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Session 1: Word List

sophomore

n. a student in their second year of college or high school; used more broadly to refer to someone who is experienced in a particular activity or field

synonym: second-year student, junior, apprentice

(1) **sophomore** in high school, (2) **sophomore** slump

The university student was now a **sophomore**, having completed their first year of studies.

hurricane

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

synonym: cyclone, typhoon, storm

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

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

blizzard

n. a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions

synonym: snowstorm, whiteout, bluster

(1) **blizzard** warning, (2) heavy **blizzard**

The city declared a snow emergency and warned residents to stay off the streets during the **blizzard**.

suffer

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

synonym : endure, undergo, tolerate

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

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

sandy

adj. covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown

synonym : arenaceous, sandlike

(1) miles of **sandy** beaches, (2) **sandy** hair

The rain rapidly soaked into the **sandy** soil.

climate

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

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

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

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

onshore

adj. located or happening on or near the shore or coastline; relating to activities or operations that take place on land as opposed to at sea

synonym : coastal, domestic, seaward

(1) **onshore** drilling, (2) **onshore** wind farm

The shipping company decided to switch to **onshore** storage to reduce costs.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym : enormous, giant, immense

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

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

landfall

n. the arrival or touching down of a ship, aircraft, or meteor on land after a voyage or journey; the first sighting or approach of land from the sea

synonym : shoreline, beachfront, landing place

(1) **landfall** location, (2) predicted **landfall**

The hurricane made **landfall** in the early morning hours, causing widespread damage.

inland

adj. situated or located away from the coast or a body of water; (adverb) towards or into the interior of a region

synonym : internal, interior, domestic

(1) **inland** transportation, (2) move further **inland**

Lush green forests surrounded the small **inland** village.

flood

n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount

synonym : deluge, downpour, overflow

(1) **flood** advisory, (2) a **flood** of questions

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

wildfire

n. a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

synonym : blaze, bonfire, flame

(1) **wildfire** spread, (2) arson-caused **wildfire**

The **wildfire** destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

stretch

v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

synonym : lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

atmospheric

adj. about or located in the earth's atmosphere

synonym : atmospherical, climatic

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

(2) **atmospheric** pressure

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

cyclone

n. a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs

synonym : tornado, twister, hurricane

(1) **cyclone** warning, (2) devastating **cyclone**

The **cyclone's** strong winds and rough seas severely impacted the fishing industry.

bomb

n. a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

synonym : missile, explosive, ammunition

(1) atomic **bombs**, (2) disarm the **bomb**

The use of cluster **bombs** is strictly prohibited by international law.

paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

synonym : immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

unprecedented

adj. never having been seen, done, or known before

synonym : novel, outstanding, unparalleled

(1) **unprecedented** boom, (2) **unprecedented** business opportunity

Unprecedented amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.

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.

extreme

adj. very great in amount or degree

synonym : farthestmost, outermost, fierce

(1) **extreme** sports, (2) **extreme** weather events

Solar gravity creates **extreme** pressures and temperatures.

literally

adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively

synonym : actually, truly, verily

(1) translate **literally**, (2) bite his tongue **literally**

He **literally** jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.

fuel

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

synonym : energy, power, gas

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

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

bullet

n. a metal projectile that is shot from a gun

synonym : projectile, slug, shot

(1) **bullet** wound, (2) **bullet** train

The stray **bullet** went through the window and hit the wall.

tornado

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

synonym : whirlwind, twister, cyclone

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

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

tip

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

synonym : edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

iceberg

n. a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

synonym : glacier, ice mass, floe

(1) hit an **iceberg**, (2) **iceberg** melting

The ship encountered a series of **icebergs** and had to change its course.

straight

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

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

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

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

frequency

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

synonym : recurrence, repetition, regularity

(1) **frequency** band, (2) high **frequency**

The oscillator hunts for the correct **frequency**.

intensify

v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

synonym : amplify, boost, strengthen

(1) **intensify** diplomatic efforts, (2) **intensify** a good relationship

Rebels have pledged to **intensify** the armed struggle against the dictatorship.

shore

n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

synonym : coast, seaside, beach

(1) a sandy **shore**, (2) **shore** up demand

The waves are beating against the **shore**.

environment

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

synonym : atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

favorable

adj. having a positive or beneficial attitude or effect; expressing approval, support, or agreement

synonym : advantageous, beneficial, positive

(1) **favorable** conditions, (2) **favorable** response

The positive reviews were a **favorable** sign for the new restaurant in town.

diminution

n. a reduction or decrease in size, extent, or importance; a lessening or weakening; the act of diminishing or reducing

synonym : reduction, decrease, decline

(1) **diminution** of interest, (2) **diminution** of quality

The loss of an important client caused a **diminution** in the company's reputation.

tradition

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

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

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

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

belt

v. to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body

synonym : sing, hit hard, (noun) strap

(1) **belt** him in the face, (2) leather **belt**

The band was **belting** out old songs in response to audience requests.

prevalent

adj. existing very commonly in a particular area or in a specific time

synonym: common, ubiquitous, rampant

(1) **prevalent** in Japan, (2) **prevalent** belief

This virus is **prevalent** in many tropical nations.

population

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

synonym: people, inhabitants, folk

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

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

acreage

n. the total amount of land a property contains that can be measured in acres

synonym: land area

(1) commercial **acreage**, (2) inherited **acreage**

The farmer-owned a massive **acreage** of land where he grew various crops.

folk

n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type

synonym: community, family, person

(1) **folk** art, (2) the **folk** songs of a particular district

Some seaweed was used as **folk** medicine in ancient times.

intense

adj. (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

synonym: extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

frequent

adj. happening constantly

synonym : periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

deteriorate

v. to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate

synonym : decline, degenerate, regress

(1) **deteriorate** at a slow pace, (2) **deteriorate** condition

The patient's health **deteriorated** rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.

property

n. a thing or things that belong to someone

synonym : belongings, possessions, equity

(1) a man of **property**, (2) chemical **property**

He stood to inherit a million-dollar **property**.

