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Session 1: Word List

chief

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

synonym: essential, primary, leading

(1) **chief** accountant, (2) **chief** events of the year
Mining is a **chief** source of income for the country.

ninja

n. a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan

synonym: assassin, spy

(1) **ninja** costume, (2) **ninja** warrior

The skilled **ninja** moved stealthily through the shadows to carry out their mission.

dropout

n. a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it

synonym: noncompleter, quitter, school leaver

(1) the **dropout** rate, (2) **dropout** student

The high school **dropout** rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.

relocate

v. to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there

synonym : emigrate, resettle, migrate

(1) **relocate** a company, (2) **relocate** with a new job

The university **relocated** to campuses several miles away.

county

n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division

synonym : district, region, territory

(1) **county** seat, (2) throughout the **county**

The **county's** population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.

fairly

adv. to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner

synonym : moderately, reasonably, pretty

(1) **fairly** accurate, (2) have a **fairly** clear view

He deals **fairly** with his employees.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

layer

n. a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas

synonym : stratum, sheet, coating

(1) **layer** cake, (2) **layer** of paint

The **layer** of frost on the ground was so thick it was difficult to walk on.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
synonym : idea, notion, vision

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

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

framework

n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

synonym : structure, scheme, foundation

(1) legal **framework**, (2) the **framework** of a house

He devised a new analytical **framework** to capture the phenomenon.

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.

influence

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

synonym : power, leverage, effect

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

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

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym : build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

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.

clutter

n. to fill a room or place with so many items that it becomes messy

synonym: mess, chaos, jumble

(1) in a **clutter**, (2) clear desk **clutter**

He accused the tenants of leaving **clutter** and breaking the security camera.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

scheme

n. an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something

synonym: strategy, blueprint, plan

(1) a pilot **scheme**, (2) draw out a **scheme**

They carefully executed the well-planned **scheme** they had prepared over the years.

loyalty

n. the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something

synonym: faithfulness, devotion, allegiance

(1) **loyalty** program, (2) earn his **loyalty**

He has always shown great **loyalty** to his friends and family.

dynamics

n. the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change

synonym: mechanics, kinetics, kinematics

(1) **dynamics** of group, (2) **dynamics** of economy

The relationship **dynamics** between the two countries were

complex and constantly changing.

unfortunate

adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

synonym : unlucky, pitiful, wretched

(1) an **unfortunate** orphan, (2) an **unfortunate** situation

The **unfortunate** accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.

hero

n. a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities

synonym : champion, protagonist, savior

(1) local **hero**, (2) unsung **hero**

The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national **hero**.

bob

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

synonym : bobble, bounce, wag

(1) **bob** a quick curtsy, (2) **bob** on the surface of the water

I need to **bob** my head to the beat of the music.

crux

n. the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue

synonym : heart, core, essence

(1) main **crux**, (2) the **crux** of the argument

The **crux** of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.

presentation

n. the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise

synonym : exhibition, display, speech

(1) **presentation** skills, (2) **presentation** slides

She gave a fantastic **presentation** at the conference and received a standing ovation.

consciously

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

synonym: intentionally, deliberately, knowingly

(1) **consciously** aware of a problem, (2) act **consciously**

He **consciously** criticizes her in the publicity.

in-between

adj. occurring or existing between two things or points; intermediate in position, condition, or time

synonym: intermediate, middleman, halfway

(1) **in-between** meals, (2) **in-between** stages

She enjoyed floating in the ocean's **in-between** zone where the waves met the shoreline

claim

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

synonym: assert, declare, maintain

(1) **claim** responsibility, (2) false **claim**

He wants to **claim** ownership of the abandoned property.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym: support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

explore

v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

synonym : analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

lever

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

synonym : lifter, crowbar, bar

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

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

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.

fantastic

adj. extremely good; excellent

synonym : incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

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

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

productive

adj. resulting in or making a lot or a significant amount of something, especially something of value

synonym : efficient, fruitful, successful

(1) low **productive** capacity, (2) **productive** meeting

The new employee proved extremely **productive**, completing projects ahead of schedule.

fabric

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

furniture, etc.

synonym : cloth, material, goods

(1) a hand-loomed **fabric**, (2) **fabric** of creation

These synthetic **fabrics** are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

invisible

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

synonym : hidden, imperceptible, unseen

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

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

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

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**.

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

synonym : equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning

The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

steel

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

synonym : iron

(1) magnetic **steel**, (2) **steel** beam

This bridge is the third largest **steel** bridge in the world.

cement

v. make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

synonym : adhesive, glue

(1) **cement** a close relationship, (2) **cement** blend

They are eager to **cement** a positive reputation.

dimension

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

synonym : extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

swath

n. a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something

synonym : strip, band, fodder

(1) a large **swath** of territory, (2) a **swath** of green grass

The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast **swath** of the population.

competitive

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

synonym : aggressive, ambitious, militant

(1) a **competitive** price, (2) **competitive** position

The mobile application industry is a **competitive** one.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym : benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its

increased efficiency.

dynamic

adj. having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

synonym: energetic, active, vital

(1) a **dynamic** market, (2) **dynamic** person

The sprinter has a **dynamic** way of running.

appointment

n. a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility

synonym: assignment, selection, commission

(1) **appointment** calendar, (2) take up an **appointment**

We had to reschedule the dentist's **appointment**.

succeed

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

synonym: achieve, accomplish, triumph

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

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

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

scare

v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

synonym: frighten, spook, intimidate

(1) **scare** off her attacker by screaming, (2) **scare** the birds away

We hit the ground to **scare** out the rabbits.

