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Session 1: Word List

troubling

adj. causing distress, anxiety, worry, or concern; disturbing; causing problems or difficulties

synonym : disturbing, unsettling, concerning

(1) **troubling** anecdotes, (2) a **troubling** trend

The news of the pandemic's spread is **troubling** and concerning.

deficit

n. the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required

synonym : insufficiency, deficiency, shortage

(1) federal budget **deficit**, (2) an accumulative **deficit**

Exchange rate fluctuations have increased that country's trade **deficit**.

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.

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.

primarily

adv. mainly

synonym: largely, mainly, mostly

(1) intended **primarily** for young people, (2) **primarily** affect adults

All peaceful cooperation is based **primarily** on mutual trust.

dialogue

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film

synonym: conversation, discussion, talk

(1) Platonic **dialogues**, (2) the form of a **dialogue**

He recorded the **dialogue** at the time of the incident.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

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.

diplomat

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or

international organizations

synonym: envoy, ambassador, representative

(1) allied **diplomat**, (2) expel a **diplomat**

The senior **diplomat** worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

statistics

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

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

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

agenda

n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered

synonym: program, schedule, list

(1) **agenda** setting, (2) ambitious **agenda**

The **agenda** for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.

disarm

v. to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary

synonym: demilitarize, neutralize

(1) **disarm** opponents, (2) **disarm** a bomb

The police were able to **disarm** the suspect without any violence.

cross-border

adj. relating to or involving movement, interaction, or communication between different countries or regions, especially those that share a common border

synonym: international, transnational, cross-national

(1) **cross-border** relations, (2) **cross-border** cooperation

The two neighboring countries have a **cross-border** trade agreement.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

loose

adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

synonym: relaxed, unconsolidated, open

(1) a **loose** tongue, (2) remove **loose** hair

The inspector discovered **loose** bolts under the fuel rods.

represent

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

synonym: depict, express, describe

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

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

religion

n. a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

synonym: faith, creed, belief

(1) **religion** sociology, (2) freedom of **religion**

Their **religion** strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

military

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

synonym: armed, martial, warlike

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

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

engagement

n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

synonym : betrothal, promise, commitment

(1) a prior **engagement**, (2) break off an **engagement**

They selected a gorgeous diamond **engagement** ring.

slide

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

synonym : glide, drift, drop

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

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

illustrate

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

synonym : demonstrate, explain, exemplify

(1) **illustrate** a key point, (2) **illustrate** a story

The company's financial records **illustrate** how successful it has been.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

interstate

adj. between or involving different states (= the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation)

synonym : cross-state, between states

(1) **interstate** disputes, (2) **interstate** travel

The **interstate** highway connects the major cities of the state.

grasp

v. to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

synonym : grab, clasp, grip

(1) **grasp** his hand, (2) **grasp** a chance

They spent a lot of time trying to **grasp** the current situation.

diplomacy

n. the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way

synonym: tact, negotiation, delicacy

(1) the language of **diplomacy**, (2) the art of **diplomacy**

Effective **diplomacy** is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.

core

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

synonym: center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity

These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

acknowledgment

n. the act of accepting or admitting something, or the fact of being accepted or admitted; recognition or acceptance of the existence or truth of something

synonym: recognition, acceptance, admission

(1) in thankful **acknowledgment**, (2) **acknowledgment** of obligation

The recipient signed the **acknowledgment** of receipt.

domestic

adj. relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international

synonym: endemic, private, household

(1) **domestic** airline, (2) a **domestic** animal

GDP stands for gross **domestic** product.

militarily

adv. in a manner related to the military or armed forces; with the use of military means

synonym: by force

(1) **militarily** strong, (2) **militarily** defeated

The country acted **militarily** against its enemy to protect its citizens.

reluctance

n. a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking

synonym: hesitation, resistance, unwillingness

(1) overcoming **reluctance**, (2) **reluctance** in buying

The company's **reluctance** to invest in new technology kept them from competing with other businesses.

conceptual

adj. related to or founded on ideas, principles

synonym: theoretical, abstract, ideational

(1) **conceptual** art, (2) new **conceptual** framework

He has absolutely no **conceptual** comprehension of maths.

politically

adv. in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation

(1) **politically** advantageous, (2) become **politically** savvy

This newspaper is supposed to be **politically** neutral.

aft

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

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

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

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym: directly, instantly, promptly

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

immediately

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

label

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

synonym: tag, mark, identifier

(1) a mailing **label**, (2) **label** a bag with my name

The **label** on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

terror

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

synonym : fear, alarm, horror

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

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

naive

adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

synonym : innocent, unsophisticated, gullible

(1) **naive** belief, (2) **naive** mistake

The con artist's lies quickly took in the **naive** young man.

intervention

n. the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so

synonym : interference, intercession, treatment

(1) **intervention** by foreign powers, (2) surgical

intervention

This **intervention** does not require the patient's consent.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym : depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him

Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

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.

alliance

n. a partnership or association formed for mutual benefit, particularly between nations or organizations.

synonym : pact, accord, coalition

(1) form **alliance**, (2) major airline **alliances**

To sell the product, the companies have formed an **alliance**.

solver

n. a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem

synonym : thinker

(1) puzzle- **solver**, (2) linear **solver**

The flow **solver** is validated against the experiment.

minister

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

synonym : bishop, official, ambassador

(1) **Minister** for Education, (2) deputy prime **minister**

The **minister** occasionally preaches at this church.

commander

n. a person who holds authority or control over a group or organization, particularly in a military, naval, or aerospace context; an official in charge of a particular aspect of operations, such as a commander of a ship or a commander of the air force

synonym : leader, captain, officer

(1) **commander** in chief, (2) police **commander**

The military **commander** led their troops into battle with precision and strategic planning.

troop

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

synonym : group, unit, band

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

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

persevere

v. to persist in the course of action, despite opposition or difficulty; to continue with determination despite setbacks, obstacles, or discouragement

synonym : persist, endure, continue

(1) **persevere** through hardships, (2) **persevere** in my goals
Even when faced with challenges, it's important to **persevere**
and never give up.

presence

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists,
occurs, or is present

synonym: existence, actuality, fact

(1) the evidence of the **presence**, (2) his majestic **presence**
The path to a solid online **presence** necessitates a high
technical ability.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a
particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or
approach used to accomplish a specific task or
objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable
for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**
The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and
complicated.

inclusive

adj. including much or everything, and especially including
stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things,
ideas, etc. involved in something

synonym: cover-all, all-embracing, comprehensive

(1) a fully **inclusive** price, (2) **inclusive** education
The university has established a capacity for each nationality
as part of its **inclusive** policy.

fabric

n. cloth or other material produced by weaving wool,
cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering
furniture, etc.

synonym: cloth, material, goods

(1) a hand-loomed **fabric**, (2) **fabric** of creation
These synthetic **fabrics** are used in military vests because of
their excellent abrasion resistance.

