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Session 1: Word List

dispute

n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one

synonym : argument, disagreement, quarrel

(1) a legal **dispute** over the title, (2) **dispute** settlement

The **dispute** over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.

president

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

synonym : leader, CEO, chairperson

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

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

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym : select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death

Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

immediate

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

synonym : prompt, quick, instantaneous

(1) take **immediate** effect, (2) the **immediate** past
Both forts were subject to **immediate** attacks.

aftermath

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

synonym: consequence, backwash, result

(1) financial **aftermath**, (2) the **aftermath** of a crisis
The **aftermath** of the hurricane left the city in shambles.

outbreak

n. a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant

synonym: eruption, outburst, explosion

(1) infectious disease **outbreaks**, (2) the **outbreak** of hostilities

The government predicts an epidemic **outbreak** of multiple viruses, including coronaviruses and influenza.

ethnic

adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

synonym: racial, ethnical, tribal

(1) **ethnic** minority, (2) single **ethnic** group

Each **ethnic** group has its unique rituals.

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.

pundit

n. an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

synonym: expert, commentator, punditry

(1) conservative **pundit**, (2) sports **pundit**

The political **pundit** provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.

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.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym: abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

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

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

impose

v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received

synonym: charge, levy, foist

(1) **impose** harsher sanctions, (2) **impose** tariffs

The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they **impose** on students.

signify

v. to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word

synonym: indicate, express, convey

(1) **signify** importance, (2) actions that **signify** agreement

The red lights on the dashboard **signify** that the car needs maintenance.

blackout

n. a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness

synonym: outage, failure, knockout

(1) media **blackout**, (2) memory **blackout**

The nationwide **blackout** caused widespread power outages

and disrupted daily life.

commentary

n. an expression or explanation of opinions or observations on a particular subject, event, or situation; detailed analysis or explanation provided in writing or orally
synonym: analysis, critique, interpretation

(1) **commentary** piece, (2) political **commentary**

The sports **commentary** provided insightful analysis and observations throughout the game.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym: geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

critic

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

synonym: pundit, analyst, attacker

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

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

solicit

v. to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty

synonym: request, seek, ask

(1) **solicit** advice, (2) **solicit** patronage

The company **solicited** donations from its employees for the charity event.

collate

v. to collect, arrange, and assemble information or material in a specified order or sequence

synonym: compare, correlate, match

(1) **collate** data, (2) **collate** information

I need to **collate** these documents in the correct order before

stapling them together.

automated

adj. carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor

synonym : computerized, mechanical, laborsaving

(1) **automated** manual transmission, (2) **automated** way

The plant will continue operating through an **automated** system 24 hours a day.

launch

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

synonym : start, initiate, begin

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

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

witness

n. a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident

synonym : onlooker, attestant, bystander

(1) **witness** of the car accident, (2) a material **witness**

The manufacturing industry is **witnessing** fierce competition.

testimony

n. a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

synonym : affirmant, evidence, proof

(1) **testimony** before Congress, (2) give his **testimony**

Witness **testimony** backed up the defendant's claims.

aggregate

n. a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items

synonym : total, sum, whole

(1) data **aggregate**, (2) an **aggregate** of people

The **aggregate** amount of money raised for the charity was over a million dollars.

tacit

adj. understood or implied without being stated outright; unspoken or inferred through context or implication

synonym : implicit, unspoken, inferred

(1) **tacit** support, (2) **tacit** consent

Their friendship was based on a **tacit** understanding of each other's needs and desires.

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.

maneuver

n. a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

synonym : gimmick, trick, action

(1) political **maneuvers**, (2) made a great **maneuver**

In this class, we learn the basic **maneuver** of the plane.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

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.

platform

n. the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a

computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed

synonym : stage, podium, forum

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

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

deploy

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

synonym : set up, expand, launch

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

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

elector

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

synonym : voter, constituent, citizen

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

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

fraud

n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses

synonym : trickery, deceit, blackmail

(1) get money by **fraud**, (2) victim of **fraud**

The police arrested them for committing insurance **fraud**.

cleanup

n. an act or process of cleaning up a particular area, space, or mess; the removal of dirt, debris, or other unwanted materials

synonym : tidying up, cleaning, maintenance

(1) **cleanup** crew, (2) roadside **cleanup**

After the party, a massive **cleanup** was needed to restore the house.

earthquake

n. a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface

synonym : seismic activity, tremor, temblor

(1) an **earthquake** zone, (2) an **earthquake-proof**

The violent **earthquake** caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.

implement

v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect

synonym: execute, enforce, put through

(1) **implement** a corporate strategy, (2) **implement** security measures

The government promised to **implement** a new system to control the financial crisis.

digital

adj. processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

synonym: numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym: goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

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.

cognitive

adj. of or relating to mental processes of understanding

synonym : perceivable, mind, mental

(1) improve **cognitive** function, (2) research on **cognitive** psychology

His **cognitive** faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.

surplus

n. an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply

synonym : excess, surplusage, remainder

(1) budget **surplus**, (2) **surplus** of exports

The food **surplus** at the end of the event was donated to a local homeless shelter.

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.

volunteer

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

synonym : unpaid worker, draftee, enlistee

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

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

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym : donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

collaborate

v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something

synonym: cooperate, unite, get together

(1) **collaborate** with the police, (2) **collaborate** on a press release

She agreed to **collaborate** with him in creating new artwork.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

(1) **obvious** reasons, (2) his conclusion was **obvious**

There are **obvious** differences between the two wine-producing regions.

talent

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

synonym: endowment, aptitude, capability

(1) a person of diverse **talents**, (2) raw **talent**

Numerous great professional sports **talents** have come from this city.

trillion

n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million

(1) **trillion** cubic feet, (2) many **trillions** of dollars

One light year is nearly 6 **trillion** miles.

commit

v. to do something illegal or wrong

synonym: engage, carry out, execute

(1) **commit** suicide, (2) **commit** mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

couch

n. a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

synonym : sofa, settee, divan

(1) leather **couch**, (2) a **couch** potato

I love to relax on the **couch** and watch movies on the weekends.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

motivation

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

synonym : inspiration, incentive, reason

(1) understand his **motivation**, (2) **motivation** for a change

A significant amount of **motivation** is required to be a teacher.