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**.

struggle

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

synonym : toil, strive, compete

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

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

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.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym: accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

develop

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

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

panel

n. a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

synonym: board, commission, discussion

(1) **panel** discussion, (2) cost of solar **panels**

A **panel** of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.

estimate

v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something

synonym : calculate, gauge, evaluate

(1) **estimate** a fair value, (2) **estimate** this chicken to weigh three pounds

We **estimated** the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym : evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

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.

federal

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

synonym : national, central, governmental

(1) **federal** regulations, (2) **federal** funding

The **federal** government announced new regulations to protect the environment.

government

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

synonym : administration, regime, state

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

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

compensate

v. to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value

synonym : reimburse, pay, recompense

(1) **compensate** a loss, (2) **compensate** for a car accident
The company offered to **compensate** the employees for the overtime they worked.

indigenous

adj. someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

synonym : domestic, endemic, primitive

(1) **indigenous** crop, (2) **indigenous** peoples
The **indigenous** plants need to be pollinated by local insects.

atmosphere

n. the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work

synonym : air, ambiance, circumstances

(1) carbon dioxide in the **atmosphere**, (2) a convivial **atmosphere**

The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's **atmosphere**.

heritage

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

synonym : legacy, tradition, inheritance

(1) **heritage** site, (2) historical **heritage**

The **heritage** of the city is reflected in its architecture.

poverty

n. the condition of being extremely poor

synonym : deprivation, destitution, poorness

(1) **poverty** alleviation, (2) the cycle of **poverty**

Many studies have investigated the relationship between **poverty** and academic achievement.

rural

adj. of or relating to the countryside

synonym : agrarian, country, rustic

(1) **rural** accents, (2) people in **rural** areas

Many **rural** areas are still impoverished.

undermine

v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually

synonym: damage, subvert, weaken

(1) **undermine** a good relationship, (2) **undermine** their adversary's reputation

They tried to **undermine** her position by slandering her.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

drought

n. a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation

synonym: dryness, aridity, water shortage

(1) periods of **drought**, (2) **drought** conditions

The region has been experiencing a severe **drought**, leading to water shortages and crop failures.

torrent

n. a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud

synonym: flood, deluge, downpour

(1) **torrent** of words, (2) stem a **torrent**

The rain fell in a **torrent**, flooding the streets in minutes.

rainfall

n. the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment

synonym: downpour, drizzle, rain

(1) the mean annual **rainfall**, (2) heavy **rainfall**

These plants thrive in hot climates with abundant **rainfall**.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

security

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

synonym : safety, protection, stock

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

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

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.

facility

n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

synonym : building, structure, installation

(1) a cell phone with an internet **facility**, (2) **facility** design

This company has an entire recycling **facility**, including major reprocessing plants.

operate

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

synonym : work, use, employ

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

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

corporation

n. a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit

synonym: business, company, enterprise

(1) a public **corporation**, (2) **corporation** assets

Four companies were amalgamated into a single **corporation**.

highlight

v. to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention

synonym: feature, emphasize, stress

(1) **highlight** a string in red, (2) **highlight** an important difference

The introduction **highlighted** the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant

military

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

synonym: armed, martial, warlike

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

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

diversion

n. a change of direction or course; the act of redirecting attention or activity to a different topic or task; a form of entertainment or pastime that provides a temporary distraction or relief

synonym: distraction, deviation, entertainment

(1) **diversion** of resources, (2) mental **diversion**

The **diversion** of the river's path caused flooding downstream.

harden

v. to make something firm, solid, or resistant; to toughen or strengthen physically or emotionally; to become more rigid or less flexible

synonym: strengthen, solidify, fortify

(1) **harden** your heart, (2) **harden** clay

She had to **harden** her stance on the issue to gain support

from her colleagues.

session

n. a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

synonym: conference, gathering

(1) the morning **session**, (2) the court **session**
Parliament is now in **session**.

outdo

v. to do better than someone; to surpass

synonym: excel, surpass, outshine

(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition
He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

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.

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.

opt

v. to make a choice from a range of possibilities

synonym: choose, select, pick

(1) **opt** out of society, (2) **opt** for a traditional wedding
I decided to **opt** for premature retirement.

electrification

n. the process of installing electrical equipment or infrastructure, especially in a place that previously only had non-electrical equipment or infrastructure; the act of supplying electrical energy to an object or system, causing it to become electrically charged;

(1) railway **electrification**, (2) **electrification** current
The village was excited about the **electrification** of their community, which would bring light to their homes.

stove

n. a kitchen appliance consisting of a flat top, usually with heating elements, used for cooking food

synonym: range, cooker, hotplate

(1) **stove** top, (2) hot **stove**

I made dinner on the **stove** using a pot and a pan.

mow

v. to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops

synonym: cut, trim, clip

(1) **mow** the field, (2) **mow** a yard

My father likes to **mow** the lawn early on Saturday mornings.

automotive

adj. of or relating to motor vehicles

synonym: self-propelling

(1) **automotive** manufacturing, (2) an **automotive** transport company

Our company is an **automotive** component supplier to motor manufacturers.

pollution

n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

synonym: corrosion, deterioration, corruption

(1) environmental **pollution**, (2) high levels of air **pollution**

The **pollution** is endangering the local plants and animals.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

