to her mother.

- adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency

101. His _____ presentation deeply moved everyone.

- adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

102. The _____ soldiers have the role of teaching recruits the stringencies of training.

- n.* a person who has had long experience in a particular area or activity

ANSWERS: 94. struggle, 95. resilient, 96. assignment, 97. Communal, 98. heralded, 99. paused, 100. desperately, 101. compelling, 102. veteran

103. 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

104. This disease has a high _____.

- n.* the quality or state of being subject to death

105. Her failure resulted in a loss of her _____.

- n.* a feeling of being proud of and confident in yourself

106. The _____ handles multiple plot lines and has unpredictable ends.

- n.* a story or a description of a series of events or process of telling a story

107. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.

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

108. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

109. The castle was _____ several years later.

- v.* to leave a place, thing, or person with no intention of returning; (noun) a feeling of extreme emotional intensity

110. We cannot _____ an opportunity for great success.

- v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

ANSWERS: 103. contribution, 104. mortality, 105. self-respect, 106. narrative, 107. asset, 108. opportune, 109. abandoned, 110. overlook

111. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.

- n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

112. Hey, _____ did you finish your homework yet?

- n.* a term of endearment used to address a young child or an adult in a playful or affectionate manner

113. I need to _____ down to pick up the pen from the floor.

- v.* to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground

114. 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.

115. The farmer proudly displayed his basket of freshly picked _____ at the market.

- n.* a small, sweet fruit with juicy flesh and a hard stone in the middle; a desirable or highly valued object, person, or position

116. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

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

117. 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

ANSWERS: 111. doll, 112. kiddo, 113. squat, 114. gap, 115. plums, 116. survival, 117. icons

118. That style is no longer in _____.

- n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular

119. She works as a sommelier at a prestigious _____ in Napa Valley.

- n.* a facility where grapes are processed, and wine is made and stored, often includes areas for tasting, tours, and sales

120. 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

121. The athlete was able to _____ over the hurdle with ease.

- v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

122. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

- n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

123. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.

- v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

124. Basketball is their usual _____ after school.

- n.* the activity that renews your health and spirits by enjoyment and relaxation; the act or process of making something that existed in the past exists or seems to exist again in a different time or place

125. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

- v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 118. fashion, 119. winery, 120. deployed, 121. leap, 122. critics, 123. innovate, 124. recreation, 125. celebrated

126. The company signed a _____ with the supplier for the delivery of goods.
n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
127. The building's _____ system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.
n. the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
128. Suspicion and worry were _____ in our minds.
adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
129. We can _____ this possibility from those consumptions.
v. to remove or get rid of someone or something
130. The company enhanced _____ operations to tap into new markets.
adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
131. 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
132. She increased her _____ by planning out her tasks for the day.
n. the state or quality of being productive; the rate at which a company or individual produces goods or services, often measured in terms of output per unit of input, such as labor, capital, or time

ANSWERS: 126. contract, 127. security, 128. pervasive, 129. eliminate, 130. oversea, 131. exceptional, 132. productivity

133. The loan was secured with _____ requiring the borrower to put up their house as a guarantee.

n. something of value pledged as security against a loan or debt; something that is related or complementary to something else, often as a secondary consequence

134. 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

135. His _____ goals were admirable but unrealistic.

adj. elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language

136. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

137. She wore a beautiful dress with delicate _____ detailing.

n. a delicate fabric made of interlacing thread or other material; a cord used to fasten or adorn clothing, often with a pattern of holes or spaces; a decorative netting or interlaced design

138. The law distinguishes between accidental and _____ killing.

adj. done, made or performed with purpose and intent

139. This food contains all the _____ your dog requires.

n. the substances or the process that organisms take into their bodies as food for their growth and health

ANSWERS: 133. collateral, 134. context, 135. lofty, 136. economy, 137. lace, 138. intentional, 139. nutrition

140. In just four years, the _____ has doubled.
n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location
141. The shipwreck _____ was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.
n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
142. The _____ handbook outlines the rules and regulations that all employees must follow.
n. a person who is hired to work for a business or organization in exchange for wages or salary; a worker
143. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.
v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
144. The study's results were based on _____ evidence gathered from extensive research.
adj. based on or verifiable by observation or experience rather than theory or pure logic
145. Despite the scandals, his reputation remained _____.
adj. undamaged and complete
146. Eventually, the new design will _____ all older models.
v. to take the place of something
147. Plutonium has limited _____ applications.
adj. not involving violence, conflict, or war

ANSWERS: 140. population, 141. survivor, 142. employee, 143. equipped, 144. empirical, 145. intact, 146. replace, 147. peaceful

148. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.

- v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

149. She was the _____ to the rule, as she managed to graduate college in only two years.

- n. something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others

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

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

151. The committee has decided to _____ the president from the post.

- v. to regard something or someone as not important and not worth considering; to terminate someone's employment

ANSWERS: 148. confer, 149. exception, 150. employ, 151. dismiss