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.

large-scale

adj. involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity

synonym : big, massive, grand

(1) **large-scale** project, (2) **large-scale** agriculture

The company is planning to make a **large-scale** expansion of its factory.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

experiment

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

synonym : experimentation, investigation

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

His **experiments** showed highly positive results.

literary

adj. relating to or characteristic of literature (= written or spoken works of artistic expression) or other related works, particularly in terms of style and content

synonym : written, authorial, erudite

(1) **literary** criticism, (2) **literary** figures

The **literary** community mourned the loss of the talented author.

artistic

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

synonym : beautiful, aesthetic, creative

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

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

cute

adj. attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way

synonym : attractive, charming, adorable

(1) act **cute**, (2) super **cute** dress

The baby's chubby cheeks and big eyes made her look so **cute**.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym: accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

caption

n. a title or brief explanation accompanying a photograph, illustration, or other images; a heading or inscription for a chapter, section, or document

synonym: heading, subheading, title

(1) **caption** text, (2) social media **caption**

The **caption** on the photograph helped to explain the image's content.

abundant

adj. present in great quantity

synonym: ample, plentiful, generative

(1) live an **abundant** life, (2) an **abundant** supply of water

The country has **abundant** oil and natural gas resources.

participate

v. to take part in something

synonym: take part, partake, enter

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

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

stipulate

v. to specify or require something as a condition of an agreement or arrangement

synonym: specify, require, demand

(1) **stipulate** conditions, (2) **stipulate** the deadline

The contract **stipulates** that the work must be completed within six months.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

candidate

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

synonym: applicant, nominee, contender

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

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

mediocre

adj. of only average quality; not very good

synonym: average, ordinary, unimpressive

(1) **mediocre** performance, (2) a **mediocre** talent

He was considered a **mediocre** artist compared to others in his field.

throwaway

adj. designed to be used only once and then discarded

synonym: disposable, one-time-use, expendable

(1) **throwaway** item, (2) **throwaway** culture

Throwaway plastic containers are causing a major environmental issue.

spectrum

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

synonym: range, scale, spread

(1) a broad **spectrum** of opinion, (2) infrared **spectrum**

This device displayed the speech **spectrum** spectrographically.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

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.

gap

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

synonym : opening, lacuna, spread

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

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

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym : alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

abundance

n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

synonym : plenty, affluence, plentitude

(1) an age of **abundance**, (2) an **abundance** of examples

A healthy farm provides an **abundance** of food.

sacred

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

synonym : holy, inviolable, hallowed

(1) **sacred** music, (2) the halo of a **sacred** image

This space is a private office **sacred** to the President

erotic

adj. relating to or arousing sexual desire or excitement; considered taboo or provocative

synonym : sensual, arousing, sexy

(1) **erotic** novel, (2) **erotic** dance

The painting contained subtle **erotic** undertones.

novel

n. an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

synonym: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

journal

n. a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession

synonym: periodical, diary, bulletin

(1) scientific **journal**, (2) **journal** articles

The physician is reading the **journals** related to medicine

curiosity

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

synonym: interest, inquisitiveness, novelty

(1) boundless **curiosity**, (2) satisfy my intellectual **curiosity**

We are motivated by **curiosity** rather than necessity.

historic

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

synonym: memorable, momentous, historical

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

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

era

n. a period that is distinct from others, typically in history

synonym: epoch, age, period

(1) dawn of a new **era**, (2) the **era** of the Renaissance

Political corruption was common throughout the postwar **era**.

intrinsic

adj. belonging naturally; essential

synonym: inherent, innate, natural

(1) **intrinsic** value, (2) **intrinsic** nature

The **intrinsic** beauty of the painting was immediately

apparent to all who viewed it.

graph

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

synonym : chart, diagram, figure

(1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

deter

v. to discourage or prevent someone from doing something

synonym : prevent, discourage, forestall

(1) **deter** aggression, (2) **deter** crime

The high fence was meant to **deter** intruders from entering the property.

punishment

n. a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

synonym : penalty, discipline, retribution

(1) **punishment** for a crime, (2) humiliating **punishment**

The judge gave severe **punishment** to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.

straightforward

adj. easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

synonym : honest, candid, forthright

(1) **straightforward** manner, (2) make a **straightforward** dash

The defendant gave a **straightforward** and accurate description of the accident.

commonsense

adj. exhibiting sound, practical judgment concerning everyday matters; (noun) a basic ability to perceive, understand, and judge in a manner that nearly all people share

synonym : balanced, pragmatic, judicious

(1) **commonsense** scholarship, (2) **commonsense** reforms
Innovative companies often question **commonsense**

practices and break them.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue
Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

untested

adj. not yet tried or proven; lacking in experience or verification; not yet subjected to a test or trial

synonym : untried, new, inexperienced

(1) **untested** hypothesis, (2) **untested** vaccine
The **untested** theory still needs to be reviewed by experts in the field.

studied

adj. deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned

synonym : thoughtful, deliberate, calculated

(1) **studied** analysis, (2) well- **studied** decision
His speech was carefully crafted and delivered with **studied** confidence.

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.

pickup

n. a type of vehicle with an open-air cargo bed at the back used for transporting goods or equipment; the act of collecting or gathering someone or something from a particular location; a warrant to take someone into custody

synonym : truck, cartridge

(1) **pickup** truck, (2) **pickup** and delivery service
I'll be waiting for you in front of the café at 6 PM, so be on time for our **pickup**.

appoint

v. to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place

synonym: designate, assign, name

(1) **appoint** members, (2) **appoint** the day

The court **appointed** a guardian for the child.

par

n. a state of being equal to someone or something

synonym: equality, standard, balance

(1) above **par** performance, (2) not up to **par**

Shares in the company finally fell below their **par** value.

errand

n. a short trip that is taken to perform a specified task, such as to take a message or to take or collect something

synonym: task, chore

(1) **errand** boy, (2) run an **errand**

He sent me on an **errand**.

slack

adj. lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude

synonym: loose, lax, floppy

(1) a **slack** rope, (2) **slack** performance

The team's **slack** attitude towards deadlines caused the project to fall behind schedule.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

arrival

n. the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective

synonym: reaching, appearance, coming

(1) **arrival** and departure gate, (2) **arrival** at a conclusion

Weather forecasters are predicting the **arrival** of a heatwave.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
synonym : separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

bargain

n. an agreement between two parties regarding the terms of a purchase or a transaction; a deal or a negotiation that results in a product or a service being acquired for a lower price than usual or expected

synonym : deal, agreement, pact

(1) **bargain** deal, (2) **bargain** hunting

The price for the used car was a **bargain** compared to the market value.

boom

n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

synonym : roaring, prosperity, boost

(1) **boom** in sales, (2) a sonic **boom**

The high-technology industry is enjoying a **boom**.

triple

adj. consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many

synonym : threefold

(1) a **triple** mirror, (2) **triple** digits

His coach is a **triple** Olympic champion.

fluctuate

v. to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably

synonym : vary, oscillate, sway

(1) **fluctuate** prices, (2) **fluctuate** rapidly

Stock prices **fluctuate** daily based on market demand and supply.