(1) **mention** name, (2) **mention** in a report

I **mentioned** to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

appreciate

v. to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone

synonym : acknowledge, admire, enjoy

(1) **appreciate** her feedback, (2) **appreciate** the value

We would **appreciate** an early reply.

lawn

n. a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics

synonym : yard, grass, meadow

(1) **lawn** mower, (2) lush **lawn**

The family enjoyed a picnic on the **lawn** in the park.

lush

adj. produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal

synonym : leafy, overgrown, dense

(1) **lush** and fertile land, (2) the abundance of **lush** vegetation

This area has an environment of **lush** greenery and water courses.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym : reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

shrub

n. a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil

synonym : bush, hedge, fern

(1) tree and **shrubs**, (2) small **shrub**

These are **shrubs** with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.

resistant

adj. not affected by something, especially changes or new ideas; of or relating to immunity to disease or infection

synonym : unsusceptible, immune, invulnerable

(1) penicillin- **resistant** bacteria, (2) **resistant** to persuasion
Insects in urban areas are becoming **resistant** to insecticides.

xeriscape

v. to landscape or design an area in a way that conserves water by using drought-tolerant plants, efficient irrigation systems, and other water-saving techniques; (noun) a landscaping method developed especially for arid and semiarid climates that utilizes water-conserving techniques

synonym : droughtscape, water-wise, dryscape

(1) **xeriscape** gardening techniques, (2) **xeriscape** a lawn
The homeowners decided to **xeriscape** their front yard, replacing the grass with drought-resistant plants.

manicure

n. a cosmetic treatment for the hands and nails, typically involving the trimming, shaping, and polishing of the nails, as well as the softening and moisturizing of the hands

synonym : nail care, nail treatment

(1) **manicure** tools, (2) professional **manicure**

I need to schedule a **manicure** appointment before my sister's wedding.

conserve

v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

synonym : preserve, save, maintain

(1) means to **conserve** energy, (2) **conserve** coal resources

Children must be taught to **conserve** our natural environment.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a

star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**
Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

fashionable

adj. popular at a particular time

synonym : chic, stylish, trendy

(1) **fashionable** designs, (2) **fashionable** café
Lengthened skirts are **fashionable** this year.

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**.

detriment

n. something that causes harm, injury, or damage

synonym : harm, damage, injury

(1) **detriment** of society, (2) bring great **detriment**
The new approach resulted in a significant **detriment** to the local economy.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**
The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

discard

v. to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need

synonym : throw away, reject, abandon

(1) **discard** old beliefs, (2) **discard** the downloaded data
He **discarded** the old torn shirt and bought a new one.

landfill

n. a site for the disposal of waste materials

synonym: dump, trash-yard, waste-yard

(1) disposal in a **landfill**, (2) **landfill** sites

This country faces problems in finding enough suitable **landfill** sites.

dye

v. to color a textile or hair by immersing it in a colored liquid or substance

synonym: color, tint, stain

(1) **dye** a T-shirt red, (2) **dye** patterns

She **dyed** her hair purple for a change.

durable

adj. capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed

synonym: enduring, stable, long-lasting

(1) **durable** peace, (2) **durable** materials

Our company's products are made of highly **durable** materials.

sustainable

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

synonym: continuable, endurable, tolerable

(1) **sustainable** alternative fuel, (2) principles of **sustainable** development

The government should do more to support environmentally **sustainable** agriculture.

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.

engage

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

synonym: confront, employ, amuse

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

(2) **engage** a new employee

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

elect

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

synonym: select, choose, prefer

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

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

politician

n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.

synonym: congressperson, lawmaker, legislator

(1) a **politician** in the ruling party, (2) a corrupt **politician**

The **politician** lost his position in the end due to the scandal.

outlook

n. the likely future situation for someone or something; a habitual or characteristic mental attitude to life and the world of a particular person, group, or culture

synonym: perspective, view, overlook

(1) the **outlook** of the townsite, (2) a positive **outlook** on life

Our company's business **outlook** for next year is bright.

pause

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

synonym: halt, break, intermit

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

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

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

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

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

grandkid

n. the grandchildren of a particular person

synonym: grandchildren, grandnieces, grandnephews

(1) spend the weekend with their **grandkids**, (2) cute **grandkids**

She was so proud of her **grandkids**, who were all doing well in school and had great personalities.

generation

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

synonym: cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

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.

existence

n. the state or fact of someone or something existing

synonym: fact, being, reality

(1) the biggest tree in **existence**, (2) the struggle for **existence**

He was an atheist and therefore did not believe in the **existence** of heaven or hell.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

survival

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

synonym: endurance, continuity

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

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

conscious

adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you

synonym: aware, cognizant, deliberate

(1) **conscious** effort, (2) **conscious** of having succeeded

He became **conscious** that he was being followed.

decision

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) **decision** authority, (2) a selfish **decision**

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

individually

adv. separately or apart from others

synonym: separately, one by one, independently

(1) answer questions **individually**, (2) **individually** designed product

Each department has done its product costing **individually**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. small sh__b *n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
2. answer questions ind_____lly *adv.* separately or apart from others
3. xe_____pe a lawn *v.* to landscape or design an area in a way that conserves water by using drought-tolerant plants, efficient irrigation systems, and other water-saving techniques; (noun) a landscaping method developed especially for arid and semiarid climates that utilizes water-conserving techniques
4. ru__l accents *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
5. di_____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
6. lush l__n *n.* a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics
7. en___e in environmental protection activities *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something
8. di_____on of resources *n.* a change of direction or course; the act of redirecting attention or activity to a different topic or task; a form of entertainment or pastime that provides a temporary distraction or relief

