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Session 1: Word List

canary

n. a small, typically yellow songbird that is often kept as a pet or used to denote the presence of gas or other hazards in a mine

(1) **canary** bird, (2) **canary** yellow

The **canary** in the coal mine was used as an early warning system for miners about dangerous gases.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

meadowlark

n. a type of bird found in North America, known for its distinctively beautiful and melodic song

(1) **meadowlark** conservation, (2) **meadowlark** nest

I heard the beautiful song of a **meadowlark** perched on a nearby branch.

imbue

v. to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell

synonym : infuse, permeate, instill

(1) **imbue** with confidence, (2) **imbue** with meaning

He tried to **imbue** his children with a love of learning and curiosity.

primordial

adj. existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe

synonym : ancient, original, primary

(1) **primordial** forms of life, (2) **primordial** gas

The discovery of the **primordial** soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.

tyranny

n. a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others

synonym : despotism, oppression, dictatorship

(1) brutal **tyranny**, (2) **tyranny** of the majority

The country was ruled by a **tyranny** that oppressed its citizens.

extemporaneous

adj. done or spoken without preparation; improvisational; spontaneous; performed or delivered in the moment

synonym : improvised, spontaneous, unplanned

(1) **extemporaneous** storytelling, (2) **extemporaneous** music

The musician's **extemporaneous** performance showcased his impressive improvisational skills on the piano.

steward

n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

synonym : caretaker, manager, custodian

(1) **steward** duties, (2) **steward** service

The **steward** on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

duplicity

n. deceitfulness or double-dealing; the act of feigning one's feelings, intentions, or beliefs to deceive others

synonym: deceit, fraud, trickery

(1) **duplicity** in behavior, (2) **duplicity** in words

The politician's **duplicity** was revealed when he lied about his involvement in the scandal.

facto

adj. of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring

synonym: actual, real

(1) ex post **facto** approval, (2) a de **facto** government

The new software has become the de **facto** tool for professionals in the field.

toxify

v. to render something or someone toxic, poisonous, or harmful, often through exposure to pollution, chemicals, or other noxious substances

synonym: poison, contaminate, pollute

(1) **toxify** seafood, (2) **toxify** environment

The chemicals from the waste plant have started to **toxify** the nearby river.

downwind

adv. in the direction that the wind is blowing, particularly about the adverse effects that the wind may carry

synonym: downstream, windward, leeward

(1) sweep away **downwind**, (2) move **downwind**

The smoke from the fire was blowing **downwind** towards the nearby town.

scuttle

v. to run or move quickly with short, hurried steps; to deliberately sink a ship by creating holes or damage in its hull; to abandon or destroy a plan or project; (noun) a metal container with a handle and a lid, typically used for carrying coal or other materials; a small hatch or

opening in a ship's deck or side

synonym : scamper, scurry, flee

(1) **scuttle** out of a room, (2) **scuttle** the treaty

The mice **scuttled** across the kitchen floor in search of food.

endgame

n. the final stage or outcome of a long and complex process or sequence of events, especially one that involves a struggle or competition

synonym : outcome, finale, conclusion

(1) **endgame** strategies, (2) chess **endgame**

The athlete's **endgame** was to win an Olympic gold medal before retiring from the sport

humility

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

synonym : humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

fountainhead

n. a source or origin of something, particularly a principle, idea, or belief; the original or primary location of a water source, such as a spring or large well

synonym : source, origin, wellspring

(1) the **fountainhead** in the park, (2) artistic **fountainhead**

The company's founder is considered to be the **fountainhead** of its success.

lug

v. to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion

synonym : carry, haul, transport

(1) **lug** a hose, (2) **lug** my son into a room

He had to **lug** the heavy suitcase up the stairs.