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**.

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.

debt

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

synonym: liability, obligation, deficit

(1) **debt** ceiling, (2) corporate **debt**

He became in **debt** after losing his job.

discharge

v. to release or let go of something or someone; to dismiss or terminate an employee or member of an organization; to emit or give off a substance or energy

synonym: release, emit, expel

(1) **discharge** water, (2) **discharge** a contract

The hospital will **discharge** the patient as soon as their condition stabilizes.

residue

n. a substance that remains after a process or reaction; a remnant of something that once existed

synonym: remnants, leftover, debris

(1) **residue** after evaporation, (2) chemical **residue**

There was a **residue** of soap in the bottle that wouldn't come out.

guilt

n. the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

synonym: regret, remorse, blame

(1) criminal **guilt**, (2) feeling of **guilt**

Shame and **guilt** have significant social influences.

owe

v. to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;

synonym: have an obligation, incur

(1) **owe** \$100 to my friend, (2) **owe** him a grudge

She **owes** her friend a favor for helping her move.

sensible

adj. having good sense or judgment; reasonable; practical; marked by a perception of the importance or seriousness of something

synonym: reasonable, practical, pragmatic

(1) **sensible** decision, (2) **sensible** approach

It's **sensible** to wear a helmet when riding a bike.

explanation

n. the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear

synonym: description, elucidation, account

(1) the **explanation** for the failure, (2) detailed **explanation**

The following **explanation** is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

rational

adj. based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking

synonym: logical, reasonable, sensible

(1) **rational** decision, (2) the **rational** faculty

The **rational** approach to problem-solving involves weighing all options.

maximum

adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained

synonym : peak, top, highest

(1) **maximum** limit, (2) the **maximum** speed

The **maximum** temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.

contract

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

synonym : agreement, deal, arrangement

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

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

operate

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

synonym : work, use, employ

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

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

constraint

n. a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought

synonym : limitation, restriction, bound

(1) **constraint** on business activity, (2) strict time **constraints**

The budget **constraint** forced them to make difficult decisions.

generous

adj. willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected

synonym : charitable, benevolent, giving

(1) a **generous** reward, (2) a **generous** and thoughtful person

This teacher is **generous** in his grading.

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.

incompatible

adj. so different as to not be able to exist or work with another thing or person

synonym: inharmonious, conflicting, inconsistent

(1) **incompatible** personalities, (2) **incompatible** colors

It is a religion **incompatible** with the western country.

persist

v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

synonym: endure, continue, carry on

(1) **persist** over time, (2) **persist** in success

Consult your doctor if the symptoms **persist**.

situ

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

synonym: situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control

Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each

battery is the same.

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.

publicly

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public;
by the government

synonym: candidly, openly, honestly

(1) **publicly** accessible record, (2) **publicly** financed
schools

She **publicly** denounced the government's mishandling of
the economic crisis.

envision

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the
future

synonym: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success

We cannot **envision** her as President.

contrast

v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences

synonym: differ, vary, counterpoint

(1) **contrast** with a decade ago, (2) **contrast** two things

It's intriguing to compare and **contrast** the two authors.

civic

adj. of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it

synonym: community, municipal, communal

(1) **civic** activity, (2) **civic** center

The city promotes **civic** collaboration in community
development

collective

adj. done or shared by every member of a group of people
synonym : composite, concerted, cumulative

(1) right to **collective** bargaining, (2) **collective** ownership
Product development is a **collective** effort.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity
Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

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**.

achieve

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

synonym : accomplish, attain, reach

(1) **achieve** success, (2) **achieve** milestones
I will work hard to **achieve** my goals and realize my dreams.

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym : huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential
Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

overhead

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

synonym : expense, upkeep, (adverb) aloft

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

default

- v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

synonym : fail, neglect, omit

(1) **default** settings, (2) **default** on the mortgage

If you don't specify a different option, the computer will **default** to its original settings.

dean

- n. a person in charge of a college, faculty, or other academic departments, tasked with overseeing its operations, policies, and staff; a senior member of a profession or organization who is highly respected for their knowledge and experience

synonym : head, director, chancellor

(1) **dean's** list, (2) **dean** of faculty

The university's **dean** was responsible for overseeing the academic programs and policies.

invention

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

synonym : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**
Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

entrepreneur

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

synonym : founder, executive

(1) a successful **entrepreneur**, (2) billionaire **entrepreneur**
Entrepreneurs willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

cult

- n. a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the

norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

synonym : sect, faith, religion

(1) **cult** members, (2) **cult's** practices

The **cult** leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.

celebrate

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

synonym : praise, glorify, honor

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

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

crack

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

synonym : snap, burst, break

(1) **crack** an eggshell, (2) a **crack** in a board

He that would eat the kernel must **crack** the nut.

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**.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym : level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

Session 2: Spelling

1. inc_____ble colors *adj.* so different as to not be able to exist or work with another thing or person
2. conservative pu____t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
3. ci__c activity *adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
4. de____t settings *v.* to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options
5. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
6. the af_____th of a crisis *n.* the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event
7. pu_____ly financed schools *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
8. manually op_____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something

ANSWERS: 1. incompatible, 2. pundit, 3. civic, 4. default, 5. opportune, 6. aftermath, 7. publicly, 8. operate

9. political ma_____ers *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
10. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
11. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
12. tr____e digits *adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
13. a ge____us reward *adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected
14. presidential el____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
15. a tr____e mirror *adj.* consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many
16. a successful ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
17. par_____te in the program *v.* to take part in something
18. cr__k an eggshell *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

ANSWERS: 9. maneuver, 10. invention, 11. crisis, 12. triple, 13. generous, 14. elector, 15. triple, 16. entrepreneur, 17. participate, 18. crack

19. lar_____le agriculture *adj.* involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
20. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
21. billionaire ent_____eur *n.* an individual who creates or invests in one or more businesses, especially when this involves taking financial risks
22. chemical re_____e *n.* a substance that remains after a process or reaction; a remnant of something that once existed
23. com_____ry piece *n.* an expression or explanation of opinions or observations on a particular subject, event, or situation; detailed analysis or explanation provided in writing or orally
24. co_____ct law *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
25. ci__c center *adj.* of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it
26. a gr__h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
27. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge

ANSWERS: 19. large-scale, 20. environment, 21. entrepreneur, 22. residue, 23. commentary, 24. contract, 25. civic, 26. graph, 27. experiment