ANSWERS: 1. shrub, 2. individually, 3. xeriscape, 4. rural, 5. displace, 6. lawn, 7. engage, 8. diversion

9. co_____ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
10. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
11. m_w a yard *v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
12. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
13. historical he_____ge *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
14. the t_p of a paintbrush *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
15. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
16. leather b__t *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
17. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
18. en___e a new employee *v.* to attract and keep someone's attention and interest; to participate in or obtain services of something

ANSWERS: 9. construct, 10. climate, 11. mow, 12. decide, 13. heritage, 14. tip, 15. grandchild, 16. belt, 17. industrious, 18. engage

19. ha___n your heart *v.* to make something firm, solid, or resistant; to toughen or strengthen physically or emotionally; to become more rigid or less flexible
20. environmental th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
21. a man of pr____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
22. so____re in high school *n.* a student in their second year of college or high school; used more broadly to refer to someone who is experienced in a particular activity or field
23. a st____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
24. l__h and fertile land *adj.* produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal
25. se____ty analyst *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
26. a sandy sh__e *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

ANSWERS: 19. harden, 20. threat, 21. property, 22. sophomore, 23. straight, 24. lush, 25. security, 26. shore

27. bu___t train *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
28. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
29. disposal in a la_____ll *n.* a site for the disposal of waste materials
30. people in ru__l areas *adj.* of or relating to the countryside
31. di_____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
32. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
33. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
34. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
35. hi_____ht a string in red *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
36. chemical pr_____ty *n.* a thing or things that belong to someone
37. hi_____ht an important difference *v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
38. the morning se_____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity

ANSWERS: 27. bullet, 28. nation, 29. landfill, 30. rural, 31. displace, 32. survival, 33. straight, 34. generation, 35. highlight, 36. property, 37. highlight, 38. session

39. det_____te condition *v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
40. commercial ac_____e *n.* the total amount of land a property contains that can be measured in acres
41. a cell phone with an internet
fa_____ty *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
42. sa__y hair *adj.* covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown
43. dim_____on of quality *n.* a reduction or decrease in size, extent, or importance; a lessening or weakening; the act of diminishing or reducing
44. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
45. principles of sus_____le
development *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
46. a prior eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
47. fr_____nt absence *adj.* happening constantly
48. po_____y alleviation *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
49. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 39. deteriorate, 40. acreage, 41. facility, 42. sandy, 43. diminution, 44. elect, 45. sustainable, 46. engagement, 47. frequent, 48. poverty, 49. struggle

50. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
51. predicted la_____ll *n.* the arrival or touching down of a ship, aircraft, or meteor on land after a voyage or journey; the first sighting or approach of land from the sea
52. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
53. miles of sa__y beaches *adj.* covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown
54. com_____te a loss *v.* to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value
55. sh__e up demand *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
56. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
57. the struggle for ex_____ce *n.* the state or fact of someone or something existing
58. economic th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 50. population, 51. landfall, 52. vulnerable, 53. sandy, 54. compensate, 55. shore, 56. environment, 57. existence, 58. threat

59. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
60. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
61. high fr_____cy *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
62. app_____te her feedback *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
63. a hu_____ne of applause *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
64. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
65. inherited ac_____e *n.* the total amount of land a property contains that can be measured in acres
66. du_____e peace *adj.* capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed
67. un_____ne their adversary's reputation *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
68. su____r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 59. industrious, 60. develop, 61. frequency, 62. appreciate, 63. hurricane, 64. obvious, 65. acreage, 66. durable, 67. undermine, 68. suffer

69. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
70. high levels of air po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
71. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
72. fas_____le designs *adj.* popular at a particular time
73. ele_____ion current *n.* the process of installing electrical equipment or infrastructure, especially in a place that previously only had non-electrical equipment or infrastructure; the act of supplying electrical energy to an object or system, causing it to become electrically charged;
74. develop in_____e itching *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
75. the court se_____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
76. d_e a T-shirt red *v.* to color a textile or hair by immersing it in a colored liquid or substance
77. spend the weekend with their gr_____ids *n.* the grandchildren of a particular person
78. biomass f__l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

ANSWERS: 69. responsible, 70. pollution, 71. rethink, 72. fashionable, 73. electrification, 74. intense, 75. session, 76. dye, 77. grandkid, 78. fuel

79. a public cor_____on *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
80. so_____re slump *n.* a student in their second year of college or high school; used more broadly to refer to someone who is experienced in a particular activity or field
81. the abundance of l__h vegetation *adj.* produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal
82. break off an eng_____nt *n.* a mutual promise to marry someone; an agreement to do something, especially at a particular time
83. 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
84. a corrupt pol_____an *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
85. fa_____le response *adj.* having a positive or beneficial attitude or effect; expressing approval, support, or agreement
86. in_____fy a good relationship *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
87. new fa_____n trends *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
88. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
89. dr_____t conditions *n.* a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation

ANSWERS: 79. corporation, 80. sophomore, 81. lush, 82. engagement, 83. maintain, 84. politician, 85. favorable, 86. intensify, 87. fashion, 88. massive, 89. drought

90. the ou____k of the townsite *n.* the likely future situation for someone or something; a habitual or characteristic mental attitude to life and the world of a particular person, group, or culture
91. the biggest tree in ex_____ce *n.* the state or fact of someone or something existing
92. professional ma_____re *n.* a cosmetic treatment for the hands and nails, typically involving the trimming, shaping, and polishing of the nails, as well as the softening and moisturizing of the hands
93. o_t for a traditional wedding *v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities
94. co_____us of having succeeded *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
95. bl_____rd warning *n.* a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions
96. a positive ou____k on life *n.* the likely future situation for someone or something; a habitual or characteristic mental attitude to life and the world of a particular person, group, or culture
97. fr_____cy band *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
98. st_____h a story *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