complicated

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

synonym: complex, convoluted, intricate

(1) a **complicated** process, (2) become increasingly

complicated

He did **complicated** pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

controversial

adj. causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute

synonym: contentious, disputed, questionable

(1) **controversial** book, (2) **controversial** policy

The issue of the death penalty is highly **controversial**.

committee

n. a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization

synonym: panel, board, council

(1) **committee** meeting, (2) **committee** member

The ad hoc **committee** met to discuss the proposal.

neutral

adj. not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.

synonym: impartial, uninvolved, halfhearted

(1) permanently **neutral** country, (2) **neutral** colors

A legislative speaker should always be **neutral**.

organization

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

synonym: association, institution, community

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

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

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym: likely, possible, potential

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

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

engage

v. to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

(1) **engage** in environmental protection activities,

(2) **engage** a new employee

Many multinational companies are **engaged** in the reconstruction of that country.

profoundly

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

synonym: deeply, greatly, completely

(1) **profoundly** insightful, (2) sleep **profoundly**

The novel affected her **profoundly**, causing her to question her beliefs and values.

disagree

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

synonym: discord, oppose, dissent

(1) **disagree** about a particular issue, (2) **disagree** with a plan

I **disagree** for reasons already stated above.

prime

adj. main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)

synonym: excellent, exceptional, premium

(1) **prime** number, (2) deputy **prime** minister

After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the **prime** suspect.

revolution

n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

synonym: coup, innovation, rebellion

(1) beginning of the industrial **revolution**, (2) a political **revolution**

The **revolution** by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.

heading

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

synonym: title, caption, label

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

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

moving

adj. causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

synonym: emotional, poignant, touching

(1) **moving** experience, (2) **moving** ceremony

His **moving** speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

dictate

v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

synonym: read out, prescribe, order

(1) **dictate** a letter to secretary, (2) **dictate** to the associate

The allies **dictated** the terms of surrender to the country.

authoritarian

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

synonym: dictatorial, totalitarian, despotic

(1) **authoritarian** practice, (2) **authoritarian** government

The **authoritarian** leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

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.

salute

v. to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way

synonym : greet, acknowledge, acclaim

(1) **salute** to the flag, (2) **salute** him in military fashion
The soldiers stood at attention to **salute** their commanding officer.

democracy

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

synonym : self-government, republic, commonwealth

(1) **democracy** advocate, (2) principles of **democracy**
Democracy often entails inclusive capitalism as well.

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.

brotherhood

n. a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest

synonym : fraternity, camaraderie, companionship

(1) spirit of **brotherhood**, (2) **brotherhood** among coworkers

The **brotherhood** between the firefighters was evident in

their teamwork and bravery during the blaze.

legitimate

adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

synonym : lawful, honest, fair

(1) a **legitimate** child, (2) **legitimate** question

Public political demonstrations are considered **legitimate** rights for citizens.

minority

n. the smaller part of a group, especially a number or part representing less than half of the whole; a period before adult legal age

synonym : adolescence, nonage, juvenility

(1) a **minority** position, (2) number of **minority** students

Some ethnic **minority** groups experienced discrimination in society.

preach

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

synonym : expound, advocate, sermonize

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

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

representative

n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

synonym : spokesperson, agent, delegate

(1) an official **representative**, (2) sales **representative**

The media **representatives** had special passes.

interlocutor

n. a person who participates in a conversation or dialogue; a person who speaks or converses with another

synonym : mediator, negotiator, go-between

(1) speak with an **interlocutor**, (2) find an **interlocutor**

She was my **interlocutor**, facilitating the conversation between the two sides.

instruct

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

synonym : train, coach, guide

(1) **instruct** a student, (2) **instruct** a computer
The facility manager **instructed** the security guards to be on high alert.

distinction

n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people
synonym: eminence, noteworthiness, excellence
(1) important **distinction**, (2) draw a **distinction**
I can't see any **distinction** between these two concepts.

accompany

v. to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
synonym: follow, escort, attend
(1) **accompany** a chicken dish, (2) **accompany** the book
Please let me know if you want to **accompany** me to my hometown.

aid

n. things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
synonym: helper, resource, assistance
(1) financial **aid**, (2) country-by-country **aid** programs
Pakistan's **aid** budget was still being reviewed.

array

n. a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
synonym: collection, display, batch
(1) a two-dimensional **array**, (2) an **array** of troops
The customer on the Internet has to choose one from a formidable **array** of products.

refuse

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
synonym: turn down, deny, decline
(1) **refuse** a request, (2) **refuse** the company
My initial reaction was to **refuse**.

dominate

v. to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
synonym: govern, rule, prevail

(1) **dominate** possession, (2) **dominate** over the weak
The perspective of his right brain **dominates** his consciousness.

radicalization

n. the process of adopting extreme or fanatical views, beliefs, or ideologies, often leading to violent or aggressive behavior

synonym: extremism, fanaticism, militancy

(1) religious **radicalization**, (2) **radicalization** of society
There was concern about the **radicalization** of some young people, as they were attracted to extremist ideologies.

violent

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

synonym: aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident
The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

demonstrate

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

synonym: show, illustrate, display

(1) **demonstrate** a difference, (2) **demonstrate** mastery
How can you **demonstrate** that the earth is a sphere?

civilization

n. a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs

synonym: society, culture, community

(1) **civilization** decline, (2) lost **civilization**
The rise and fall of **civilizations** can be studied through history and archaeology.

norm

n. something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
synonym: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

reward

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

synonym : compensation, gratuity, bonus

(1) the **reward** for good works, (2) shopping **rewards** cards
Night fishing has a lot of **rewards**.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym : incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap
There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

progression

n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward

synonym : advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease
The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

promising

adj. having the potential to be successful, helpful, or beneficial; showing signs of future success or achievement

synonym : hopeful, optimistic, encouraging

(1) **promising** idea, (2) **promising** start

Several top teams scouted **promising** young athletes.

captivity

n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

synonym : confinement, detention, imprisonment

(1) escape from **captivity**, (2) animals in **captivity** in the zoo

Pandas rarely breed in **captivity**.

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.

memoir

n. a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events

synonym: bio, biography

(1) family **memoir**, (2) publish a **memoir**

He wrote his **memoirs** while awaiting trial.