28. 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
29. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
30. criminal gu__t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
31. ca_____te selection *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant
32. c__t's practices *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
33. an ab_____ce of examples *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
34. an ear_____ke-proof *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
35. research on co_____ve psychology *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
36. a di_____l watch *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

ANSWERS: 28. struggle, 29. violent, 30. guilt, 31. candidate, 32. cult, 33. abundance, 34. earthquake, 35. cognitive, 36. digital

37. st_____te conditions *v.* to specify or require something as a condition of an agreement or arrangement
38. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
39. 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.
40. tr_____on cubic feet *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
41. a ge_____us and thoughtful person *adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected
42. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
43. en_____on the future *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
44. li_____ry figures *adj.* relating to or characteristic of literature (= written or spoken works of artistic expression) or other related works, particularly in terms of style and content
45. se_____le approach *adj.* having good sense or judgment; reasonable; practical; marked by a perception of the importance or seriousness of something

ANSWERS: 37. stipulate, 38. motivation, 39. rely, 40. trillion, 41. generous, 42. landscape, 43. envision, 44. literary, 45. sensible

46. humiliating pun_____nt *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
47. the ou_____ak of hostilities *n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant
48. de___e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
49. make a str_____ard dash *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
50. the halo of a sa___d image *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
51. my vo_____er work *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
52. co_____e data *v.* to collect, arrange, and assemble information or material in a specified order or sequence
53. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
54. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
55. di_____l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

ANSWERS: 46. punishment, 47. outbreak, 48. degree, 49. straightforward, 50. sacred, 51. volunteer, 52. collate, 53. grab, 54. constantly, 55. digital

56. co____st with a decade ago *v.* to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
57. la____h a spaceship into orbit *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
58. en____on the project's success *v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
59. detailed exp____on *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
60. la____h a big attack *v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
61. com____se reforms *adj.* exhibiting sound, practical judgment concerning everyday matters; (noun) a basic ability to perceive, understand, and judge in a manner that nearly all people share
62. d__n's list *n.* a person in charge of a college, faculty, or other academic departments, tasked with overseeing its operations, policies, and staff; a senior member of a profession or organization who is highly respected for their knowledge and experience
63. ov____ad capital *n.* the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky

ANSWERS: 56. contrast, 57. launch, 58. envision, 59. explanation, 60. launch, 61. commonsense, 62. dean, 63. overhead

64. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
65. a material wi____s *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
66. qualified for an el____r *n.* a person who has the right to vote in an election
67. wi____s of the car accident *n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
68. inc____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
69. co____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
70. col____te on a press release *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
71. fl____te prices *v.* to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably
72. memory bl____ut *n.* a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness
73. th____ay item *adj.* designed to be used only once and then discarded
74. re____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
75. a broad sp____um of opinion *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

ANSWERS: 64. elect, 65. witness, 66. elector, 67. witness, 68. incredible, 69. consume, 70. collaborate, 71. fluctuate, 72. blackout, 73. throwaway, 74. represent, 75. spectrum

76. en____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
77. leather co__h *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
78. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
79. an age of ab____ce *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
80. super c__e dress *adj.* attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way
81. so____t advice *v.* to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty
82. barren of cr____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
83. well-st____d decision *adj.* deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned
84. many tr____ons of dollars *n.* the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
85. com____se scholarship *adj.* exhibiting sound, practical judgment concerning everyday matters; (noun) a basic ability to perceive, understand, and judge in a manner that nearly all people share
86. ce____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 76. enormous, 77. couch, 78. elect, 79. abundance, 80. cute, 81. solicit, 82. creative, 83. studied, 84. trillion, 85. commonsense, 86. celebrate

87. strict time con_____nts *n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
88. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
89. victim of fr__d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
90. se_____le decision *adj.* having good sense or judgment; reasonable; practical; marked by a perception of the importance or seriousness of something
91. in_____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
92. feeling of gu__t *n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong
93. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
94. get money by fr__d *n.* the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
95. re_____e after evaporation *n.* a substance that remains after a process or reaction; a remnant of something that once existed
96. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

ANSWERS: 87. constraint, 88. grab, 89. fraud, 90. sensible, 91. inherit, 92. guilt, 93. situ, 94. fraud, 95. residue, 96. government

97. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
98. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
99. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
100. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
101. above p_r performance *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
102. political com_____ry *n.* an expression or explanation of opinions or observations on a particular subject, event, or situation; detailed analysis or explanation provided in writing or orally
103. lar_____le project *adj.* involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity
104. di_____ge water *v.* to release or let go of something or someone; to dismiss or terminate an employee or member of an organization; to emit or give off a substance or energy
105. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
106. sl__k performance *adj.* lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude

ANSWERS: 97. opportune, 98. environment, 99. communal, 100. ancient, 101. par, 102. commentary, 103. large-scale, 104. discharge, 105. largely, 106. slack

107. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
108. roadside cl____p *n.* an act or process of cleaning up a particular area, space, or mess; the removal of dirt, debris, or other unwanted materials
109. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
110. in_____ic value *adj.* belonging naturally; essential
111. au_____ed way *adj.* carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
112. im___e tariffs *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
113. live an ab_____nt life *adj.* present in great quantity
114. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
115. seek vo_____ers *n.* a person who performs or offers to perform a job or service without being paid for or forced to do
116. a legal di_____e over the title *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
117. jo_____l articles *n.* a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
118. a sl__k rope *adj.* lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude

ANSWERS: 107. modern, 108. cleanup, 109. contribute, 110. intrinsic, 111. automated, 112. impose, 113. abundant, 114. consume, 115. volunteer, 116. dispute, 117. journal, 118. slack

119. boundless cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
120. dawn of a new e_a *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history
121. ta__t support *adj.* understood or implied without being stated outright; unspoken or inferred through context or implication
122. 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
123. pi___p and delivery service *n.* a type of vehicle with an open-air cargo bed at the back used for transporting goods or equipment; the act of collecting or gathering someone or something from a particular location; a warrant to take someone into custody
124. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
125. vice-pr_____nt for finance *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.
126. me_____re performance *adj.* of only average quality; not very good
127. distance g_p *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 119. curiosity, 120. era, 121. tacit, 122. economy, 123. pickup, 124. modern, 125. president, 126. mediocre, 127. gap

128. in_____ic nature *adj.* belonging naturally; essential
129. shopping re___ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
130. et___c minority *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
131. im___e harsher sanctions *v.* to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
132. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
133. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
134. run an er___d *n.* a short trip that is taken to perform a specified task, such as to take a message or to take or collect something
135. right to col_____ve bargaining *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
136. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
137. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
138. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
139. give his te_____ny *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
140. pun_____nt for a crime *n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing

ANSWERS: 128. intrinsic, 129. reward, 130. ethnic, 131. impose, 132. addition, 133. instance, 134. errand, 135. collective, 136. decide, 137. communal, 138. obvious, 139. testimony, 140. punishment

141. co___t suicide *v.* to do something illegal or wrong
142. ap____t the day *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
143. er___c novel *adj.* relating to or arousing sexual desire or excitement; considered taboo or provocative
144. si____y importance *v.* to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word
145. hi____ic accomplishment *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
146. d__n of faculty *n.* a person in charge of a college, faculty, or other academic departments, tasked with overseeing its operations, policies, and staff; a senior member of a profession or organization who is highly respected for their knowledge and experience
147. un____ed vaccine *adj.* not yet tried or proven; lacking in experience or verification; not yet subjected to a test or trial
148. infectious disease ou____aks *n.* a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant
149. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

ANSWERS: 141. commit, 142. appoint, 143. erotic, 144. signify, 145. historic, 146. dean, 147. untested, 148. outbreak, 149. creative

150. at inc_____le speed	<i>adj.</i> unbelievable; enormous
151. common in_____on	<i>n.</i> the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
152. gr__h theory	<i>n.</i> a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
153. an ag_____te of people	<i>n.</i> a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items
154. st_____te the deadline	<i>v.</i> to specify or require something as a condition of an agreement or arrangement
155. his conclusion was ob_____s	<i>adj.</i> easy to see, discover or understand
156. r__y on convenience stores	<i>v.</i> to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
157. en_____us potential	<i>adj.</i> extremely large or great
158. fl_____te rapidly	<i>v.</i> to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably
159. di___e the cake into two pieces	<i>v.</i> to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
160. an ar_____ic photograph	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
161. ar_____l and departure gate	<i>n.</i> the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective

ANSWERS: 150. incredible, 151. invention, 152. graph, 153. aggregate, 154. stipulate, 155. obvious, 156. rely, 157. enormous, 158. fluctuate, 159. divide, 160. artistic, 161. arrival

162. str_____ard manner *adj.* easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity
163. di_____ge a contract *v.* to release or let go of something or someone; to dismiss or terminate an employee or member of an organization; to emit or give off a substance or energy
164. th_____ay culture *adj.* designed to be used only once and then discarded
165. op_____e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
166. bachelor's de_____e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
167. an arrival pl_____rm *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
168. historical no____l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
169. 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
170. pr_____nt emeritus *n.* the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 162. straightforward, 163. discharge, 164. throwaway, 165. operate, 166. degree, 167. platform, 168. novel, 169. decide, 170. president

171. st____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
172. media bl____ut *n.* a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness
173. the exp____on for the failure *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
174. 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
175. not up to p_r *n.* a state of being equal to someone or something
176. ta__t consent *adj.* understood or implied without being stated outright; unspoken or inferred through context or implication
177. write him an answer imm____ly *adv.* now or without delay
178. the ra____al faculty *adj.* based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking
179. c__t members *n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices

ANSWERS: 171. struggle, 172. blackout, 173. explanation, 174. economy, 175. par, 176. tacit, 177. immediately, 178. rational, 179. cult

180. an ear_____ke zone *n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
181. ar_____l at a conclusion *n.* the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective
182. cr____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
183. social media ca_____n *n.* a title or brief explanation accompanying a photograph, illustration, or other images; a heading or inscription for a chapter, section, or document
184. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
185. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
186. st_____d analysis *adj.* deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned
187. a high-te_____n wire *n.* a state of mental or emotional strain or excitement; the state of being stretched tight
188. satisfy my intellectual cu_____ty *n.* a strong desire to know or learn about something
189. single et____c group *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
190. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

ANSWERS: 180. earthquake, 181. arrival, 182. crisis, 183. caption, 184. largely, 185. critic, 186. studied, 187. tension, 188. curiosity, 189. ethnic, 190. organization

191. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
192. d__t ceiling *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
193. understand his mot_____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
194. sports pu___t *n.* an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue
195. budget su_____s *n.* an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply
196. act of gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
197. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
198. an ab_____nt supply of water *adj.* present in great quantity
199. made a great ma_____er *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
200. a person of diverse ta___ts *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

ANSWERS: 191. landscape, 192. debt, 193. motivation, 194. pundit, 195. surplus, 196. generosity, 197. communicate, 198. abundant, 199. maneuver, 200. talent

201. er___c dance *adj.* relating to or arousing sexual desire or excitement; considered taboo or provocative
202. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
203. ba_____n hunting *n.* an agreement between two parties regarding the terms of a purchase or a transaction; a deal or a negotiation that results in a product or a service being acquired for a lower price than usual or expected
204. pi___p truck *n.* a type of vehicle with an open-air cargo bed at the back used for transporting goods or equipment; the act of collecting or gathering someone or something from a particular location; a warrant to take someone into custody
205. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
206. de__r aggression *v.* to discourage or prevent someone from doing something
207. su_____s of exports *n.* an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply
208. te_____n headache *n.* a state of mental or emotional strain or excitement; the state of being stretched tight
209. the g_p between ideal and reality *n.* a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

ANSWERS: 201. erotic, 202. constantly, 203. bargain, 204. pickup, 205. experiment, 206. deter, 207. surplus, 208. tension, 209. gap

210. de___y troops for battle *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
211. boundless gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
212. ba_____n deal *n.* an agreement between two parties regarding the terms of a purchase or a transaction; a deal or a negotiation that results in a product or a service being acquired for a lower price than usual or expected
213. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
214. ma_____m limit *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
215. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
216. li_____ry criticism *adj.* relating to or characteristic of literature (= written or spoken works of artistic expression) or other related works, particularly in terms of style and content
217. corporate d__t *n.* something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something
218. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location

ANSWERS: 210. deploy, 211. generosity, 212. bargain, 213. assume, 214. maximum, 215. ancient, 216. literary, 217. debt, 218. population

219. te_____ny before Congress *n.* a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence
220. a cr__k in a board *v.* to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking
221. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
222. ap_____t members *v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
223. improve co_____ve function *adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
224. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
225. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
226. de___y safety measures *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
227. the re___d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
228. inc_____ble personalities *adj.* so different as to not be able to exist or work with another thing or person
229. the e_a of the Renaissance *n.* a period that is distinct from others, typically in history

ANSWERS: 219. testimony, 220. crack, 221. instance, 222. appoint, 223. cognitive, 224. divide, 225. situ, 226. deploy, 227. reward, 228. incompatible, 229. era