ANSWERS: 90. outlook, 91. existence, 92. manicure, 93. opt, 94. conscious, 95. blizzard, 96. outlook, 97. frequency, 98. stretch

99. in___d transportation *adj.* situated or located away from the coast or a body of water; (adverb) towards or into the interior of a region
100. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
101. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
102. pa__e a moment *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
103. arson-caused wi_____re *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
104. go out of fa_____n *n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
105. d_e patterns *v.* to color a textile or hair by immersing it in a colored liquid or substance
106. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
107. bu___t wound *n.* a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
108. pa__l discussion *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
109. re_____nt to persuasion *adj.* not affected by something, especially changes or new ideas; of or relating to immunity to disease or infection

ANSWERS: 99. inland, 100. mass, 101. rethink, 102. pause, 103. wildfire, 104. fashion, 105. dye, 106. mention, 107. bullet, 108. panel, 109. resistant

110. dim_____on of interest *n.* a reduction or decrease in size, extent, or importance; a lessening or weakening; the act of diminishing or reducing
111. f__k art *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
112. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
113. the mean annual ra_____ll *n.* the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment
114. l__n mower *n.* a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics
115. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
116. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
117. st_____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
118. labor pop_____on *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
119. sus_____le alternative fuel *adj.* able to continue or be continued for a long time
120. atomic b__bs *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something

ANSWERS: 110. diminution, 111. folk, 112. mass, 113. rainfall, 114. lawn, 115. government, 116. obvious, 117. struggle, 118. population, 119. sustainable, 120. bomb

121. penicillin-re_____nt bacteria *adj.* not affected by something, especially changes or new ideas; of or relating to immunity to disease or infection
122. heavy ra_____ll *n.* the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment
123. the ravages of a hu_____ne *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
124. a mi_____ry operation *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
125. fa_____le conditions *adj.* having a positive or beneficial attitude or effect; expressing approval, support, or agreement
126. du_____e materials *adj.* capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed
127. co_____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
128. brilliant fl__h *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
129. in_____e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
130. 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
131. cy_____e warning *n.* a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs

ANSWERS: 121. resistant, 122. rainfall, 123. hurricane, 124. military, 125. favorable, 126. durable, 127. communal, 128. flash, 129. intense, 130. maintain, 131. cyclone

132. fe_____l regulations *adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
133. det_____te at a slow pace *v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
134. fas_____le caf  *adj.* popular at a particular time
135. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
136. a fl__h of lightning *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
137. atm_____ic pressure *adj.* about or located in the earth's atmosphere
138. app_____te the value *v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
139. b__t him in the face *v.* to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body
140. periods of dr_____t *n.* a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation
141. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 132. federal, 133. deteriorate, 134. fashionable, 135. statistics, 136. flash, 137. atmospheric, 138. appreciate, 139. belt, 140. drought, 141. tradition

142. bite his tongue li_____ly
adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
143. pr_____nt belief
adj. existing very commonly in a particular area or in a specific time
144. aut_____ve manufacturing
adj. of or relating to motor vehicles
145. fe_____l funding
adj. relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
146. ou__o him in trickery
v. to do better than someone; to surpass
147. es_____te a fair value
v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
148. unpre_____ted business opportunity
adj. never having been seen, done, or known before
149. op_____e 24 hours a day
v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something
150. mental di_____on
n. a change of direction or course; the act of redirecting attention or activity to a different topic or task; a form of entertainment or pastime that provides a temporary distraction or relief
151. tree and sh__bs
n. a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
152. di_____d old beliefs
v. to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need

ANSWERS: 142. literally, 143. prevalent, 144. automotive, 145. federal, 146. outdo, 147. estimate, 148. unprecedented, 149. operate, 150. diversion, 151. shrub, 152. discard

153. ind_____us crop *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
154. a convivial atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
155. es_____te this chicken to weigh three pounds *v.* to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
156. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
157. hot st__e *n.* a kitchen appliance consisting of a flat top, usually with heating elements, used for cooking food
158. ma_____re tools *n.* a cosmetic treatment for the hands and nails, typically involving the trimming, shaping, and polishing of the nails, as well as the softening and moisturizing of the hands
159. a fl__d of questions *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
160. un_____ne a good relationship *v.* to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
161. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

ANSWERS: 153. indigenous, 154. atmosphere, 155. estimate, 156. climate, 157. stove, 158. manicure, 159. flood, 160. undermine, 161. survival

170. devastating cy_____e *n.* a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs
171. ex_____e sports *adj.* very great in amount or degree
172. unpre_____ted boom *adj.* never having been seen, done, or known before
173. her_____ge site *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
174. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
175. cor_____on assets *n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
176. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
177. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
178. co_____ve coal resources *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
179. cost of solar pa__ls *n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something

ANSWERS: 170. cyclone, 171. extreme, 172. unprecedented, 173. heritage, 174. statistics, 175. corporation, 176. massive, 177. responsible, 178. conserve, 179. panel

180. st____h along the coast *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
181. means to co____ve energy *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
182. ind____lly designed product *adv.* separately or apart from others
183. on____e drilling *adj.* located or happening on or near the shore or coastline; relating to activities or operations that take place on land as opposed to at sea
184. ex____e weather events *adj.* very great in amount or degree
185. a tr____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
186. di____d the downloaded data *v.* to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need
187. a mi____ry leader *adj.* relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
188. gov____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
189. ha____n clay *v.* to make something firm, solid, or resistant; to toughen or strengthen physically or emotionally; to become more rigid or less flexible