manipulate

v. to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

synonym: control, exploit, abuse

(1) **manipulate** figures, (2) vulnerable to **manipulate**

Please tell me how to **manipulate** this computer.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym: cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

frightening

adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

synonym: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

ration

n. a fixed portion or allowance of something, often referring to food, supplies, or resources, that is distributed or allocated to individuals or groups, especially during times of scarcity or in organized systems

synonym: quota, allowance, allocation

(1) food **ration**, (2) fuel **ration**

During the war, families were given a monthly **ration** of essential goods to ensure everyone had access to basic necessities.

conventional

adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

synonym: ancestral, customary, established

(1) a **conventional** style, (2) get a **conventional** loan

She is very **conventional** in her thoughts.

recommend

v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

synonym : advise, suggest, instruct

(1) **recommend** a hospitalization, (2) **recommend** reading

We **recommend** taking media training every six months.

twit

n. a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating

synonym : fool, idiot, imbecile

(1) celebrity **twit**, (2) neighborhood **twit**

Please ignore that **twit** on social media; their opinions are irrelevant.

fake

adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

synonym : affected, bogus, counterfeit

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

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

crop

n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

synonym : output, produce, product

(1) **crop** field, (2) **crop** herbicide

Sow early for an early **crop**.

wilt

v. to become limp and drooping, often as a result of heat, lack of water, or disease; to lose strength, vitality, or energy; to fade or wither away

synonym : droop, wither, fade

(1) **wilt** in the heat of the day, (2) **wilt** after several setbacks

The young athlete's spirit started to **wilt** after losing multiple competitions.

tweak

v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

synonym : nip, pinch, fine-tune

(1) **tweak** his cheek, (2) **tweak** the economy

He didn't **tweak** the plan, even though he had time.

statistics

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

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

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

cycle

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

synonym : revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

clockwork

n. a mechanism in which a series of gears, springs and other mechanical elements are used to power a device, especially a clock

synonym : mechanism, movement, gears

(1) run like **clockwork**, (2) **clockwork** precision

The **clockwork** mechanism in the grandfather clock needed to be wound up every week.

productivity

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

synonym : efficiency, output, performance

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

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

vitality

n. the state of being strong and active; energy

synonym : energy, life, vigor

(1) **vitality** of youth, (2) the **vitality** of the company

The new gym membership has improved his **vitality** and

overall health.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

flash

n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

synonym : sparkle, gleam, glimmer

(1) a **flash** of lightning, (2) brilliant **flash**

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

recognize

v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered

synonym : acknowledge, identify, admit

(1) **recognize** talent, (2) **recognize** achievement

It's important to **recognize** your strengths and weaknesses.

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.

Christ

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

synonym : Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

debit

n. an entry in a financial account that represents money owed or transferred out of the account; a payment card

or other means of withdrawing funds from a bank account

synonym : charge, withdrawal, deduction

(1) **debit** card, (2) **debit** balance

I checked my bank statement and noticed an unexpected **debit** from an unknown source.

whip

v. to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.

synonym : thrash, flog, scourge

(1) **whip** egg whites, (2) **whip** into shape

The jockey **whipped** the horse hard to take first place.

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.

warfare

n. the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives

synonym : combat, fighting, conflict

(1) **warfare** aircraft, (2) spiritual **warfare**

The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern **warfare** tactics.

desperately

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

synonym : urgently, perilously, seriously

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

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

badge

n. a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations

synonym : emblem, insignia

(1) security **badge**, (2) **badge** holder

The police officer flashed his **badge** to prove his identity.

motivate

v. to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

synonym: boost, encourage, inspire

(1) **motivate** the students, (2) all ability to **motivate**

The ability to **motivate** people is a priceless asset.

qualified

adj. officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job

synonym: eligible, skillful, accomplished

(1) a **qualified** doctor, (2) **qualified** in medicine

We seek a person **qualified** for the post.

terribly

adv. very badly; to a great extent or very much

synonym: awfully, abominably, badly

(1) suffer **terribly**, (2) I am **terribly** sorry

His arm was swollen and **terribly** red.

valedictorian

n. the student who delivers the farewell address at a graduation ceremony, typically the student with the highest academic ranking in their class

synonym: top student, highest achiever, salutatorian

(1) **valedictorian** speech, (2) high school **valedictorian**

He achieved the honor of being the **valedictorian** of his graduating class.

knight

n. a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit

synonym: noble, cavalier, chevalier

(1) the black **knight**, (2) white **knight**

In medieval Europe, a monarch or feudal lord granted the title of the **knight** to a warrior who had demonstrated skill and

bravery in battle.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym : likely, possible, potential

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

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

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.

progression

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

synonym : advancement, development, evolution

(1) **progression** of civilization, (2) **progression** of disease

The company has made great strides in its **progression** toward sustainability.

granular

adj. consisting of or resembling small grains or particles; having a rough, irregular texture or appearance

synonym : gritty, grainy, sandy

(1) a **granular** medicine, (2) **granular** data

The soil had a **granular** texture, making it easy to plant the seeds.

fashion

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

synonym : style, manner, fad

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

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

wholesome

adj. good for or likely to improve your health; conducive to or characterized by physical or moral well-being

synonym : healthy, decent, nutrient

(1) **wholesome** ingredients, (2) live a **wholesome** lifestyle
His honesty wielded a **wholesome** influence on those around him.