Alzheimer

n. a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults

synonym : dementia, memory loss, cognitive decline

(1) **Alzheimer's** brain, (2) **Alzheimer's** risk factors

My grandmother has **Alzheimer's** disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.

nit

n. the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person

(1) **nit** in the dog's fur, (2) she is a little **nit**

Careful brushing can remove **nit**.

gulf

n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

synonym: chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

hegemony

n. the dominance or influence of one group, country, or ideology over others, especially in political, economic, or cultural domains

synonym: dominance, leadership, supremacy

(1) regional **hegemony**, (2) corporate **hegemony**

For decades, the US has been viewed as having economic and military **hegemony** worldwide.

sheikh

n. a title given to the leader or ruler of an Arab tribe, village, or Islamic community, commonly used in the Arabian Peninsula and some other parts of the Middle East

synonym: emir, ruler, leader

(1) **sheikh** authority, (2) oil **sheikh**

The Arab **sheikh** welcomed the dignitaries to his palace for a grand feast.

outperform

v. to be or do something compared to others of a similar type

synonym: beat, exceed, surpass

(1) **outperform** other countries, (2) **outperform** the human

brain

They consistently **outperformed** other teams in the league.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

phosphorus

n. a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element

synonym: P, phosphoric, phosphorous

(1) **phosphorus** element, (2) yellow **phosphorus**

Phosphorus compounds are commonly used to manufacture fertilizers to promote plant growth.

eyesight

n. the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness

synonym: vision, sight, eyes

(1) impaired **eyesight**, (2) acute **eyesight**

His excellent **eyesight** allowed him to spot the bird in the dense foliage.

contaminate

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

synonym: defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego

We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

bismuth

n. a chemical element with the symbol Bi on the periodic table, known for its crystalline structure and distinctive rainbow-like colors on its surface when oxidized, used in some medications and cosmetics

synonym: Bi, bismite, wismutite

(1) **bismuth** poisoning, (2) **bismuth** alloy

Bismuth oxychloride is commonly used in the manufacture of

pearlescent pigments for paints and coatings.

antimony

n. a chemical element with the symbol Sb and atomic number 51, often used in alloys, flame retardants, and medicines

(1) **antimony** compound, (2) **antimony** ore

The laboratory used **antimony** chloride in the production of certain chemicals.

recyclability

n. the degree to which a material or product can be reused or repurposed after it has served its original function, without requiring significant modifications or environmental harm

synonym: reusability, sustainability, renewability

(1) **recyclability** rate, (2) low **recyclability** problem

The **recyclability** of electronic devices is a significant challenge due to the complexity of their components.

polyolefin

n. A type of polymer produced from a simple olefin (also known as an alkene with the general formula C_nH_{2n}) as a monomer

(1) a biodegradable **polyolefin** variant,

(2) **polyolefin-based** product

Manufacturers often choose **polyolefin** resins in automotive components because of their lightweight properties.

thermoplastic

adj. relating to a material that becomes pliable or moldable when heated and solidifies when cooled, thereby allowing it to be reshaped repeatedly

synonym: heat-sensitive, meltable, moldable

(1) **thermoplastic** polymer, (2) **thermoplastic** resin

Due to its flexibility and durability, the **thermoplastic** elastomer is widely used in making phone cases.

meadow

n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

synonym: pasture, field, lawn

(1) graze in the **meadow**, (2) lowland **meadow**
The lush **meadow** was covered in wildflowers.

lumberjack

n. a person who works in the logging industry, specifically in felling, cutting, and transporting trees

synonym: forester, woodcutter, logger

(1) hardworking **lumberjack**, (2) skilled **lumberjack**

The experienced **lumberjack** skillfully chopped down the tree with his axe and then cut it into logs.

olympiad

n. a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years

(1) the modern **olympiad**, (2) summer **olympiad**

She won a gold medal in the physics **olympiad** and was praised by her teachers and peers.

karma

n. a concept that originated in Hinduism and Buddhism and referred to the idea that a person's actions in the present moment will affect their future experiences and circumstances

synonym: destiny, fate, providence

(1) bad **karma**, (2) **karma** yoga

Some people believe that if you do good deeds, you will accumulate positive **karma** that will benefit you in the future.

affectionate

adj. showing fondness, love, or affection towards someone or something; expressing care and tenderness in gestures, words, or actions toward others

synonym: loving, tender, fond

(1) **affectionate** relationship, (2) **affectionate** kiss

The elderly couple always stayed **affectionate** towards each other throughout their marriage.