ANSWERS: 180. stretch, 181. conserve, 182. individually, 183. onshore, 184. extreme, 185. tradition, 186. discard, 187. military, 188. government, 189. harden

190. disarm the b__b *n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
191. environmental po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
192. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
193. to_____t of words *n.* a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud
194. carbon dioxide in the atm_____re *n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
195. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
196. a pol_____an in the ruling party *n.* a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
197. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
198. hit an ic_____g *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
199. railway ele_____ion *n.* the process of installing electrical equipment or infrastructure, especially in a place that previously only had non-electrical equipment or infrastructure; the act of supplying electrical energy to an object or system, causing it to become electrically charged;

ANSWERS: 190. bomb, 191. pollution, 192. poverty, 193. torrent, 194. atmosphere, 195. vulnerable, 196. politician, 197. destroy, 198. iceberg, 199. electrification

200. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
201. smokeless f___l *n.* a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy
202. ic_____g melting *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
203. xe_____pe gardening techniques *v.* to landscape or design an area in a way that conserves water by using drought-tolerant plants, efficient irrigation systems, and other water-saving techniques; (noun) a landscaping method developed especially for arid and semiarid climates that utilizes water-conserving techniques
204. pa_____ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
205. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
206. manually op_____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
207. el__t the school board *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
208. fr_____nt use *adj.* happening constantly
209. stem a to_____t *n.* a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud

ANSWERS: 200. planet, 201. fuel, 202. iceberg, 203. xeriscape, 204. paralyze, 205. destroy, 206. operate, 207. elect, 208. frequent, 209. torrent

210. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
211. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
212. co_____ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
213. co_____us effort *adj.* being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
214. cute gr_____ids *n.* the grandchildren of a particular person
215. de_____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
216. su___r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
217. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
218. ind_____us peoples *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
219. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 210. planet, 211. mention, 212. construct, 213. conscious, 214. grandkid, 215. decision, 216. suffer, 217. develop, 218. indigenous, 219. communal

220. bring great de_____nt *n.* something that causes harm, injury, or damage
221. translate li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
222. the gen_____on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
223. move further in____d *adj.* situated or located away from the coast or a body of water; (adverb) towards or into the interior of a region
224. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
225. ou__o the competition *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
226. national se_____ty *n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation
227. pa_____ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
228. the f__k songs of a particular district *n.* people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
229. c__p herbicide *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
230. la_____ll sites *n.* a site for the disposal of waste materials

ANSWERS: 220. detriment, 221. literally, 222. generation, 223. inland, 224. pause, 225. outdo, 226. security, 227. paralyze, 228. folk, 229. crop, 230. landfill

231. 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
232. fa_____ty design *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
233. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
234. on_____e wind farm *adj.* located or happening on or near the shore or coastline; relating to activities or operations that take place on land as opposed to at sea
235. st__e top *n.* a kitchen appliance consisting of a flat top, usually with heating elements, used for cooking food
236. an aut_____ve transport company *adj.* of or relating to motor vehicles
237. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
238. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
239. c__p field *n.* a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
240. doubling of atm_____ic carbon dioxide *adj.* about or located in the earth's atmosphere
241. de_____nt of society *n.* something that causes harm, injury, or damage
242. wi_____re spread *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

ANSWERS: 231. decide, 232. facility, 233. environment, 234. onshore, 235. stove, 236. automotive, 237. nation, 238. grandchild, 239. crop, 240. atmospheric, 241. detriment, 242. wildfire

243. fl__d advisory *n.* a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
244. heavy bl____rd *n.* a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions
245. a selfish de____on *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options
246. in____fy diplomatic efforts *v.* to increase or make something increase in extent or strength

ANSWERS: 243. flood, 244. blizzard, 245. decision, 246. intensify

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. In just four years, the _____ has doubled.
n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location
2. The waves are beating against the _____.
n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water;
v. to support by placing against something solid or rigid
3. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
4. The company offered to _____ the employees for the overtime they worked.
v. to make up for a loss, injury, or inconvenience by giving something of value
5. The _____ lost his position in the end due to the scandal.
n. a person who is a member of a government or law-making organization, especially as an elected member of parliament, etc.
6. He tried to _____ his rival by breaking the world record.
v. to do better than someone; to surpass
7. _____ elections were held in several European countries.
adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
8. The rain fell in a _____ flooding the streets in minutes.
n. a sudden and violent stream, as of water, lava, or mud

ANSWERS: 1. population, 2. shore, 3. rethink, 4. compensate, 5. politician, 6. outdo, 7. Communal, 8. torrent,

9. These plants thrive in hot climates with abundant _____.
- n.* the amount of rain that falls in a specific location at a particular moment
10. Our company's products are made of highly _____ materials.
- adj.* capable of lasting and being used for a long time without being damaged or destroyed
11. Some herds have been observed to _____ hundreds of kilometers.
- v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
12. This virus is _____ in many tropical nations.
- adj.* existing very commonly in a particular area or in a specific time
13. Our company's business _____ for next year is bright.
- n.* the likely future situation for someone or something; a habitual or characteristic mental attitude to life and the world of a particular person, group, or culture
14. The farmer-owned a massive _____ of land where he grew various crops.
- n.* the total amount of land a property contains that can be measured in acres
15. These are _____ with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.
- n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
16. His heartaches are less _____ now.
- adj.* happening constantly
17. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.
- v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly

ANSWERS: 9. rainfall, 10. durable, 11. stretch, 12. prevalent, 13. outlook, 14. acreage, 15. shrubs, 16. frequent, 17. mentioned