individual

n. a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
synonym: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom
As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

bother

v. to disturb, annoy, or cause inconvenience or worry to someone; to take the trouble or effort to do something
synonym: annoy, pester, irritate

(1) **bother** the neighbors, (2) **bother** with details
Please don't **bother** me while I'm trying to concentrate.

deep-seated

adj. firmly established or strongly felt; deeply ingrained or settled
synonym: intrinsic, entrenched, profound

(1) **deep-seated** prejudice, (2) **deep-seated** fear
Their **deep-seated** beliefs prevented them from considering any other opinions.

psyche

n. the human soul, mind, or spirit
synonym: mind, soul, spirit

(1) deep **psyche**, (2) **psyche** healing
The therapist helped her understand the workings of her **psyche** and how to cope with her anxiety.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject
He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

insane

adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
synonym : crazy, mad, foolish

(1) go **insane** with pleasure, (2) an **insane** scheme
Her excessive demands drove me **insane**.

compelling

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

synonym : tempting, captivating, influential

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

His **compelling** presentation deeply moved everyone.

traffic

n. the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time

synonym : congestion, jam, flow

(1) **traffic** jam, (2) heavy **traffic**

We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction **traffic** on the main road.

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.

introduction

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

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

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

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

engaging.

engaging

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

synonym : alluring, interesting, engrossing

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

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

unlock

v. to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key

synonym : open, solve, unravel

(1) **unlock** a door with a key, (2) **unlock** value

The customs officer required the traveler to **unlock** his suitcase.

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**.

hook

n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

synonym : buckle, pin, curve

(1) a hat **hook**, (2) the curved shape of a **hook**

Please hang your towel on a **hook**.

engagement

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

synonym : betrothal, promise, commitment

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

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

meaningful

adj. having meaning, function, or purpose; serious, significant, or worthwhile

synonym : significant, consequential, essential

(1) a **meaningful** outcome, (2) make the accord

meaningful

She cast a **meaningful** glance at me.

revenue

n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

synonym : earnings, payment, remuneration

(1) tax **revenue**, (2) annual **revenue**

This graph indicates the city's tourism **revenue** over five years.

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.

discovery

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

synonym : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

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.

initially

adv. at the beginning; at first

synonym : originally, primarily, firstly

(1) **initially** anticipated, (2) diagnosed **initially** as a tumor

This train departed later than **initially** scheduled.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

cabal

n. a small, secret group of people who work together to achieve a particular goal, especially one that is seen as being against the interests of those who are not part of the group

synonym: clique, faction, plot

(1) a member of a **cabal**, (2) secret **cabal**

The group of politicians formed a **cabal** to try to control the party.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym: preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

leadership

n. the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization

synonym: captaincy, direction, initiative

(1) under his **leadership**, (2) **leadership** by politicians

The country's **leadership** has decided to take large-scale measures against global warming.

monopoly

n. exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate

synonym: cartel, trust, ownership

(1) a government **monopoly**, (2) **monopoly** in distribution

The government strived to protect its tobacco **monopoly**.

- cot** *n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
synonym: bed, bunk, pallet
(1) **cot** in the tent, (2) baby's **cot**
The hospital provides **cots** for patients' families who want to stay overnight.
- industrious** *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous
(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student
He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.
- boardwalk** *n.* a path or walkway, usually raised and made of wood, along or near a beach, boardwalk, or waterfront area, often used for recreation or pedestrian traffic
synonym: promenade, walkway, pier
(1) **boardwalk** trail, (2) oceanfront **boardwalk**
Walking along the seaside **boardwalk**, I enjoyed the sound of the waves crashing on the shore.
- stick** *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
synonym: pierce, adhere, stay
(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**
You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.
- balloon** *n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated
synonym: aerostat, blimp, (verb) billow out
(1) **balloon** ride, (2) **balloon** into a severe political problem
The satellite **balloon** slowly ascended into the sky.

pyramid

n. a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt

synonym: monument, edifice, tomb

(1) **pyramid** architecture, (2) a truncated **pyramid**

The Egyptian **pyramids** consist of a vast number of blocks.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym: discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

recommendation

n. an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job

synonym: guidance, advice, suggestion

(1) follow his **recommendations**, (2) a letter of **recommendation**

We made a **recommendation** to the client.

exciting

adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement

synonym: exhilarating, stimulating, thrilling

(1) **exciting** football player, (2) **exciting** news

The findings of the experiment were both **exciting** and unexpected.

Session 2: Spelling

1. the mo__o for safe traffic
 2. w__t in the heat of the day
 3. ex_____e our options
 4. a truncated py_____d
 5. all ability to mo_____te
 6. co_____ct a dam
 7. a mea_____ul outcome
 8. le__r for reform
- n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
- v.* to become limp and drooping, often as a result of heat, lack of water, or disease; to lose strength, vitality, or energy; to fade or wither away
- v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
- n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
- v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
- v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
- adj.* having meaning, function, or purpose; serious, significant, or worthwhile
- n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily

ANSWERS: 1. motto, 2. wilt, 3. explore, 4. pyramid, 5. motivate, 6. construct, 7. meaningful, 8. lever

9. main c__x *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
10. food ra___n *n.* a fixed portion or allowance of something, often referring to food, supplies, or resources, that is distributed or allocated to individuals or groups, especially during times of scarcity or in organized systems
11. cast fri_____ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
12. ni__a costume *n.* a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan
13. a scientific di_____ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
14. des_____ly anxious *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
15. draw out a sc___e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
16. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
17. equ_____nt amounts *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