230. no__l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
231. a digital pl_____rm for enterprise *n.* the raised flat space close to the track at a train station where passengers get on or off the train; (technology) a computational or digital environment in which a piece of software is executed
232. cl_____p crew *n.* an act or process of cleaning up a particular area, space, or mess; the removal of dirt, debris, or other unwanted materials
233. pu_____ly accessible record *adv.* in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government
234. con_____nt on business activity *n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
235. labor pop_____on *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
236. a cloud passing ov_____ad *n.* the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky
237. actions that si_____y agreement *v.* to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word
238. severe cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
239. di_____e settlement *n.* a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one

ANSWERS: 230. novel, 231. platform, 232. cleanup, 233. publicly, 234. constraint, 235. population, 236. overhead, 237. signify, 238. critic, 239. dispute

240. er___d boy *n.* a short trip that is taken to perform a specified task, such as to take a message or to take or collect something
241. a sonic b__m *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
242. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
243. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
244. act c__e *adj.* attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way
245. con_____te to society *v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
246. a me_____re talent *adj.* of only average quality; not very good
247. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
248. infrared sp_____um *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
249. achieve the hi_____ic feat *adj.* famous or significant in history, or potentially so
250. pe_____t over time *v.* to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable

ANSWERS: 240. errand, 241. boom, 242. assume, 243. celebrate, 244. cute, 245. contribute, 246. mediocre, 247. represent, 248. spectrum, 249. historic, 250. persist

251. cultural and ar_____ic activity *adj.* of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
252. par_____te fully in conversation *v.* to take part in something
253. au_____ed manual transmission *adj.* carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
254. ra_____al decision *adj.* based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking
255. org_____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
256. o_e him a grudge *v.* to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;
257. col_____ve ownership *adj.* done or shared by every member of a group of people
258. sound very te_____ng *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
259. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
260. te_____ng offer *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
261. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
262. the im_____te past *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
263. data ag_____te *n.* a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items

ANSWERS: 251. artistic, 252. participate, 253. automated, 254. rational, 255. organization, 256. owe, 257. collective, 258. tempting, 259. violent, 260. tempting, 261. government, 262. immediate, 263. aggregate

264. o_e \$100 to my friend v. to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;
265. scientific jo_____l n. a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
266. co_____st two things v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
267. co____t mistakes v. to do something illegal or wrong
268. so_____t patronage v. to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty
269. ac_____e success v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
270. imm_____ly recall a product adv. now or without delay
271. pe_____t in success v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
272. ca_____n text n. a title or brief explanation accompanying a photograph, illustration, or other images; a heading or inscription for a chapter, section, or document
273. de_____t on the mortgage v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

ANSWERS: 264. owe, 265. journal, 266. contrast, 267. commit, 268. solicit, 269. achieve, 270. immediately, 271. persist, 272. caption, 273. default

274. employment co____ct *n.* a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
275. ac____e milestones *v.* to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
276. raw ta____t *n.* a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something
277. su____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
278. b__m in sales *n.* a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound
279. 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
280. die su____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
281. financial af____th *n.* the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event
282. im____nt security measures *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
283. a co__h potato *n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person

ANSWERS: 274. contract, 275. achieve, 276. talent, 277. suddenly, 278. boom, 279. communicate, 280. suddenly, 281. aftermath, 282. implement, 283. couch

284. co_____e information *v.* to collect, arrange, and assemble information or material in a specified order or sequence
285. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
286. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
287. take im_____te effect *adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
288. sa_____d music *adj.* connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god
289. col_____te with the police *v.* to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
290. de__r crime *v.* to discourage or prevent someone from doing something
291. un_____ed hypothesis *adj.* not yet tried or proven; lacking in experience or verification; not yet subjected to a test or trial
292. im_____nt a corporate strategy *v.* to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
293. the ma_____m speed *adj.* the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
294. PhD ca_____te *n.* a person who is seeking or being considered for some kind of position, title, honor, or award; a job applicant

ANSWERS: 284. collate, 285. inherit, 286. addition, 287. immediate, 288. sacred, 289. collaborate, 290. deter, 291. untested, 292. implement, 293. maximum, 294. candidate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The problem with achievement tests is the narrowness they _____ on students.
v. to officially force a new law, tax, duty, etc. to be obeyed or received
2. The company _____ donations from its employees for the charity event.
v. to ask for something, especially in an urgent or pleading manner; to seek something through entreaty
3. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
adj. involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
4. Promising entrepreneurs often have a high _____ sensibility.
adj. of or relating to art or artist; satisfying aesthetic standards and sensibilities
5. His speech was carefully crafted and delivered with _____ confidence.
adj. deliberately considered or scrutinized; carefully thought out or planned
6. There was a _____ of soap in the bottle that wouldn't come out.
n. a substance that remains after a process or reaction; a remnant of something that once existed
7. The government promised to _____ a new system to control the financial crisis.
v. to put a decision, plan, or system into effect
8. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

ANSWERS: 1. impose, 2. solicited, 3. violent, 4. artistic, 5. studied, 6. residue, 7. implement, 8. elected

9. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
10. The _____ over the ownership of the land has been ongoing for years.
n. a disagreement, argument, or controversy between two people, groups, or countries, especially a formal one
11. I will work hard to _____ my goals and realize my dreams.
v. to successfully complete a task or goal, often through hard work, perseverance, and dedication; to attain or accomplish something that one has set out to do
12. Melanoma in _____ is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.
adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
13. She _____ her friend a favor for helping her move.
v. to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;
14. 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
15. After the party, a massive _____ was needed to restore the house.
n. an act or process of cleaning up a particular area, space, or mess; the removal of dirt, debris, or other unwanted materials

ANSWERS: 9. Communal, 10. dispute, 11. achieve, 12. situ, 13. owes, 14. economy, 15. cleanup

16. Necessity is the mother of _____.
- n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
17. The university's _____ was responsible for overseeing the academic programs and policies.
- n.* a person in charge of a college, faculty, or other academic departments, tasked with overseeing its operations, policies, and staff; a senior member of a profession or organization who is highly respected for their knowledge and experience
18. In this class, we learn the basic _____ of the plane.
- n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
19. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
20. The _____ has largely gotten positive feedback.
- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
21. The manufacturing industry is _____ fierce competition.
- n.* a person who sees something happen, especially a crime or an accident
22. The hospital will _____ the patient as soon as their condition stabilizes.
- v.* to release or let go of something or someone; to dismiss or terminate an employee or member of an organization; to emit or give off a substance or energy