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.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

synonym: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force

Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

strategy

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

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

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

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym: inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

tricky

adj. requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

synonym: thorny, problematic, crafty

(1) **tricky** problem, (2) a **tricky** recipe to follow

We have discussed the entirety of this **tricky** problem.

reconciliation

n. the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond

synonym: accord, agreement, settlement

(1) national **reconciliation**, (2) **reconciliation** of financial accounts

They had a complete **reconciliation** a few days after their argument.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

banquet

n. a lavish meal or feast, often for a large group of people, and often accompanied by entertainment and celebration

synonym: feast, meal, dinner

(1) **banquet** hall, (2) host a **banquet**

We had a delicious **banquet** at the hotel for our anniversary dinner.

profound

adj. extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension

synonym: deep, unsounded, far-reaching

(1) a **profound** book, (2) the **profound** depths of the sea

My mother's illness had a **profound** impact on us all.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

synonym: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym: condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

seldom

adv. not often; rarely

synonym: rarely, hardly, infrequently

(1) **seldom** try to walk, (2) **seldom** fluctuate

He **seldom** went out to socialize, preferring to spend evenings at home.

alternative

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

synonym: choice, option

(1) an **alternative** plan, (2) there is no other **alternative**

Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using **alternative** medicines.

principle

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business

Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

strengthen

v. to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective

synonym: reinforce, harden, boost

(1) **strengthen** the immune system, (2) **strengthen** a border patrol

Difficulties **strengthen** the mind, as labor does the body.

convention

n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

synonym: meeting, conference, congress

(1) **convention** center, (2) political **convention**

They met at biennial **conventions**.

personnel

n. a group of people who are employed in an organization or one of the armed forces; the department responsible for hiring, training, and placing employees

synonym: workforce, staff, labor force

(1) competent **personnel**, (2) **personnel** evaluation

Please forward the resumes to the **personnel** department.

landmine

n. an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle

synonym: mine, explosive device, antipersonnel mine

(1) destroy a **landmine**, (2) **landmine** removal

The antipersonnel **landmine** was a dangerous obstacle in the war-torn area.

ban

v. to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

synonym: forbid, prohibit, restrict

(1) **ban** gender-related job discrimination, (2) **ban** any type of cloning

We should **ban** mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

cluster

n. a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

synonym : group, aggregation, array

(1) live in a **cluster**, (2) a **cluster** of stars

A **cluster** of grapes hung from the vine.

munition

n. weapons and ammunition used by soldiers or military forces; the tools, materials, or equipment used in the preparation or use of weapons and ammunition

synonym : armament, weaponry, ordnance

(1) **munitions** factory, (2) military **munitions**

The soldiers had stored their **munitions** in a secure bunker.

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym : alluring, interesting, engrossing

(1) **engaging** story, (2) an **engaging** smile

She was disbarred for her **engaging** in fraud.

standing

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

synonym : upright, vertical, (noun) position

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

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

slogan

n. a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

synonym : catchphrase, tagline, motto

(1) catchy **slogan**, (2) advertising **slogan**

The company spent months researching and testing different brand **slogans** before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

negotiation

n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others

synonym : bargaining, dialogue, haggling

(1) **negotiation** process, (2) **negotiation** skills

The **negotiation** between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.

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.

interaction

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

synonym : dealings, exchange, relations

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

(2) **interaction** among human beings

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

element

n. a fundamental or essential part of something

synonym : component, feature, essence

(1) new design **elements**, (2) nonmetallic **elements**

Natural selection is an essential **element** in Darwin's theory of evolution.

illustration

n. a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something

synonym : picture, diagram, explanation

(1) educational **illustration**, (2) **illustration** artist

The **illustration** in the book helped me understand the concept better.

disconnect

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

synonym : unplug, detach, take apart

(1) **disconnect** a plug, (2) **disconnect** the water supply
She finally decided to **disconnect** herself from the company.

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.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

broad

adj. very wide; general

synonym : wide, expansive, comprehensive

(1) attract **broad** attention, (2) a **broad** mind

He accumulated wealth across a **broad** spectrum of assets.

mobilize

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

synonym : activate, rally, marshal

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

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

crucial

adj. extremely vital or necessary

synonym : essential, pivotal, vital

(1) **crucial** information, (2) a **crucial** issue for women

The revitalization of technology companies is **crucial** to the country's growth.

globalization

n. the process by which economies, societies, and cultures around the world become increasingly integrated and interconnected through the rapid exchange of goods, services, ideas, and people across international borders

synonym : worldwide integration

(1) the rapid pace of **globalization**, (2) **globalization** trend
The spread of popular culture worldwide is an example of cultural **globalization**.

legitimacy

n. the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason

synonym : legality, lawfulness, authenticity

(1) democratic **legitimacy**, (2) challenge the **legitimacy**
I'm going to deny the **legitimacy** of his claim.

devise

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

synonym : create, concoct, invent

(1) **devise** a plan, (2) **devise** a literary plot

They had to **devise** a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

powerless

adj. lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change

synonym : helpless, impotent, feeble

(1) **powerless** position, (2) **powerless** in the organization

During the hurricane, we felt **powerless** against the winds and rain.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

toolbox

n. a container or storage unit for tools, typically characterized by a handle and one or more compartments for organizing and storing various tools

and equipment

synonym : tool chest, tool kit, tool bag

(1) design **toolbox**, (2) **toolbox** storage

You should always keep a basic **toolbox** in your car in case of an emergency.

touching

adj. evoking an emotional response; causing feelings of sympathy, tenderness, or compassion; having a poignant or emotional impact

synonym : moving, poignant, heartwarming

(1) **touching** appeal, (2) **touching** moment

The movie's **touching** storyline left the audience in tears.

concrete

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

synonym : actual, factual, hardened

(1) a **concrete** noun, (2) **concrete** examples

The president asked for a more **concrete** plan.

recede

v. to pull back or move away or backward

synonym : move back, retreat, downsize

(1) **recede** from view, (2) **recede** in the darkness

The king's political power **receded** even further.

courage

n. the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

synonym : bravery, valor, fearlessness

(1) mental **courage**, (2) inspire **courage**

It takes a lot of **courage** to stand up for what you believe is right.

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.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops
The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

improve

v. to make or become better

synonym : enhance, ameliorate, enrich

(1) **improve** a process, (2) **improve** the test score
We want to **improve** ties between our two countries.

council

n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

synonym : board, committee, assembly

(1) other **council** members, (2) city **council** election
The city **council** voted to approve the new development project.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**
Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

initiative

n. the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need

synonym : enterprise, drive, ambition

(1) a peace **initiative**, (2) take **initiative**

The teacher's **initiative** to start a school garden project was met with enthusiasm from the students.

tension

n. a state of mental or emotional strain or excitement; the state of being stretched tight

synonym: stress, strain, anxiety

(1) **tension** headache, (2) a high- **tension** wire

The **tension** in the room was palpable as the team waited for their leader to speak.

strength

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

synonym: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**

Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

complexity

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

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

migration

n. the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change

synonym: exodus

(1) the **migration** of birds, (2) overseas **migration**

There was a **migration** of impoverished farmers into the towns.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. mu____ons factory | <i>n.</i> weapons and ammunition used by soldiers or military forces; the tools, materials, or equipment used in the preparation or use of weapons and ammunition |
| 2. official sta_____cs | <i>n.</i> the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data |
| 3. muscular st_____th | <i>n.</i> the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong |
| 4. int_____ion by foreign powers | <i>n.</i> the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so |
| 5. mo___n poetry | <i>adj.</i> of or belonging to the present time or recent times |
| 6. the pr_____nd depths of the sea | <i>adj.</i> extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension |
| 7. st_____le to get the job | <i>v.</i> to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction |
| 8. important dis_____on | <i>n.</i> a difference or contrast between similar things or people |
| 9. the language of di_____cy | <i>n.</i> the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way |

ANSWERS: 1. munition, 2. statistics, 3. strength, 4. intervention, 5. modern, 6. profound, 7. struggle, 8. distinction, 9. diplomacy

10. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
11. n__m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
12. co_____er in chief *n.* a person who holds authority or control over a group or organization, particularly in a military, naval, or aerospace context; an official in charge of a particular aspect of operations, such as a commander of a ship or a commander of the air force
13. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
14. become increasingly com_____ed *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
15. cro_____der cooperation *adj.* relating to or involving movement, interaction, or communication between different countries or regions, especially those that share a common border
16. surgical int_____ion *n.* the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
17. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
18. pe_____el evaluation *n.* a group of people who are employed in an organization or one of the armed forces; the department responsible for hiring, training, and placing employees

ANSWERS: 10. statistics, 11. norm, 12. commander, 13. circumstance, 14. complicated, 15. cross-border, 16. intervention, 17. population, 18. personnel

19. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
20. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
21. cultural n____m *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
22. political con_____on *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
23. host a ba_____t *n.* a lavish meal or feast, often for a large group of people, and often accompanied by entertainment and celebration
24. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
25. con_____on center *n.* a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example
26. a circular mo_____nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
27. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
28. ne_____l colors *adj.* not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.

ANSWERS: 19. represent, 20. survive, 21. norm, 22. convention, 23. banquet, 24. immediately, 25. convention, 26. movement, 27. impressive, 28. neutral

29. new design el_____ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
30. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
31. to_____x storage *n.* a container or storage unit for tools, typically characterized by a handle and one or more compartments for organizing and storing various tools and equipment
32. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
33. country-by-country a_d programs *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
34. te_____n headache *n.* a state of mental or emotional strain or excitement; the state of being stretched tight
35. an official rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
36. advertising sl_____n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
37. de_____e a literary plot *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
38. cr_____l information *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
39. re_____e in the darkness *v.* to pull back or move away or backward

ANSWERS: 29. element, 30. strategy, 31. toolbox, 32. communal, 33. aid, 34. tension, 35. representative, 36. slogan, 37. devise, 38. crucial, 39. recede

40. st_____ng water *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
41. an alt_____ve plan *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
42. expel a di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
43. shopping re____ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
44. design to_____x *n.* a container or storage unit for tools, typically characterized by a handle and one or more compartments for organizing and storing various tools and equipment
45. a prior eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
46. pr_____le of treatment *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
47. to_____ng appeal *adj.* evoking an emotional response; causing feelings of sympathy, tenderness, or compassion; having a poignant or emotional impact
48. gr__p a chance *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

ANSWERS: 40. standing, 41. alternative, 42. diplomat, 43. reward, 44. toolbox, 45. engagement, 46. principle, 47. touching, 48. grasp

49. teaching of Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
50. overseas mi_____on *n.* the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
51. the mi_____on of birds *n.* the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
52. in_____ct a student *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
53. the art of di_____cy *n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way
54. pr__e number *adj.* main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
55. a co_____te noun *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
56. re___e from view *v.* to pull back or move away or backward
57. se___m try to walk *adv.* not often; rarely

ANSWERS: 49. Christ, 50. migration, 51. migration, 52. instruct, 53. diplomacy, 54. prime, 55. concrete, 56. recede, 57. seldom

58. speak with an int_____tor *n.* a person who participates in a conversation or dialogue; a person who speaks or converses with another
59. vi___m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
60. em_____ng technologies *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
61. principles of de_____cy *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
62. pr_____ng idea *adj.* having the potential to be successful, helpful, or beneficial; showing signs of future success or achievement
63. the pa_____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
64. ack_____ent of obligation *n.* the act of accepting or admitting something, or the fact of being accepted or admitted; recognition or acceptance of the existence or truth of something
65. a two-dimensional ar___y *n.* a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
66. in_____ve education *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

ANSWERS: 58. interlocutor, 59. victim, 60. emerging, 61. democracy, 62. promising, 63. paradox, 64. acknowledgment, 65. array, 66. inclusive

67. a fully in_____ve price *adj.* including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something
68. the re____d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
69. federal budget de_____t *n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required
70. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
71. co_____te examples *adj.* existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement
72. nonmetallic el_____ts *n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
73. de____e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
74. pr_____le in business *n.* a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
75. tr_____ng anecdotes *adj.* causing distress, anxiety, worry, or concern; disturbing; causing problems or difficulties

ANSWERS: 67. inclusive, 68. reward, 69. deficit, 70. progression, 71. concrete, 72. element, 73. decide, 74. principle, 75. troubling

76. int_____on among human beings *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
77. ill_____te a story *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
78. mental co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
79. the c__e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
80. family me____r *n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events
81. inspire co_____e *n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous
82. aut_____ian practice *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
83. con_____al art *adj.* related to or founded on ideas, principles
84. re___e a request *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
85. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

ANSWERS: 76. interaction, 77. illustrate, 78. courage, 79. core, 80. memoir, 81. courage, 82. authoritarian, 83. conceptual, 84. refuse, 85. individual

86. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
87. mil_____ly strong *adv.* in a manner related to the military or armed forces; with the use of military means
88. pr___h the gospel *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
89. leg_____te question *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
90. rec_____ion of financial accounts *n.* the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond
91. national rec_____ion *n.* the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond
92. im_____e a process *v.* to make or become better
93. la__l a bag with my name *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
94. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
95. 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

ANSWERS: 86. communicate, 87. militarily, 88. preach, 89. legitimate, 90. reconciliation, 91. reconciliation, 92. improve, 93. label, 94. struggle, 95. security

96. before Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
97. pr_____ly affect adults *adv.* mainly
98. allied di_____at *n.* a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations
99. di_____e to the associate *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded
100. neg_____on process *n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
101. fa___c of creation *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
102. attract br__d attention *adj.* very wide; general
103. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
104. sa___e to the flag *v.* to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way
105. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something

ANSWERS: 96. Christ, 97. primarily, 98. diplomat, 99. dictate, 100. negotiation, 101. fabric, 102. broad, 103. government, 104. salute, 105. violent

106. a cl_____r of stars *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
107. beginning of the industrial rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
108. int_____te travel *adj.* between or involving different states (= the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation)
109. a mailing la__l *n.* a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category
110. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
111. op_____s the people with force *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people
112. de___e a plan *v.* to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination
113. military mu_____ons *n.* weapons and ammunition used by soldiers or military forces; the tools, materials, or equipment used in the preparation or use of weapons and ammunition

ANSWERS: 106. cluster, 107. revolution, 108. interstate, 109. label, 110. tradition, 111. oppress, 112. devise, 113. munition

114. ambitious ag___a *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered
115. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
116. a tr___y recipe to follow *adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with
117. the evidence of the pr_____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
118. an en_____ng smile *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming
119. new con_____al framework *adj.* related to or founded on ideas, principles
120. con_____ial policy *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
121. di___m a bomb *v.* to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary
122. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
123. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
124. dem_____te a difference *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

ANSWERS: 114. agenda, 115. communicate, 116. tricky, 117. presence, 118. engaging, 119. conceptual, 120. controversial, 121. disarm, 122. troop, 123. movement, 124. demonstrate