ANSWERS: 9. crux, 10. ration, 11. frightening, 12. ninja, 13. discovery, 14. desperately, 15. scheme, 16. maintain, 17. equivalent

18. improved pro_____ity *n.* the state or quality of being productive; the rate at which a company or individual produces goods or services, often measured in terms of output per unit of input, such as labor, capital, or time
19. a private ind_____al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
20. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
21. re_____te a company *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
22. understand his mot_____on *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
23. un___k a door with a key *v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
24. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
25. legal fr_____rk *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
26. ex_____e the world *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

ANSWERS: 18. productivity, 19. individual, 20. recognize, 21. relocate, 22. motivation, 23. unlock, 24. dedicate, 25. framework, 26. explore

27. des_____ly ill patient *adv.* in a way that shows a lack of hope and a willingness to do anything because of the problematic situation; with great urgency
28. pre-mo___n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
29. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
30. 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
31. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
32. con_____ly aware of a problem *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
33. su_____d academically *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
34. a letter of rec_____ion *n.* an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job
35. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
36. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 27. desperately, 28. modern, 29. fin, 30. economy, 31. consume, 32. consciously, 33. succeed, 34. recommendation, 35. critic, 36. statistics

37. fri_____ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
38. false cl__m *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
39. in-_____en meals *adj.* occurring or existing between two things or points; intermediate in position, condition, or time
40. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
41. spread of f__e news *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
42. the re___d for good works *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
43. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
44. sc__e the birds away *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
45. a pilot sc___e *n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
46. 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
47. celebrity t__t *n.* a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating

ANSWERS: 37. frightening, 38. claim, 39. in-between, 40. construct, 41. fake, 42. reward, 43. incredibly, 44. scare, 45. scheme, 46. decide, 47. twit

48. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
49. ex_____ng news *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
50. an in_____le asset *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
51. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
52. bankrupt cr_____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
53. baby's c_t *n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
54. get a con_____nal loan *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
55. in_____ly anticipated *adv.* at the beginning; at first
56. ni__a warrior *n.* a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan
57. 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

ANSWERS: 48. prop, 49. exciting, 50. invisible, 51. communal, 52. creditor, 53. cot, 54. conventional, 55. initially, 56. ninja, 57. economy

58. su____d beyond expectations *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
59. low pro_____ve capacity *adj.* resulting in or making a lot or a significant amount of something, especially something of value
60. a fa_____ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
61. vulnerable to man_____te *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
62. com_____ve position *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
63. series of exp_____nts *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
64. mo_____ly in distribution *n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate
65. b_b a quick curtsy *v.* to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders
66. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

ANSWERS: 58. succeed, 59. productive, 60. fantastic, 61. manipulate, 62. competitive, 63. experiment, 64. monopoly, 65. bob, 66. define

67. go out of fa_____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
68. dr_____t student *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
69. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
70. pro_____on of disease *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
71. exp_____nt design *n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
72. shopping re_____ds cards *n.* a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
73. annual re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
74. run like cl_____rk *n.* a mechanism in which a series of gears, springs and other mechanical elements are used to power a device, especially a clock
75. ba_____n ride *n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated
76. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
77. company mo____o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
78. a hat h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook

ANSWERS: 67. fashion, 68. dropout, 69. interact, 70. progression, 71. experiment, 72. reward, 73. revenue, 74. clockwork, 75. balloon, 76. concept, 77. motto, 78. hook

79. re_____te with a new job *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
80. dy_____cs of economy *n.* the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change
81. a large sw__h of territory *n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
82. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
83. earn his lo_____y *n.* the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something
84. ex_____ng football player *adj.* causing a lot of interest or excitement
85. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
86. clear desk cl_____r *n.* to fill a room or place with so many items that it becomes messy
87. wa_____e aircraft *n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
88. man_____te figures *v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way
89. a dy_____c market *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)

ANSWERS: 79. relocate, 80. dynamics, 81. swath, 82. fashion, 83. loyalty, 84. exciting, 85. communal, 86. clutter, 87. warfare, 88. manipulate, 89. dynamic

90. under his lea_____ip *n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
91. py_____d architecture *n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
92. high school val_____ian *n.* the student who delivers the farewell address at a graduation ceremony, typically the student with the highest academic ranking in their class
93. w__t after several setbacks *v.* to become limp and drooping, often as a result of heat, lack of water, or disease; to lose strength, vitality, or energy; to fade or wither away
94. de__t card *n.* an entry in a financial account that represents money owed or transferred out of the account; a payment card or other means of withdrawing funds from a bank account
95. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
96. a fl__h of lightning *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
97. vi_____ty of youth *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
98. an unf_____te orphan *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
99. an en_____ng smile *adj.* attracting, pleasant, or charming

ANSWERS: 90. leadership, 91. pyramid, 92. valedictorian, 93. wilt, 94. debit, 95. creditor, 96. flash, 97. vitality, 98. unfortunate, 99. engaging

100. white kn___t *n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit
101. live a wh_____me lifestyle *adj.* good for or likely to improve your health; conducive to or characterized by physical or moral well-being
102. ba__e holder *n.* a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations
103. ind_____al freedom *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
104. mo_____te the students *v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort
105. pro_____ity growth *n.* the state or quality of being productive; the rate at which a company or individual produces goods or services, often measured in terms of output per unit of input, such as labor, capital, or time
106. tw__k his cheek *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
107. have a fa___y clear view *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
108. 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

ANSWERS: 100. knight, 101. wholesome, 102. badge, 103. individual, 104. motivate, 105. productivity, 106. tweak, 107. fairly, 108. graph

109. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
110. neighborhood t__t *n.* a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
111. in a cl_____r *n.* to fill a room or place with so many items that it becomes messy
112. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
113. diagnosed in_____ly as a tumor *adv.* at the beginning; at first
114. a con_____nal style *adj.* based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.
115. spiritual wa_____e *n.* the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives
116. pre_____ion slides *n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise
117. w__p into shape *v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.
118. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data

ANSWERS: 109. interact, 110. twit, 111. clutter, 112. introduction, 113. initially, 114. conventional, 115. warfare, 116. presentation, 117. whip, 118. statistics

119. fire st__k
- v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
120. pre_____ion skills
- n. the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise
121. ce___t blend
- v. make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
122. throughout the co___y
- n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
123. en_____ng story
- adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming
124. bo___r with details
- v. to disturb, annoy, or cause inconvenience or worry to someone; to take the trouble or effort to do something
125. absolutely fa_____ic event
- adj. extremely good; excellent
126. self-int_____ion
- n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

ANSWERS: 119. stick, 120. presentation, 121. cement, 122. county, 123. engaging, 124. bother, 125. fantastic, 126. introduction

127. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
128. an in___e scheme *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
129. w__p egg whites *v.* to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.
130. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
131. the cy__e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
132. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
133. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
134. go to the workplace by cy__e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
135. follow his rec_____ions *n.* an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job
136. ce___t a close relationship *v.* make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete
137. a sw__h of green grass *n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something

ANSWERS: 127. equivalent, 128. insane, 129. whip, 130. industrious, 131. cycle, 132. consume, 133. incredibly, 134. cycle, 135. recommendation, 136. cement, 137. swath

146. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
147. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
148. a prior eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
149. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
150. new di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
151. pro_____on of civilization *n.* the act or process of changing to the next stage or phase or moving forward
152. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
153. fa___c of creation *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
154. in_____le stars *adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see
155. make the accord mea_____ul *adj.* having meaning, function, or purpose; serious, significant, or worthwhile
156. teaching of Ch___t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 146. industrious, 147. stick, 148. engagement, 149. decide, 150. dimension, 151. progression, 152. modern, 153. fabric, 154. invisible, 155. meaningful, 156. Christ

157. fuel ra___n *n.* a fixed portion or allowance of something, often referring to food, supplies, or resources, that is distributed or allocated to individuals or groups, especially during times of scarcity or in organized systems
158. c__p herbicide *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
159. a member of a ca__l *n.* a small, secret group of people who work together to achieve a particular goal, especially one that is seen as being against the interests of those who are not part of the group
160. dee____ed prejudice *adj.* firmly established or strongly felt; deeply ingrained or settled
161. security ba__e *n.* a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations
162. take up an app____nt *n.* a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility
163. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
164. a com____ve price *adj.* involving competition or competitiveness
165. wh____me ingredients *adj.* good for or likely to improve your health; conducive to or characterized by physical or moral well-being

ANSWERS: 157. ration, 158. crop, 159. cabal, 160. deep-seated, 161. badge, 162. appointment, 163. critic, 164. competitive, 165. wholesome

166. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
167. pr____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
168. bo_____lk trail *n.* a path or walkway, usually raised and made of wood, along or near a beach, boardwalk, or waterfront area, often used for recreation or pedestrian traffic
169. co___y seat *n.* an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
170. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
171. the dr_____t rate *n.* a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
172. dee_____ed fear *adj.* firmly established or strongly felt; deeply ingrained or settled
173. new and com_____ng evidence *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
174. dy_____cs of group *n.* the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change
175. tell a com_____ng story *adj.* arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration

ANSWERS: 166. prop, 167. probable, 168. boardwalk, 169. county, 170. locate, 171. dropout, 172. deep-seated, 173. compelling, 174. dynamics, 175. compelling

176. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
177. break off an eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
178. go in___e with pleasure *adj.* extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
179. in_____ce a child's future *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
180. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
181. mot_____on for a change *n.* the reason or enthusiasm for acting or behaving in a particular way
182. cl__m responsibility *v.* to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true
183. lo_____y program *n.* the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something
184. fa___y accurate *adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
185. 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

ANSWERS: 176. hero, 177. engagement, 178. insane, 179. influence, 180. define, 181. motivation, 182. claim, 183. loyalty, 184. fairly, 185. achieve

186. ba____n into a severe political problem *n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated
187. la__r of paint *n.* a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas
188. gr__h theory *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
189. co____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
190. suffer te____ly *adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much
191. a gear change le__r *n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
192. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
193. c_t in the tent *n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
194. before Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 186. balloon, 187. layer, 188. graph, 189. concept, 190. terribly, 191. lever, 192. hero, 193. cot, 194. Christ

195. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
196. f__e police officer *adj.* not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit
197. tr_____c jam *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
198. magnetic st__l *n.* a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure
199. the great di_____ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
200. la__r cake *n.* a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas
201. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
202. the crosswise di_____on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
203. brilliant fl__h *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
204. in-_____en stages *adj.* occurring or existing between two things or points; intermediate in position, condition, or time

ANSWERS: 195. medicinal, 196. fake, 197. traffic, 198. steel, 199. discovery, 200. layer, 201. locate, 202. dimension, 203. flash, 204. in-between