ANSWERS: 16. invention, 17. dean, 18. maneuver, 19. environment, 20. novel, 21. witnessing, 22. discharge

23. The _____ temperature recorded this summer was higher than average.
adj. the largest or greatest amount or value attainable or attained
24. It's intriguing to compare and _____ the two authors.
v. to put in opposition to show or emphasize differences
25. One light year is nearly 6 _____ miles.
n. the number 1,000,000,000,000; a million million
26. 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
27. The _____ theory still needs to be reviewed by experts in the field.
adj. not yet tried or proven; lacking in experience or verification; not yet subjected to a test or trial
28. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
29. Consult your doctor if the symptoms _____.
v. to continue to do and refuse to stop something despite difficulties or opposition, even if it appears unreasonable
30. She agreed to _____ with him in creating new artwork.
v. to work with someone else to produce or achieve something
31. The high-technology industry is enjoying a _____.
n. a sudden increase in economic activity, or a sudden happening that brings good fortune; a deep, loud, and prolonged sound

ANSWERS: 23. maximum, 24. contrast, 25. trillion, 26. decide, 27. untested, 28. obvious, 29. persist, 30. collaborate, 31. boom

32. The _____ on the photograph helped to explain the image's content.
n. a title or brief explanation accompanying a photograph, illustration, or other images; a heading or inscription for a chapter, section, or document
33. The company signed a _____ with the supplier for the delivery of goods.
n. a legally binding agreement between two or more parties, setting out their rights and obligations to each other, typically in writing and enforceable by law
34. A healthy farm provides an _____ of food.
n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
35. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
36. The physician is reading the _____ related to medicine
n. a newspaper or magazine specialized in a specific topic or profession
37. He was considered a _____ artist compared to others in his field.
adj. of only average quality; not very good
38. The chocolate cake was too _____ for me to resist.
adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
39. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.
n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

ANSWERS: 32. caption, 33. contract, 34. abundance, 35. instances, 36. journals, 37. mediocre, 38. tempting, 39. addition,

40. The violent _____ caused widespread damage and injuries throughout the region.
- n.* a sudden and violent shaking of the ground caused by the movement of rock beneath the earth's surface
41. The red lights on the dashboard _____ that the car needs maintenance.
- v.* to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word
42. This merger will help them reduce _____ costs substantially.
- n.* the expense of maintaining something that is involved in operating a business, such as rent and heating; (adverb) above your head; in the sky
43. The company is set to _____ its new product line next month.
- v.* to send or propel something into the air or space using a device such as a rocket, missile, or spacecraft; to make something available or on sale for the first time
44. Both forts were subject to _____ attacks.
- adj.* happening or done without delay or occurring shortly after something else
45. The _____ leader promised his followers that they would achieve enlightenment if they followed his teachings.
- n.* a small religious group, especially one that is not part of a larger religion and that is regarded as outside the norm; followers of an exclusive system of beliefs and practices
46. 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

ANSWERS: 40. earthquake, 41. signify, 42. overhead, 43. launch, 44. immediate, 45. cult, 46. represent

47. Night fishing has a lot of _____.

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

48. The government predicts an epidemic _____ of multiple viruses, including coronaviruses and influenza.

n. a sudden start of something, usually a disease or something dangerous or unpleasant

49. Each _____ group has its unique rituals.

adj. relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition

50. The city promotes _____ collaboration in community development

adj. of or relating to a town, city, or the people who live in it

51. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.

adv. all the time

52. It is a religion _____ with the western country.

adj. so different as to not be able to exist or work with another thing or person

53. The nationwide _____ caused widespread power outages and disrupted daily life.

n. a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness

54. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

55. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

ANSWERS: 47. rewards, 48. outbreak, 49. ethnic, 50. civic, 51. constantly, 52. incompatible, 53. blackout, 54. suddenly, 55. grab

56. 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
57. The police arrested them for committing insurance _____.
n. the crime of gaining money or financial benefits by deceiving people; a person who makes deceitful pretenses
58. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
59. I need to _____ these documents in the correct order before stapling them together.
v. to collect, arrange, and assemble information or material in a specified order or sequence
60. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.
v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
61. _____ plastic containers are causing a major environmental issue.
adj. designed to be used only once and then discarded
62. Shares in the company finally fell below their ____ value.
n. a state of being equal to someone or something
63. The club _____ does not have absolute power.
n. the leader of a republic, for example, the US; the person in charge of the organization such as a company, university, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 56. government, 57. fraud, 58. consume, 59. collate, 60. contribute, 61. Throwaway, 62. par, 63. president

64. The judge gave severe _____ to the criminal who committed the heinous crime.
- n.* a penalty or consequence inflicted for wrongdoing or offense; a means of enforcing discipline or preventing further wrongdoing
65. Stock prices _____ daily based on market demand and supply.
- v.* to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably
66. The budget _____ forced them to make difficult decisions.
- n.* a limit or restriction on something, such as an action, behavior, or thought
67. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
68. Nevada is _____ a desert state.
- adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
69. His _____ faculties were getting worse because of a lack of sleep.
- adj.* of or relating to mental processes of understanding
70. The court _____ a guardian for the child.
- v.* to give someone a job or role, especially as a public official or member of an organization; to arrange or decide on a time or a place
71. This country _____ its weapons in the east region.
- v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

ANSWERS: 64. punishment, 65. fluctuate, 66. constraint, 67. assumes, 68. largely, 69. cognitive, 70. appointed, 71. deployed

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

adv. now or without delay

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

v. to take part in something

74. His _____ showed highly positive results.

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

75. This device displayed the speech _____ spectrographically.

n. an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split

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

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

77. 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

78. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

79. This bar _____ shows sales over the past five years.

n. a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

80. The food _____ at the end of the event was donated to a local homeless shelter.

n. an amount of something more than what is needed or required; excess or extra supply

ANSWERS: 72. immediately, 73. participated, 74. experiments, 75. spectrum, 76. population, 77. struggle, 78. opportune, 79. graph, 80. surplus

81. The team's _____ attitude towards deadlines caused the project to fall behind schedule.

adj. lacking in tension or firmness; loose or not tight; having a relaxed or lazy attitude

82. They have been living near water since _____ times.

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

83. The teachers make full use of _____ assistance.

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

84. The company is planning to make a _____ expansion of its factory.

adj. involving many people or things and involving a lot of change or activity

85. His coach is a _____ Olympic champion.

adj. consisting of three items or people; three times as great or many

86. The political _____ provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.

n. an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

87. He is remembered for his _____ and civilization.

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

88. The _____ approach to problem-solving involves weighing all options.

adj. based on reason or logic; using good judgment and sound thinking

ANSWERS: 81. slack, 82. ancient, 83. volunteer, 84. large-scale, 85. triple, 86. pundit, 87. generosity, 88. rational