125. the co_____ct between good and evil *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
126. org_____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
127. find an int_____tor *n.* a person who participates in a conversation or dialogue; a person who speaks or converses with another
128. dis_____ct the water supply *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
129. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
130. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
131. con_____ial book *adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
132. overcoming rel_____ce *n.* a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking
133. pe_____re through hardships *v.* to persist in the course of action, despite opposition or difficulty; to continue with determination despite setbacks, obstacles, or discouragement
134. sleep pro_____ly *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
135. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

ANSWERS: 125. conflict, 126. organization, 127. interlocutor, 128. disconnect, 129. rely, 130. complexity, 131. controversial, 132. reluctance, 133. persevere, 134. profoundly, 135. survival

136. pe_____re in my goals *v.* to persist in the course of action, despite opposition or difficulty; to continue with determination despite setbacks, obstacles, or discouragement
137. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
138. an accumulative de_____t *n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required
139. other co_____l members *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
140. rad_____ion of society *n.* the process of adopting extreme or fanatical views, beliefs, or ideologies, often leading to violent or aggressive behavior
141. c__e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
142. draw a dis_____on *n.* a difference or contrast between similar things or people
143. de_____cy advocate *n.* a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
144. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

ANSWERS: 136. persevere, 137. complexity, 138. deficit, 139. council, 140. radicalization, 141. core, 142. distinction, 143. democracy, 144. climate

145. sa___e him in military fashion *v.* to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way
146. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
147. gr__p his hand *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
148. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
149. city co_____l election *n.* a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place
150. pr_____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
151. a lo__e tongue *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
152. a political rev_____on *n.* a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;
153. Platonic di_____ues *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
154. pr_____ng start *adj.* having the potential to be successful, helpful, or beneficial; showing signs of future success or achievement
155. sl__e a glance *v.* to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption

ANSWERS: 145. salute, 146. aft, 147. grasp, 148. settle, 149. council, 150. probable, 151. loose, 152. revolution, 153. dialogue, 154. promising, 155. slide

156. in_____ct a computer *v.* to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something
157. ill_____ion artist *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
158. cro_____der relations *adj.* relating to or involving movement, interaction, or communication between different countries or regions, especially those that share a common border
159. rel_____ce in buying *n.* a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking
160. permanently ne_____l country *adj.* not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.
161. re_____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
162. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
163. escape from ca_____ty *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
164. democratic leg_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
165. tr___y problem *adj.* requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

ANSWERS: 156. instruct, 157. illustration, 158. cross-border, 159. reluctance, 160. neutral, 161. relation, 162. individual, 163. captivity, 164. legitimacy, 165. tricky

166. a pr____nd book *adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
167. animals in ca_____ty in the zoo *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
168. st____th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
169. bro_____od among coworkers *n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
170. pro_____ly insightful *adv.* to a great or complete degree; deeply
171. co_____ee member *n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization
172. b_n any type of cloning *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
173. there is no other alt_____ve *n.* one of two or more available possibilities or choice
174. destroy a la_____ne *n.* an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle
175. 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
176. glo_____ion trend *n.* the process by which economies, societies, and cultures around the world become increasingly integrated and interconnected through the rapid exchange of goods, services, ideas, and people across international borders

ANSWERS: 166. profound, 167. captivity, 168. strength, 169. brotherhood, 170. profoundly, 171. committee, 172. ban, 173. alternative, 174. landmine, 175. discuss,

176. globalization

177. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
178. an ar__y of troops *n.* a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive
179. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
180. 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
181. remove lo__e hair *adj.* not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something
182. a mi_____ty position *n.* the smaller part of a group, especially a number or part representing less than half of the whole; a period before adult legal age
183. a tr_____ng trend *adj.* causing distress, anxiety, worry, or concern; disturbing; causing problems or difficulties
184. sales rep_____ive *n.* someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people
185. the rapid pace of glo_____ion *n.* the process by which economies, societies, and cultures around the world become increasingly integrated and interconnected through the rapid exchange of goods, services, ideas, and people across international borders

ANSWERS: 177. immediately, 178. array, 179. communal, 180. security, 181. loose, 182. minority, 183. troubling, 184. representative, 185. globalization

186. a leg_____te child *adj.* accordant with or allowed by law; lawful
187. religious rad_____ion *n.* the process of adopting extreme or fanatical views, beliefs, or ideologies, often leading to violent or aggressive behavior
188. int_____te disputes *adj.* between or involving different states (= the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation)
189. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
190. te____r attack *n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
191. the int_____on between man and his environment *n.* the act of connecting with someone, mainly when working, playing, or spending time with them
192. ec_____y class *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
193. vi____m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
194. ag____a setting *n.* a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered

ANSWERS: 186. legitimate, 187. radicalization, 188. interstate, 189. circumstance, 190. terror, 191. interaction, 192. economy, 193. victim, 194. agenda

195. di_____ee about a particular issue *v.* to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
196. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
197. po_____ss position *adj.* lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
198. lost civ_____ion *n.* a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
199. publish a me____r *n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events
200. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
201. to_____ng moment *adj.* evoking an emotional response; causing feelings of sympathy, tenderness, or compassion; having a poignant or emotional impact
202. linear so____r *n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
203. the longstanding co_____ct *n.* a strong disagreement, argument, or a violent clash between two opposing groups or individuals
204. en_____ng story *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming

ANSWERS: 195. disagree, 196. government, 197. powerless, 198. civilization, 199. memoir, 200. represent, 201. touching, 202. solver, 203. conflict, 204. engaging

205. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
206. intended pr_____ly for young people *adv.* mainly
207. str_____en a border patrol *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
208. ill_____te a key point *v.* to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation
209. dis_____ct a plug *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
210. competent pe_____el *n.* a group of people who are employed in an organization or one of the armed forces; the department responsible for hiring, training, and placing employees
211. deputy prime mi_____er *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
212. di_____e a letter to secretary *v.* to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

ANSWERS: 205. process, 206. primarily, 207. strengthen, 208. illustrate, 209. disconnect, 210. personnel, 211. minister, 212. dictate

213. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
214. French pa_____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
215. deputy pr__e minister *adj.* main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)
216. pol_____ly advantageous *adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
217. a com_____ed process *adj.* involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze
218. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
219. dem_____te mastery *v.* to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience
220. re_____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
221. ba_____t hall *n.* a lavish meal or feast, often for a large group of people, and often accompanied by entertainment and celebration
222. neg_____on skills *n.* the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others
223. op_____s the minority *v.* to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

ANSWERS: 213. climate, 214. paradox, 215. prime, 216. politically, 217. complicated, 218. survive, 219. demonstrate, 220. relation, 221. banquet, 222. negotiation, 223. oppress

224. mo____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
225. na__e belief *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
226. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
227. puzzle-so____r *n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
228. spirit of bro____od *n.* a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest
229. financial a_d *n.* things sent to help countries in need, notably food or money; support
230. labor pop____on *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
231. take ini____ve *n.* the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
232. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement

ANSWERS: 224. mobilize, 225. naive, 226. process, 227. solver, 228. brotherhood, 229. aid, 230. population, 231. initiative, 232. settle

233. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
234. number of mi____ty students *n.* the smaller part of a group, especially a number or part representing less than half of the whole; a period before adult legal age
235. mil_____ly defeated *adv.* in a manner related to the military or armed forces; with the use of military means
236. freedom of re_____on *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
237. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
238. a mi_____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
239. re___e the company *v.* to show that one is not willing to do or accept something
240. his social st_____ng *adj.* existing or remaining upright; having a vertical position; (noun) social, financial, or professional status or reputation
241. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
242. te___r group *n.* intense fear; a state of intense fear or alarm
243. co_____ee meeting *n.* a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization

ANSWERS: 233. decide, 234. minority, 235. militarily, 236. religion, 237. engage, 238. military, 239. refuse, 240. standing, 241. engage, 242. terror, 243. committee

244. become pol_____ly savvy	<i>adv.</i> in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
245. se___m fluctuate	<i>adv.</i> not often; rarely
246. ac_____ny a chicken dish	<i>v.</i> to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
247. po_____ss in the organization	<i>adj.</i> lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
248. pre-mo___n agricultural society	<i>adj.</i> of or belonging to the present time or recent times
249. civ_____ion decline	<i>n.</i> a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs
250. live in a cl_____r	<i>n.</i> a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
251. mo___g experience	<i>adj.</i> causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
252. di_____ee with a plan	<i>v.</i> to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.
253. sl__e a card across the table	<i>v.</i> to move or cause to move smoothly along a surface without interruption
254. police co_____er	<i>n.</i> a person who holds authority or control over a group or organization, particularly in a military, naval, or aerospace context; an official in charge of a particular aspect of operations, such as a commander of a ship or a commander of the air force

ANSWERS: 244. politically, 245. seldom, 246. accompany, 247. powerless, 248. modern, 249. civilization, 250. cluster, 251. moving, 252. disagree, 253. slide, 254. commander

255. pr____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
256. 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
257. a mi____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
258. str____en the immune system *v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
259. a br__d mind *adj.* very wide; general
260. do____te possession *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
261. chapter he____g *n.* a title, caption, or heading that introduces or summarizes the content of a written or printed document; the direction or course in which something is moving or heading
262. pr____h to the masses *v.* to deliver a religious or moral message to an audience
263. major airline al____ces *n.* a partnership or association formed for mutual benefit, particularly between nations or organizations.
264. against tr____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 255. probable, 256. economy, 257. military, 258. strengthen, 259. broad, 260. dominate, 261. heading, 262. preach, 263. alliance, 264. tradition

265. re_____on sociology *n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny
266. di___m opponents *v.* to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary
267. im_____e the test score *v.* to make or become better
268. a hand-loomed fa___c *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
269. break off an eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
270. na__e mistake *adj.* showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment
271. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
272. educational ill_____ion *n.* a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something
273. a cr_____l issue for women *adj.* extremely vital or necessary
274. the members of a military tr__p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
275. la_____ne removal *n.* an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle

ANSWERS: 265. religion, 266. disarm, 267. improve, 268. fabric, 269. engagement, 270. naive, 271. survival, 272. illustration, 273. crucial, 274. troop, 275. landmine

276. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
277. a high-te_____n wire *n.* a state of mental or emotional strain or excitement; the state of being stretched tight
278. form al_____ce *n.* a partnership or association formed for mutual benefit, particularly between nations or organizations.
279. 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
280. em_____ng country *adj.* starting to exist, mature, or become well-known
281. b_n gender-related job discrimination *v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something
282. the form of a di_____ue *n.* a conversation in a book, play, or film
283. in thankful ack_____ent *n.* the act of accepting or admitting something, or the fact of being accepted or admitted; recognition or acceptance of the existence or truth of something
284. do_____te over the weak *v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something
285. Mi_____er for Education *n.* a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department
286. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 276. organization, 277. tension, 278. alliance, 279. discuss, 280. emerging, 281. ban, 282. dialogue, 283. acknowledgment, 284. dominate, 285. minister, 286. aft

287. develop a st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
288. catchy sl____n *n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea
289. aut______ian government *adj.* characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights
290. a do____ic animal *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
291. an imp____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
292. ac____ny the book *v.* to go somewhere or travel with someone or something
293. mo____g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
294. mo____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
295. victim of a vi____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
296. his majestic pr____ce *n.* the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present
297. he____g font *n.* a title, caption, or heading that introduces or summarizes the content of a written or printed document; the direction or course in which something is moving or heading

ANSWERS: 287. strategy, 288. slogan, 289. authoritarian, 290. domestic, 291. impressive, 292. accompany, 293. moving, 294. mobilize, 295. violent, 296. presence, 297. heading

298. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
299. do_____ic airline *adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
300. challenge the leg_____cy *n.* the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason
301. a peace ini_____ve *n.* the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
302. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 298. progression, 299. domestic, 300. legitimacy, 301. initiative, 302. rely

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The military _____ troops to the border.
v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
2. The news of the pandemic's spread is _____ and concerning.
adj. causing distress, anxiety, worry, or concern; disturbing; causing problems or difficulties
3. Please forward the resumes to the _____ department.
n. a group of people who are employed in an organization or one of the armed forces; the department responsible for hiring, training, and placing employees
4. _____ often entails inclusive capitalism as well.
n. a form of government in which the people have the authority to deliberate and decide legislation, or to choose governing officials to do so
5. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
6. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
7. After a thorough investigation, she has been named as the _____ suspect.
adj. main or most important; basic; (prime number, noun) a natural number greater than 1 that cannot be formed by multiplying two smaller natural numbers (e.g., 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 and 13)

ANSWERS: 1. mobilized, 2. troubling, 3. personnel, 4. Democracy, 5. relations, 6. complexity, 7. prime

8. He accumulated wealth across a _____ spectrum of assets.

adj. very wide; general

9. The _____ between the firefighters was evident in their teamwork and bravery during the blaze.

n. a relationship characterized by mutual support, unity, and camaraderie among people who share a common interest

10. This _____ does not require the patient's consent.

n. the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so

11. They selected a gorgeous diamond _____ ring.

n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time

12. His _____ speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

adj. causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

13. He did _____ pen-and-ink drawings in just a few days.

adj. involving a lot of different things or parts in a way that is difficult to understand or analyze

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

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

ANSWERS: 8. broad, 9. brotherhood, 10. intervention, 11. engagement, 12. moving, 13. complicated, 14. heading

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

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

16. The two neighboring countries have a _____ trade agreement.

adj. relating to or involving movement, interaction, or communication between different countries or regions, especially those that share a common border

17. Even when faced with challenges, it's important to _____ and never give up.

v. to persist in the course of action, despite opposition or difficulty; to continue with determination despite setbacks, obstacles, or discouragement

18. They had a complete _____ a few days after their argument.

n. the restoration of cordial or friendly relations; getting two things to correspond

19. The rise and fall of _____ can be studied through history and archaeology.

n. a complex and highly organized society that has developed over time and has a dominant culture, including features such as language, religion, government, technology, and social customs

20. The _____ leadership style left no room for dissent or alternative opinions.

adj. characterized by strict, absolute control and obedience to authority or rules; dictatorial and lacking in personal freedoms or individual rights

21. Historically, many countries have often _____ certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

ANSWERS: 15. Emerging, 16. cross-border, 17. persevere, 18. reconciliation, 19. civilizations, 20. authoritarian, 21. oppressed

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

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

23. To sell the product, the companies have formed an _____.

n. a partnership or association formed for mutual benefit, particularly between nations or organizations.