18. She _____ her hair purple for a change.
v. to color a textile or hair by immersing it in a colored liquid or substance
19. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid
20. He stood to inherit a million-dollar _____.
n. a thing or things that belong to someone
21. This area has an environment of _____ greenery and water courses.
adj. produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal
22. The university student was now a _____ having completed their first year of studies.
n. a student in their second year of college or high school; used more broadly to refer to someone who is experienced in a particular activity or field
23. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
n. the condition of being extremely poor
24. We _____ the season's total trade deficit at \$50 billion.
v. to guess or calculate the cost, size, value, etc. of something
25. The band was _____ out old songs in response to audience requests.
v. to sing loudly and forcefully; to hit someone or something hard; (noun) a strip of leather or other material worn to tie or buckle something around the body

ANSWERS: 18. dyed, 19. massive, 20. property, 21. lush, 22. sophomore, 23. poverty, 24. estimated, 25. belting

26. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

27. The deadly _____ that hit the town yesterday destroyed many buildings and injured several people.

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

28. Solar gravity creates _____ pressures and temperatures.

adj. very great in amount or degree

29. He was an atheist and therefore did not believe in the _____ of heaven or hell.

n. the state or fact of someone or something existing

30. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

31. The oscillator hunts for the correct _____.

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

32. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

33. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.

n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

ANSWERS: 26. obvious, 27. tornado, 28. extreme, 29. existence, 30. responsible, 31. frequency, 32. planet, 33. generation

34. 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
35. 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
36. The patient's health _____ rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.
- v. to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
37. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n. the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
38. Some seaweed was used as _____ medicine in ancient times.
- n. people in general, especially those of a particular group or type
39. The venom from the snake bite _____ his arm.
- v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
40. These heavy rains caused flash _____ on several islands.
- n. a large amount of water flowing beyond its normal limits; an overwhelming number or amount
41. The construction of the new dam will _____ hundreds of families living downstream.
- v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

ANSWERS: 34. constructs, 35. decide, 36. deteriorated, 37. statistics, 38. folk, 39. paralyzed, 40. floods, 41. displace

42. Lengthened skirts are _____ this year.

adj. popular at a particular time

43. The shipping company decided to switch to _____ storage to reduce costs.

adj. located or happening on or near the shore or coastline; relating to activities or operations that take place on land as opposed to at sea

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

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

45. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

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

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

47. He _____ the old torn shirt and bought a new one.

v. to throw something away or get rid of something that you no longer wanted or need

48. The older man _____ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

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

49. She was struggling to make a _____ between two job offers.

n. the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 42. fashionable, 43. onshore, 44. Climate, 45. destroyed, 46. hurricane, 47. discarded, 48. suffers, 49. decision

50. He was sick for five _____ days.

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

51. The _____ of the city is reflected in its architecture.

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

52. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

53. Many multinational companies are _____ in the reconstruction of that country.

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

54. I will introduce some _____ on learning English in this class.

n. the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

55. 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

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

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

57. The _____ strong winds and rough seas severely impacted the fishing industry.

n. a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs

ANSWERS: 50. straight, 51. heritage, 52. mass, 53. engaged, 54. tips, 55. maintain,

56. tradition, 57. cyclone's

58. The family enjoyed a picnic on the _____ in the park.

- n.* a stretch of ground covered with grass, typically attached to a house, and often used for recreation or aesthetics

59. She was so proud of her _____ who were all doing well in school and had great personalities.

- n.* the grandchildren of a particular person

60. That statement by the prime minister drew _____ international criticism.

- adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

61. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.

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

62. The loss of an important client caused a _____ in the company's reputation.

- n.* a reduction or decrease in size, extent, or importance; a lessening or weakening; the act of diminishing or reducing

63. Many _____ areas are still impoverished.

- adj.* of or relating to the countryside

64. Children must be taught to _____ our natural environment.

- v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

65. I decided to _____ for premature retirement.

- v.* to make a choice from a range of possibilities

ANSWERS: 58. lawn, 59. grandkids, 60. intense, 61. environment, 62. diminution, 63. rural, 64. conserve, 65. opt

66. I need to schedule a _____ appointment before my sister's wedding.
- n.* a cosmetic treatment for the hands and nails, typically involving the trimming, shaping, and polishing of the nails, as well as the softening and moisturizing of the hands
67. The introduction _____ the speaker's distinguished career as a consultant
- v.* to make something prominent, mainly so that people give it more attention
68. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
- adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
69. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.
- n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
70. The _____ government announced new regulations to protect the environment.
- adj.* relating to a central government or national authority; refers to government policies, laws, or programs that are implemented at a national level rather than a state or local level
71. A _____ of economic advisers from the United States visited the country to help rebuild its economy.
- n.* a square or rectangular and flat piece of something that forms a distinct section or component of something; a small group of specialists who discuss particular topics or give their advice or opinion about something
72. The region has been experiencing a severe _____ leading to water shortages and crop failures.
- n.* a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation

ANSWERS: 66. manicure, 67. highlighted, 68. vulnerable, 69. survival, 70. federal, 71. panel, 72. drought,

73. _____ amounts of heckling and slogan-shouting took place throughout the event.
adj. never having been seen, done, or known before
74. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
75. Sow early for an early _____.
n. a plant that is cultivated in large amounts, particularly for food
76. My father likes to ___ the lawn early on Saturday mornings.
v. to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
77. The new approach resulted in a significant _____ to the local economy.
n. something that causes harm, injury, or damage
78. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.
n. a child of someone's son or daughter
79. He became _____ that he was being followed.
adj. being aware of and able to respond to what is happening around you
80. Lush green forests surrounded the small _____ village.
adj. situated or located away from the coast or a body of water; (adverb) towards or into the interior of a region
81. The _____ scarcity most severely impacted the manufacturing sector
n. a substance that is typically burned to generate heat or energy