89. The military has _____ an abuse of human rights.
v. to do something illegal or wrong
90. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
91. The following _____ is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.
n. the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
92. She is the president of a large international _____.
n. a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
93. The _____ community mourned the loss of the talented author.
adj. relating to or characteristic of literature (= written or spoken works of artistic expression) or other related works, particularly in terms of style and content
94. The high fence was meant to _____ intruders from entering the property.
v. to discourage or prevent someone from doing something
95. The _____ cast their vote for the candidate they believed in.
n. a person who has the right to vote in an election
96. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.
v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

ANSWERS: 89. committed, 90. degree, 91. explanation, 92. organization, 93. literary, 94. deter, 95. elector, 96. celebrated

97. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

98. 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

99. This space is a private office _____ to the President

adj. connected with religion or religious purposes; worthy of respect or dedication because of a connection with a god

100. The Chinese people have accomplished several _____ feats.

adj. famous or significant in history, or potentially so

101. We are motivated by _____ rather than necessity.

n. a strong desire to know or learn about something

102. She _____ denounced the government's mishandling of the economic crisis.

adv. in a manner accessible to or observable by the public; by the government

103. The _____ amount of money raised for the charity was over a million dollars.

n. a collection or sum of different things often used to describe a total or combination of items

104. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 97. divide, 98. tension, 99. sacred, 100. historic, 101. curiosity, 102. publicly, 103. aggregate, 104. crisis

105. Weather forecasters are predicting the _____ of a heatwave.

n. the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective

106. Product development is a _____ effort.

adj. done or shared by every member of a group of people

107. The painting contained subtle _____ undertones.

adj. relating to or arousing sexual desire or excitement; considered taboo or provocative

108. He became in _____ after losing his job.

n. something, especially money, goods, or services owed by one person to another; the state of owing something

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

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

110. Numerous great professional sports _____ have come from this city.

n. a natural ability to be good at something; someone who has a natural ability to be good at something

111. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

112. Witness _____ backed up the defendant's claims.

n. a formal written or spoken statement that something is true, especially one given in court; something that serves as evidence

ANSWERS: 105. arrival, 106. collective, 107. erotic, 108. debt, 109. critics, 110. talents, 111. enormous, 112. testimony

113. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
- adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
114. The price for the used car was a _____ compared to the market value.
- n.* an agreement between two parties regarding the terms of a purchase or a transaction; a deal or a negotiation that results in a product or a service being acquired for a lower price than usual or expected
115. The plant will continue operating through an _____ system 24 hours a day.
- adj.* carried out by machines or computers to replace or decrease human labor
116. I love to relax on the _____ and watch movies on the weekends.
- n.* a piece of furniture made for sitting, usually with a back and armrests, designed to seat more than one person
117. The _____ of the hurricane left the city in shambles.
- n.* the consequences or results of a significant event, particularly a disaster or conflict; a period of time following a significant event
118. Innovative companies often question _____ practices and break them.
- adj.* exhibiting sound, practical judgment concerning everyday matters; (noun) a basic ability to perceive, understand, and judge in a manner that nearly all people share
119. The baby's chubby cheeks and big eyes made her look so _____.
- adj.* attractive, especially in a childlike or youthful way
120. This teacher is _____ in his grading.
- adj.* willing to give and share something such as money, help, kindness, etc., especially more than is necessary or expected

ANSWERS: 113. creative, 114. bargain, 115. automated, 116. couch, 117. aftermath, 118. commonsense, 119. cute, 120. generous

121. The defendant gave a _____ and accurate description of the accident.

adj. easy to do or understand, or simple; free from ambiguity

122. 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

123. The contract _____ that the work must be completed within six months.

v. to specify or require something as a condition of an agreement or arrangement

124. A significant amount of _____ is required to be a teacher.

n. the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way

125. He that would eat the kernel must _____ the nut.

v. to break or cause to break without dividing into separate parts; (noun) a line on the surface of something along which it has separated without breaking

126. I'll be waiting for you in front of the café at 6 PM, so be on time for our _____.

n. a type of vehicle with an open-air cargo bed at the back used for transporting goods or equipment; the act of collecting or gathering someone or something from a particular location; a warrant to take someone into custody

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

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

128. 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.

ANSWERS: 121. straightforward, 122. communicate, 123. stipulates, 124. motivation, 125. crack, 126. pickup, 127. platform, 128. rely

129. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.

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

130. The sports _____ provided insightful analysis and observations throughout the game.

n. an expression or explanation of opinions or observations on a particular subject, event, or situation; detailed analysis or explanation provided in writing or orally

131. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

132. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

133. Political corruption was common throughout the postwar ____.

n. a period that is distinct from others, typically in history

134. The country has _____ oil and natural gas resources.

adj. present in great quantity

135. He sent me on an _____.

n. a short trip that is taken to perform a specified task, such as to take a message or to take or collect something

136. _____ willingly accept business risks to achieve success.

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

ANSWERS: 129. operate, 130. commentary, 131. landscape, 132. incredible, 133. era, 134. abundant, 135. errand, 136. Entrepreneurs

137. Shame and _____ have significant social influences.

- n.* the fact of having committed something illegal; the negative feelings caused by believing or knowing that you have done something wrong

138. After his death, his sons _____ his business.

- v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

139. We cannot _____ her as President.

- v.* to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

140. Sensors convert physical phenomena into _____ signals.

- adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

141. The _____ platform focused on healthcare reform and reducing income inequality.

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

142. Many people are working together to close the gender ____.

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

143. It's _____ to wear a helmet when riding a bike.

- adj.* having good sense or judgment; reasonable; practical; marked by a perception of the importance or seriousness of something

144. Their friendship was based on a _____ understanding of each other's needs and desires.

- adj.* understood or implied without being stated outright; unspoken or inferred through context or implication

ANSWERS: 137. guilt, 138. inherited, 139. envision, 140. digital, 141. candidate's, 142. gap, 143. sensible, 144. tacit

145. If you don't specify a different option, the computer will _____ to its original settings.

- v. to fail to fulfill an obligation or pay a debt when it is due; to fail to meet expectations or perform as required; to choose or accept a predetermined option or condition without making a deliberate selection or choice; (noun) the pre-set or automatic settings that a system or program uses when the user has selected no other options

146. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.

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

147. The _____ beauty of the painting was immediately apparent to all who viewed it.

- adj.* belonging naturally; essential

ANSWERS: 145. default, 146. modern, 147. intrinsic