24. The path to a solid online _____ necessitates a high technical ability.

n. the fact or state that someone or something exists, occurs, or is present

25. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

26. The _____ highway connects the major cities of the state.

adj. between or involving different states (= the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation)

27. The pastor _____ about the importance of forgiveness.

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

28. 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

29. The city _____ voted to approve the new development project.

n. a group of people who have been elected or appointed to make decisions or give advice on a particular subject or in a particular place

ANSWERS: 22. aid, 23. alliance, 24. presence, 25. circumstances, 26. interstate, 27. preached, 28. struggle, 29. council

30. The bomb blast spread _____ among the people.

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

31. The media _____ had special passes.

n. someone who speaks or acts officially on behalf of another person or group of people

32. Doctors are gradually coming around to the idea of using _____ medicines.

n. one of two or more available possibilities or choice

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

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

34. We have discussed the entirety of this _____ problem.

adj. requiring care and skill because challenging to do or deal with

35. The spread of popular culture worldwide is an example of cultural _____.

n. the process by which economies, societies, and cultures around the world become increasingly integrated and interconnected through the rapid exchange of goods, services, ideas, and people across international borders

36. The _____ between the two countries was a delicate and complex process.

n. the process of discussing and reaching an agreement with others

37. The university has established a capacity for each nationality as part of its _____ policy.

adj. including much or everything, and especially including stated limits; not excluding any of the people, things, ideas, etc. involved in something

ANSWERS: 30. terror, 31. representatives, 32. alternative, 33. strength, 34. tricky, 35. globalization, 36. negotiation, 37. inclusive

38. During the hurricane, we felt _____ against the winds and rain.
adj. lacking power, strength, or authority; unable to act or affect change
39. The soldiers had stored their _____ in a secure bunker.
n. weapons and ammunition used by soldiers or military forces; the tools, materials, or equipment used in the preparation or use of weapons and ammunition
40. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.
n. the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
41. Exchange rate fluctuations have increased that country's trade _____.
n. the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required
42. She is the president of a large international _____.
n. a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
43. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
44. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
45. The _____ by the citizen resulted in a redistribution of wealth.
n. a large-scale attempt to overthrow the government of a country, often using violence or war;

ANSWERS: 38. powerless, 39. munitions, 40. progression, 41. deficit, 42. organization, 43. modern, 44. tradition, 45. revolution

46. The _____ occasionally preaches at this church.

n. a person appointed to or a job of a head of a government department

47. Night fishing has a lot of _____.

n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.

48. Efficiency isn't an essential _____ here; fairness is.

n. a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

49. The _____ of the two groups is good for brainstorming.

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

50. I don't want to _____ for second best.

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

51. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.

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

52. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

53. The facility manager _____ the security guards to be on high alert.

v. to teach someone practical skills or knowledge; to formally order or tell someone to do something

ANSWERS: 46. minister, 47. rewards, 48. principle, 49. interaction, 50. settle, 51. represent, 52. rely, 53. instructed

54. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.
- n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
55. The flow _____ is validated against the experiment.
- n.* a thinker who finds an answer to a problem or a difficult situation; a piece of software or the algorithm that solves a mathematical problem
56. The ___ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
- adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
57. Difficulties _____ the mind, as labor does the body.
- v.* to become stronger or more effective; to make someone or something stronger or more effective
58. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
- adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
59. The teacher's _____ to start a school garden project was met with enthusiasm from the students.
- n.* the ability to act or make decisions independently and with confidence; a plan or action proposed or taken to address a problem or need
60. 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

ANSWERS: 54. movement, 55. solver, 56. aft, 57. strengthen, 58. probable, 59. initiative, 60. victim

61. The movie's _____ storyline left the audience in tears.

adj. evoking an emotional response; causing feelings of sympathy, tenderness, or compassion; having a poignant or emotional impact

62. There was a _____ of impoverished farmers into the towns.

n. the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change

63. The _____ for the meeting includes discussions on the budget and new project proposals.

n. a list or outline of things to be done, discussed, or considered

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

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

65. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill

66. Pandas rarely breed in _____.

n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

67. The con artist's lies quickly took in the _____ young man.

adj. showing unaffected simplicity and lack of experience, wisdom, or judgment

68. I'm going to deny the _____ of his claim.

n. the state or quality of being allowed and acceptable under the law; the state or quality of being founded on a reasonable or acceptable reason

ANSWERS: 61. touching, 62. migration, 63. agenda, 64. military, 65. impressive, 66. captivity, 67. naive, 68. legitimacy

69. I _____ for reasons already stated above.

v. to have or express a different opinion, idea, etc.

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

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

71. The military _____ led their troops into battle with precision and strategic planning.

n. a person who holds authority or control over a group or organization, particularly in a military, naval, or aerospace context; an official in charge of a particular aspect of operations, such as a commander of a ship or a commander of the air force

72. The revitalization of technology companies is _____ to the country's growth.

adj. extremely vital or necessary

73. My initial reaction was to _____.

v. to show that one is not willing to do or accept something

74. I can't see any _____ between these two concepts.

n. a difference or contrast between similar things or people

75. The _____ in the book helped me understand the concept better.

n. a picture or diagram in a book, magazine, or newspaper that is used to explain or decorate the text; the act or process of explaining something

76. The _____ concert was packed with fans.

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

ANSWERS: 69. disagree, 70. violent, 71. commander, 72. crucial, 73. refuse, 74. distinction, 75. illustration, 76. standing

77. He recorded the _____ at the time of the incident.

n. a conversation in a book, play, or film

78. How can you _____ that the earth is a sphere?

v. to display something or give an exhibition to an interested audience

79. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

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

80. As an _____ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

81. Public political demonstrations are considered _____ rights for citizens.

adj. accordant with or allowed by law; lawful

82. A _____ of grapes hung from the vine.

n. a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

83. 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

84. The customer on the Internet has to choose one from a formidable _____ of products.

n. a large group or collection of things or people, especially one that is impressive or attractive

ANSWERS: 77. dialogue, 78. demonstrate, 79. survive, 80. individual, 81. legitimate, 82. cluster, 83. conflicts, 84. array

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

adv. now or without delay

86. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

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

87. The ad hoc _____ met to discuss the proposal.

n. a group of people appointed or elected to perform a specific function or manage a particular task, often within a larger organization

88. The company's _____ to invest in new technology kept them from competing with other businesses.

n. a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking

89. The _____ in the room was palpable as the team waited for their leader to speak.

n. a state of mental or emotional strain or excitement; the state of being stretched tight