205. re_____nd reading *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
206. deep ps___e *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
207. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
208. lea_____ip by politicians *n.* the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
209. ps___e healing *n.* the human soul, mind, or spirit
210. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
211. a hand-loomed fa___c *n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
212. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
213. gr_____ar data *adj.* consisting of or resembling small grains or particles; having a rough, irregular texture or appearance
214. app_____nt calendar *n.* a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility
215. un___k value *v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
216. sc___e off her attacker by screaming *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

ANSWERS: 205. recommend, 206. psyche, 207. medicinal, 208. leadership, 209. psyche, 210. advantage, 211. fabric, 212. probable, 213. granular, 214. appointment, 215. unlock, 216. scare

217. ch__f accountant *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
218. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
219. a gr_____ar medicine *adj.* consisting of or resembling small grains or particles; having a rough, irregular texture or appearance
220. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
221. in_____ce the daily life *n.* the ability to affect someone's or something's character, growth, or behavior, or the effect itself
222. qu_____ed in medicine *adj.* officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job
223. bo___r the neighbors *v.* to disturb, annoy, or cause inconvenience or worry to someone; to take the trouble or effort to do something
224. the curved shape of a h__k *n.* a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
225. c__p field *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

ANSWERS: 217. chief, 218. maintain, 219. granular, 220. determinant, 221. influence, 222. qualified, 223. bother, 224. hook, 225. crop

226. heavy tr____c *n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
227. act con_____ly *adv.* with awareness; in a deliberate manner
228. pro_____ve meeting *adj.* resulting in or making a lot or a significant amount of something, especially something of value
229. secret ca__l *n.* a small, secret group of people who work together to achieve a particular goal, especially one that is seen as being against the interests of those who are not part of the group
230. b_b on the surface of the water *v.* to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders
231. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
232. ch__f events of the year *adj.* most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
233. tax re_____e *n.* the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business

ANSWERS: 226. traffic, 227. consciously, 228. productive, 229. cabal, 230. bob, 231. dedicate, 232. chief, 233. revenue

234. re_____nd a hospitalization *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
235. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
236. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
237. de__t balance *n.* an entry in a financial account that represents money owed or transferred out of the account; a payment card or other means of withdrawing funds from a bank account
238. dy_____c person *adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
239. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
240. tw__k the economy *v.* to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely
241. the c__x of the argument *n.* the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
242. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 234. recommend, 235. advantage, 236. recognize, 237. debit, 238. dynamic, 239. fin, 240. tweak, 241. crux, 242. determinant

243. I am te_____ly sorry *adv.* very badly; to a great extent or very much
244. a qu_____ed doctor *adj.* officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job
245. cl_____rk precision *n.* a mechanism in which a series of gears, springs and other mechanical elements are used to power a device, especially a clock
246. the fr_____rk of a house *n.* the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text

ANSWERS: 243. terribly, 244. qualified, 245. clockwork, 246. framework

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

- Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
- _____ is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.
n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
- The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast _____ of the population.
n. a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
- It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
v. to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
- The news of the pandemic was a _____ reminder of the fragility of human health.
adj. causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
- His arm was swollen and _____ red.
adv. very badly; to a great extent or very much
- One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
- She increased her _____ by planning out her tasks for the day.
n. the state or quality of being productive; the rate at which a company or individual produces goods or services, often measured in terms of output per unit of input, such as labor, capital, or time

ANSWERS: 1. critics, 2. Christmas, 3. swath, 4. recognize, 5. frightening, 6. terribly, 7. concept, 8. productivity

9. The jockey _____ the horse hard to take first place.
v. to hit a person or an animal severely with a thin, flexible stick with a cord or leather thong at the end, as a punishment, discipline, etc.
10. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
11. He has always shown great _____ to his friends and family.
n. the quality of being devoted or faithful to someone or something
12. Night fishing has a lot of _____.
n. a thing given in acknowledgment of service, hard work, achievement, etc.
13. The _____ of the matter was that the company was not financially stable.
n. the most important or fundamental part of a matter or situation; the key point or central issue
14. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
15. Please hang your towel on a _____.
n. a curved device used for suspending, holding, or pulling something, especially one attached to a surface for hanging things on; a sharp curve or crook
16. She enjoyed floating in the ocean's _____ zone where the waves met the shoreline
adj. occurring or existing between two things or points; intermediate in position, condition, or time

ANSWERS: 9. whipped, 10. consume, 11. loyalty, 12. rewards, 13. crux, 14. modern, 15. hook, 16. in-between

17. This initiative will be a _____ for increasing company sales.
- n.* a handle used to operate a vehicle or a machine; a rigid bar resting on a pivot so that one end of it can be pushed or pulled easily
18. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
- v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
19. We _____ taking media training every six months.
- v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
20. We hit the ground to _____ out the rabbits.
- v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
21. We have finally lost our last _____.
- n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
22. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
- v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
23. The management must _____ strategies to increase office security.
- v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
24. In medieval Europe, a monarch or feudal lord granted the title of the _____ to a warrior who had demonstrated skill and bravery in battle.
- n.* a mounted soldier in the past, typically one of noble birth trained to fight in armor; (today in Great Britain) a person honored by the sovereign for personal merit

ANSWERS: 17. lever, 18. constructs, 19. recommend, 20. scare, 21. prop, 22. maintain, 23. explore, 24. knight

25. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
26. The _____ accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.
adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
27. The food chain causes a material _____.
n. an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
28. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
29. The new amusement park ride was _____ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.
adj. extremely good; excellent
30. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
31. The findings of the experiment were both _____ and unexpected.
adj. causing a lot of interest or excitement
32. Please ignore that _____ on social media; their opinions are irrelevant.
n. a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
33. She is very _____ in her thoughts.
adj. based on or following traditional rules, standards, customs, etc.