ANSWERS: 73. Unprecedented, 74. elected, 75. crop, 76. mow, 77. detriment, 78. grandchild, 79. conscious, 80. inland, 81. fuel

82. The use of cluster _____ is strictly prohibited by international law.
- n.* a weapon that explodes and is used to kill or injure people or to cause damage to something
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. I made dinner on the _____ using a pot and a pan.
- n.* a kitchen appliance consisting of a flat top, usually with heating elements, used for cooking food
85. The hurricane made _____ in the early morning hours, causing widespread damage.
- n.* the arrival or touching down of a ship, aircraft, or meteor on land after a voyage or journey; the first sighting or approach of land from the sea
86. He could not _____ against temptation.
- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
87. The rain rapidly soaked into the _____ soil.
- adj.* covered with or containing sand; (especially of hair color) pale yellowish to yellowish brown
88. That style is no longer in _____.
- n.* a style that is popular at a particular time or place; the state of being popular
89. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 82. bombs, 83. engagement, 84. stove, 85. landfall, 86. struggle, 87. sandy, 88. fashion, 89. threat

90. This machine is too difficult to _____ for me.
v. to work in a particular way; to supervise something
91. They tried to _____ her position by slandering her.
v. to make someone or something less powerful, less effective, weaker gradually; to make someone's fame, confidence, or authority less effective or weaker gradually
92. These heavy rains caused _____ floods on several islands.
n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
93. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
94. The sea surface temperature and _____ circulation are inextricably linked.
adj. about or located in the earth's atmosphere
95. He _____ jumped out of his chair when he heard the news.
adv. in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
96. This country faces problems in finding enough suitable _____ sites.
n. a site for the disposal of waste materials
97. The homeowners decided to _____ their front yard, replacing the grass with drought-resistant plants.
v. to landscape or design an area in a way that conserves water by using drought-tolerant plants, efficient irrigation systems, and other water-saving techniques; (noun) a landscaping method developed especially for arid and semiarid climates that utilizes water-conserving techniques

ANSWERS: 90. operate, 91. undermine, 92. flash, 93. industrious, 94. atmospheric, 95. literally, 96. landfill, 97. xeriscape

98. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
99. This company has an entire recycling _____ including major reprocessing plants.
- n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
100. The positive reviews were a _____ sign for the new restaurant in town.
- adj.* having a positive or beneficial attitude or effect; expressing approval, support, or agreement
101. We would _____ an early reply.
- v.* to value and acknowledge the worth of someone or something; to be grateful for something or someone
102. Four companies were amalgamated into a single _____.
- n.* a large company or group of companies that are controlled together by law as a single unit
103. The _____ destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.
- n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
104. Our company is an _____ component supplier to motor manufacturers.
- adj.* of or relating to motor vehicles
105. The village was excited about the _____ of their community, which would bring light to their homes.
- n.* the process of installing electrical equipment or infrastructure, especially in a place that previously only had non-electrical equipment or infrastructure; the act of supplying electrical energy to an object or system, causing it to become electrically charged;

ANSWERS: 98. nation, 99. facility, 100. favorable, 101. appreciate, 102. corporation, 103. wildfire, 104. automotive, 105. electrification

106. The man _____ before opening the door.
- v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
107. The spaceship began to burn up as it approached the Earth's _____.
- n.* the mass of air that surrounds the Earth; the pervading tone or mood of a place, situation, or creative work
108. Parliament is now in _____.
- n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
109. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
110. The _____ is endangering the local plants and animals.
- n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
111. The city declared a snow emergency and warned residents to stay off the streets during the _____.
- n.* a severe snowstorm that is accompanied by strong winds and low temperatures, often leading to very limited visibility and dangerous travel conditions
112. The building's _____ system includes cameras, alarms, and security guards.
- n.* the state of being free from danger, risk, or harm; measures taken to protect against threats or attacks; a financial asset, such as a stock or bond that derives value exclusively from the ownership interest or claim to a particular underlying asset or obligation

ANSWERS: 106. paused, 107. atmosphere, 108. session, 109. develop, 110. pollution, 111. blizzard, 112. security

113. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
114. The _____ plants need to be pollinated by local insects.
adj. someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
115. The _____ academy was known for its strict discipline and training.
adj. relating to or characteristic of members of the armed forces; of or relating to war or warfare
116. The stray _____ went through the window and hit the wall.
n. a metal projectile that is shot from a gun
117. Rebels have pledged to _____ the armed struggle against the dictatorship.
v. to increase or make something increase in extent or strength
118. Each department has done its product costing _____.
adv. separately or apart from others
119. She had to _____ her stance on the issue to gain support from her colleagues.
v. to make something firm, solid, or resistant; to toughen or strengthen physically or emotionally; to become more rigid or less flexible
120. The _____ of the river's path caused flooding downstream.
n. a change of direction or course; the act of redirecting attention or activity to a different topic or task; a form of entertainment or pastime that provides a temporary distraction or relief

ANSWERS: 113. government, 114. indigenous, 115. military, 116. bullet, 117. intensify, 118. individually, 119. harden, 120. diversion

121. The ship encountered a series of _____ and had to change its course.

n. a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

122. The government should do more to support environmentally _____ agriculture.

adj. able to continue or be continued for a long time

123. Insects in urban areas are becoming _____ to insecticides.

adj. not affected by something, especially changes or new ideas; of or relating to immunity to disease or infection

ANSWERS: 121. icebergs, 122. sustainable, 123. resistant