90. He has absolutely no _____ comprehension of maths.

adj. related to or founded on ideas, principles

91. Please let me know if you want to _____ me to my hometown.

v. to go somewhere or travel with someone or something

92. 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

ANSWERS: 85. immediately, 86. Communal, 87. committee, 88. reluctance, 89. tension, 90. conceptual, 91. accompany, 92. security

93. The president asked for a more _____ plan.

adj. existing in a physical or material form rather than an abstract one; based on facts rather than ideas or guesses; made of or covered with cement

94. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

95. The inspector discovered _____ bolts under the fuel rods.

adj. not securely fixed or fastened in place or able to be detached or separated from something

96. The police were able to _____ the suspect without any violence.

v. to remove weapons or the means of attack from a person, group, or situation; to win over or reduce suspicion or hostility from an opponent or adversary

97. They met at biennial _____.

n. a large formal assembly of people who do a particular job or have a similar interest or of a political party; something regarded as a normative example

98. The antipersonnel _____ was a dangerous obstacle in the war-torn area.

n. an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle

99. She was my _____ facilitating the conversation between the two sides.

n. a person who participates in a conversation or dialogue; a person who speaks or converses with another

100. The _____ on the food package lists the ingredients and nutritional information.

n. a small piece of paper, fabric, or other material attached to an object and giving information about it; (verb) to assign to a category

ANSWERS: 93. concrete, 94. engaging, 95. loose, 96. disarm, 97. conventions, 98. landmine, 99. interlocutor, 100. label

101. If necessary, you can _____ the front seats forward.

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

102. Effective _____ is necessary to resolve conflicts and maintain relationships between countries.

- n.* the art and practice of conducting negotiations between nations, organizations, or people; the fine art of dealing with people in a sensitive and effective way

103. The soldiers stood at attention to _____ their commanding officer.

- v.* to show respect or recognition for someone or something, often by making a gesture or performing an action; to greet or acknowledge someone in a formal or ceremonious way

104. The perspective of his right brain _____ his consciousness.

- v.* to have or control a lot of power and influence over somebody or something

105. Some ethnic _____ groups experienced discrimination in society.

- n.* the smaller part of a group, especially a number or part representing less than half of the whole; a period before adult legal age

106. Their _____ strictly prohibits them from drinking or gambling.

- n.* a deep conviction in a supernatural power that controls human destiny

107. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.

- v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

108. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

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

ANSWERS: 101. slide, 102. diplomacy, 103. salute, 104. dominates, 105. minority, 106. religion, 107. communicate, 108. survival

109. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry _____.
- n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
110. 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
111. My mother's illness had a _____ impact on us all.
- adj.* extremely great; sensed or experienced very strongly; displaying a high level of knowledge or comprehension
112. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
113. GDP stands for gross _____ product.
- adj.* relating to or inside a particular country, not foreign or international
114. Several top teams scouted _____ young athletes.
- adj.* having the potential to be successful, helpful, or beneficial; showing signs of future success or achievement
115. He wrote his _____ while awaiting trial.
- n.* a historical account or biography written from the writer's knowledge of famous people, places, or events
116. The recipient signed the _____ of receipt.
- n.* the act of accepting or admitting something, or the fact of being accepted or admitted; recognition or acceptance of the existence or truth of something

ANSWERS: 109. norms, 110. discuss, 111. profound, 112. process, 113. domestic, 114. promising, 115. memoirs, 116. acknowledgment

117. All peaceful cooperation is based _____ on mutual trust.

adv. mainly

118. The king's political power _____ even further.

v. to pull back or move away or backward

119. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

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

120. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

121. The novel affected her _____ causing her to question her beliefs and values.

adv. to a great or complete degree; deeply

122. The company's financial records _____ how successful it has been.

v. to provide pictures, photographs, diagrams, etc. in a book or something for explanation

123. There was concern about the _____ of some young people, as they were attracted to extremist ideologies.

n. the process of adopting extreme or fanatical views, beliefs, or ideologies, often leading to violent or aggressive behavior

124. The allies _____ the terms of surrender to the country.

v. to state or give order with total authority; to say or read aloud for somebody else to write down or to be recorded

ANSWERS: 117. primarily, 118. receded, 119. government, 120. Climate, 121. profoundly, 122. illustrate, 123. radicalization, 124. dictated

125. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

- v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

126. It takes a lot of _____ to stand up for what you believe is right.

- n.* the ability to face danger, difficulty, uncertainty, or pain without being overcome by fear or despair; the quality of being brave or courageous

127. He _____ went out to socialize, preferring to spend evenings at home.

- adv.* not often; rarely

128. You should always keep a basic _____ in your car in case of an emergency.

- n.* a container or storage unit for tools, typically characterized by a handle and one or more compartments for organizing and storing various tools and equipment

129. The company spent months researching and testing different brand _____ before finally settling on 'Just Do It' as their new tagline.

- n.* a short, catchy phrase or motto that is used by a person, organization, or company to promote a particular product, cause, or idea

130. We should _____ mildly violent video games from a child's development perspective.

- v.* to officially or legally forbid or refuse to allow something

131. They spent a lot of time trying to _____ the current situation.

- v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

132. 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

ANSWERS: 125. decide, 126. courage, 127. seldom, 128. toolbox, 129. slogans, 130. ban, 131. grasp, 132. economy

133. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
- n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
134. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.
- v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
135. This newspaper is supposed to be _____ neutral.
- adv.* in a way that relates to the government or public affairs of a nation
136. We had a delicious _____ at the hotel for our anniversary dinner.
- n.* a lavish meal or feast, often for a large group of people, and often accompanied by entertainment and celebration
137. The issue of the death penalty is highly _____.
- adj.* causing a lot of hot public discussion and dispute
138. Natural selection is an essential _____ in Darwin's theory of evolution.
- n.* a fundamental or essential part of something
139. The country acted _____ against its enemy to protect its citizens.
- adv.* in a manner related to the military or armed forces; with the use of military means
140. These synthetic _____ are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.
- n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

ANSWERS: 133. strategy, 134. engaged, 135. politically, 136. banquet, 137. controversial, 138. element, 139. militarily, 140. fabrics

141. We want to _____ ties between our two countries.

v. to make or become better

142. _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

143. The senior _____ worked tirelessly to negotiate a peace treaty between the two countries.

n. a person appointed by a government to conduct diplomacy (= the management of relationships between countries) with one or more other countries or international organizations

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

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

145. She finally decided to _____ herself from the company.

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

146. There are many theories to explain this _____.

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

147. They had to _____ a system that did not depend on fossil fuels.

v. to come up with an idea, plan, theory, etc., using your intelligence or imagination

148. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic _____.

n. the most essential or fundamental part of something

ANSWERS: 141. improve, 142. Christmas, 143. diplomat, 144. troop, 145. disconnect, 146. paradox, 147. devise, 148. cores

149. A legislative speaker should always be _____.

adj. not helping or assisting either side in a conflict, argument, etc.

150. In just four years, the _____ has doubled.

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

151. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

ANSWERS: 149. neutral, 150. population, 151. statistics