ANSWERS: 25. fins, 26. unfortunate, 27. cycle, 28. creditor, 29. fantastic, 30. Communal, 31. exciting, 32. twit, 33. conventional

34. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.
v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
35. Her excessive demands drove me _____.
adj. extremely stupid, crazy, or dangerous; mentally ill
36. The high school _____ rate has decreased significantly in recent years thanks to educational initiatives and support programs.
n. a person who leaves school, college, or a training program before completing it
37. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
38. These heavy rains caused _____ floods on several islands.
n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
39. Walking along the seaside _____ I enjoyed the sound of the waves crashing on the shore.
n. a path or walkway, usually raised and made of wood, along or near a beach, boardwalk, or waterfront area, often used for recreation or pedestrian traffic
40. His _____ presentation deeply moved everyone.
adj. arousing strong and irresistible interest, attention, or admiration
41. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
42. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 34. locate, 35. insane, 36. dropout, 37. incredibly, 38. flash, 39. boardwalk, 40. compelling, 41. define, 42. decide

43. The relationship _____ between the two countries were complex and constantly changing.
- n.* the branch of mechanics that deals with the motion of bodies under the action of forces, including the particular case in which a body remains at rest; forces that produce or stimulate movement, growth, or change
44. The sprinter has a _____ way of running.
- adj.* having a lot of energy, ideas, and enthusiasm, and a strong personality; of or relating to dynamics (= the branch of physics and engineering concerned with the forces that cause motions of bodies)
45. They carefully executed the well-planned _____ they had prepared over the years.
- n.* an organized and often large-scale plan or arrangement for doing something
46. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
47. The customs officer required the traveler to _____ his suitcase.
- v.* to open something, such as a door, window, etc., usually using a key
48. 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
49. The ability to _____ people is a priceless asset.
- v.* to make someone want to do something, especially something that requires tremendous work and effort

ANSWERS: 43. dynamics, 44. dynamic, 45. scheme, 46. statistics, 47. unlock, 48. achieve, 49. motivate

50. He didn't _____ the plan, even though he had time.

v. to pinch or squeeze something sharply; to adjust something finely

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

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

52. The _____ of frost on the ground was so thick it was difficult to walk on.

n. a sheet, quantity, or thickness of the material, typically one of several, covering a surface or body; a level or part within a system or set of ideas

53. 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

54. Mining is a _____ source of income for the country.

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

55. Overall _____ are approximately 400x200mm.

n. a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

56. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

57. He wants to _____ ownership of the abandoned property.

v. to assert that something is true; to demand or request something as one's own; to lay legal or moral right to something; (noun) a demand or assertion of a right or something that one believes to be true

ANSWERS: 50. tweak, 51. motivation, 52. layer, 53. graph, 54. chief, 55. dimensions, 56. motto, 57. claim

58. We made a _____ to the client.

n. an official suggestion that something is good or suitable for a particular purpose or job

59. She cast a _____ glance at me.

adj. having meaning, function, or purpose; serious, significant, or worthwhile

60. The company has made great strides in its _____ toward sustainability.

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

61. The mobile application industry is a _____ one.

adj. involving competition or competitiveness

62. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

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

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

64. Sow early for an early _____.

n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food

65. He _____ criticizes her in the publicity.

adv. with awareness; in a deliberate manner

66. The police officer flashed his _____ to prove his identity.

n. a small emblem or token worn as a symbol of belonging or rank, often used by law enforcement or military organizations

ANSWERS: 58. recommendation, 59. meaningful, 60. progression, 61. competitive, 62. advantages, 63. probable, 64. crop, 65. consciously, 66. badge

67. We decided to take a detour to avoid the construction _____ on the main road.
- n.* the movement of vehicles, people, or goods along a route or through a transport system; the amount of such movement in a particular place or at a particular time
68. The group of politicians formed a _____ to try to control the party.
- n.* a small, secret group of people who work together to achieve a particular goal, especially one that is seen as being against the interests of those who are not part of the group
69. I checked my bank statement and noticed an unexpected _____ from an unknown source.
- n.* an entry in a financial account that represents money owed or transferred out of the account; a payment card or other means of withdrawing funds from a bank account
70. He deals _____ with his employees.
- adv.* to a certain extent or degree; without favoring one party in an evenhanded manner
71. These synthetic _____ are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.
- n.* cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.
72. The government strived to protect its tobacco _____.
- n.* exclusive control or possession of something, especially an area of business; a board game in which players try to gain a monopoly on real estate

ANSWERS: 67. traffic, 68. cabal, 69. debit, 70. fairly, 71. fabrics, 72. monopoly

73. She was disbarred for her _____ in fraud.

adj. attracting, pleasant, or charming

74. The therapist helped her understand the workings of her _____ and how to cope with her anxiety.

n. the human soul, mind, or spirit

75. The country has been engaged in a prolonged conflict, with both sides using modern _____ tactics.

n. the use of military force to achieve political, economic, or social objectives

76. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.

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

77. The phenomenon is _____ at optical wavelengths.

adj. impossible or nearly impossible to see

78. They are eager to _____ a positive reputation.

v. make fast as if with cement; (noun) a building material that is a powder made of a mixture of calcined limestone and clay, used with water, sand, and small stones to make concrete

79. The baby clung _____ to her mother.

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

80. This bridge is the third largest _____ bridge in the world.

n. a strong metal alloy made up of iron with typically a few tenths of a percent of carbon used for making things that need a strong structure

ANSWERS: 73. engaging, 74. psyche, 75. warfare, 76. introduction, 77. invisible, 78. cement, 79. desperately, 80. steel

81. The _____ population has been increasing rapidly in recent years.
n. an administrative division of a country or state, typically one of several comprising a larger division
82. He should _____ more with his colleagues.
v. to communicate or react with somebody
83. They selected a gorgeous diamond _____ ring.
n. a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
84. The country's _____ has decided to take large-scale measures against global warming.
n. the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization
85. The soil had a _____ texture, making it easy to plant the seeds.
adj. consisting of or resembling small grains or particles; having a rough, irregular texture or appearance
86. He devised a new analytical _____ to capture the phenomenon.
n. the structural components of a building or object that support its weight and give it form; the underlying structure of a system, concept, or text
87. I hope to _____ in my career and live a happy life.
v. to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
88. The prime minister was not well prepared for the debate and _____ it
adj. not genuine; fraudulent or counterfeit

ANSWERS: 81. county's, 82. interact, 83. engagement, 84. leadership, 85. granular, 86. framework, 87. succeed, 88. faked

89. We had to reschedule the dentist's _____.
- n.* a formal arrangement to meet someone at a particular time and place, especially for a reason connected with their work; the act of putting a person into a job or position of responsibility
90. The Egyptian _____ consist of a vast number of blocks.
- n.* a polyhedron having a polygonal base and triangular sides with a common vertex; a massive monument with a square base and four triangular sides, begun by Cheops around 2700 BC as royal tombs in ancient Egypt
91. The hospital provides _____ for patients' families who want to stay overnight.
- n.* a small bed for a baby or child, typically with high sides to prevent the child from falling out
92. He accused the tenants of leaving _____ and breaking the security camera.
- n.* to fill a room or place with so many items that it becomes messy
93. The satellite _____ slowly ascended into the sky.
- n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated
94. The _____ mechanism in the grandfather clock needed to be wound up every week.
- n.* a mechanism in which a series of gears, springs and other mechanical elements are used to power a device, especially a clock
95. During the war, families were given a monthly _____ of essential goods to ensure everyone had access to basic necessities.
- n.* a fixed portion or allowance of something, often referring to food, supplies, or resources, that is distributed or allocated to individuals or groups, especially during times of scarcity or in organized systems

ANSWERS: 89. appointment, 90. pyramids, 91. cots, 92. clutter, 93. balloon, 94. clockwork, 95. ration

96. The young athlete's spirit started to _____ after losing multiple competitions.
v. to become limp and drooping, often as a result of heat, lack of water, or disease; to lose strength, vitality, or energy; to fade or wither away
97. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
98. The skilled _____ moved stealthily through the shadows to carry out their mission.
n. a Japanese warrior or assassin trained in martial arts and stealth tactics, associated with the feudal era of Japan
99. He achieved the honor of being the _____ of his graduating class.
n. the student who delivers the farewell address at a graduation ceremony, typically the student with the highest academic ranking in their class
100. The university _____ to campuses several miles away.
v. to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
101. This graph indicates the city's tourism _____ over five years.
n. the income that a government receives from taxes or that a company earns from its business
102. He _____ his life to helping others.
v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
103. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.
n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.

ANSWERS: 96. wilt, 97. industrious, 98. ninja, 99. valedictorian, 100. relocated, 101. revenue, 102. dedicated, 103. equivalent

104. Please don't _____ me while I'm trying to concentrate.

- v.* to disturb, annoy, or cause inconvenience or worry to someone; to take the trouble or effort to do something

105. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

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

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

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

107. That style is no longer in _____.

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

108. Please tell me how to _____ this computer.

- v.* to influence or control something or someone to your advantage, often in an unfair or dishonest way

109. 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

110. Their _____ beliefs prevented them from considering any other opinions.

- adj.* firmly established or strongly felt; deeply ingrained or settled

111. We seek a person _____ for the post.

- adj.* officially recognized as having completed a training course or passed the exams that are necessary to perform a particular job

ANSWERS: 104. bother, 105. stick, 106. individual, 107. fashion, 108. manipulate, 109. economy, 110. deep-seated, 111. qualified

112. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
- n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
113. His _____ showed highly positive results.
- n.* the scientific test conducted to observe what happens and gain new knowledge
114. I need to ___ my head to the beat of the music.
- v.* to move up and down quickly and repeatedly, often in a short, jerky motion; to cut, trim, or shorten hair, especially by repeatedly snipping with scissors; (noun) a hairstyle in which the hair is cut short and even all around, usually above the shoulders
115. She gave a fantastic _____ at the conference and received a standing ovation.
- n.* the act of formally introducing or displaying something to others; the manner in which something is presented or given visually, verbally, or otherwise
116. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.
- n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
117. The new gym membership has improved his _____ and overall health.
- n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
118. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
- adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 112. determinant, 113. experiments, 114. bob, 115. presentation, 116. hero, 117. vitality, 118. medicinal

119. The former emperor had a particular _____ even after he abdicated.

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

120. His honesty wielded a _____ influence on those around him.

adj. good for or likely to improve your health; conducive to or characterized by physical or moral well-being

121. The new employee proved extremely _____ completing projects ahead of schedule.

adj. resulting in or making a lot or a significant amount of something, especially something of value

122. Her research team made an important _____.

n. the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

123. This train departed later than _____ scheduled.

adv. at the beginning; at first

ANSWERS: 119. influence, 120. wholesome, 121. productive, 122. discovery, 123. initially