proprietor

n. a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company

synonym : owner, keeper, possessor

(1) **proprietor** of a business, (2) copyright **proprietor**

The **proprietor** of the small bakery was always friendly and welcoming.

secondhand

adj. having been previously owned or used by someone else

synonym : used, pre-owned, recycled

(1) **secondhand** car, (2) **secondhand** information

He was excited to find a vintage suit at the **secondhand** shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.

gyre

n. a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents

synonym : spiral, vortex, whirl

(1) **gyre** movement, (2) subtropical **gyre**

The trash caught in the **gyre** in the ocean, forming a massive garbage patch.

plankton

n. tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed

(1) **plankton** blooms, (2) **plankton** community

Plankton is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.

poetics

n. the study or practice of literary composition, including the use of language, imagery, and other creative elements to create works of poetry or literature

synonym : poetry, verse, literature

(1) intertextual **poetics**, (2) **poetics** of cinema

The poet's use of **poetics** captured the essence of the human condition.

sequester

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

synonym : isolate, set apart, segregate

(1) **sequester** ten percent of the annual carbon emissions, (2) **sequester** myself from the world

He approved their requests to **sequester** the jury.

distill

v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
synonym: extract, condense, purify

(1) **distill** a liquid, (2) **distill** information

She decided to **distill** her thoughts into a more manageable list.

accrue

v. (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time

synonym: increase, accumulate, amass

(1) **accrue** to the general treasury, (2) benefits **accrue** to the community

Two-percent interest will **accrue** on your savings account.

replicate

v. to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results

synonym: duplicate, imitate, reproduce

(1) **replicate** the cell, (2) **replicate** data

The experiment was **replicated** several times to ensure accuracy.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

coop

v. a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry

synonym: birdcage, enclosure, cage

(1) fly the **coop**, (2) chicken **coop**

The farmer put a **coop** over the hens.

environmentalist

n. a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment

synonym:

conservationist

(1) dedicated **environmentalist**, (2) an **environmentalist** political party

The **environmentalist** lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.

lexicon

n. all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical

synonym: glossary, dictionary, vocabulary

(1) Greek-English **lexicon**, (2) **lexicon** of business phrases

This bilingual **lexicon** was essential for his language improvement.

asphalt

n. a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen

synonym: tar, road surface, blacktop

(1) **asphalt** pavement, (2) **asphalt** driveway

The road crew was laying fresh **asphalt** on the highway.

disgorge

v. to forcefully expel or release something, especially in large amounts; to vomit; to empty or eject the contents of something

synonym: vomit, spew, regurgitate

(1) **disgorge** food, (2) **disgorge** information

The crowded bus **disgorged** passengers at every stop along the route.

crick

n. sharp pain or stiffness in the neck or back that typically results from a sudden twisting or wrenching movement

synonym: cramp, kink, spasm

(1) stiff **crick**, (2) **crick** in the back

I woke up with a **crick** in my neck from sleeping in an awkward position.

precondition

n. a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible

synonym: requisite, prerequisite, stipulation

(1) **precondition** agreement, (2) essential **precondition**

A peaceful environment is a **precondition** for meaningful negotiations.

artifice

n. a clever or cunning trick or strategy used to deceive or manipulate others; a clever or skillful device or technique, often with an artistic or creative aspect

synonym: trickery, deceit, cunning

(1) ornamental **artifice**, (2) deceptive **artifice**

Modern films often blend **artifice** with reality to create a captivating visual experience.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym: flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

cork

n. a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper

synonym: stopper, bung, plug

(1) **cork** a bottle, (2) **cork** flooring

She used a **cork** board to display her favorite photographs.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

biodegrade

v. to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi

(1) **biodegrade** by the microorganism, (2) bioplastic designed to **biodegrade**

The company's plastic products are easily **biodegraded** thanks to a unique manufacturing process.

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.

intellect

n. the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**

Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

purify

v. to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it

synonym : refine, filter, clarify

(1) **purify** hydrogen gas, (2) **purify** the blood

The equipment is frequently used to **purify** and distribute drinking water.

revitalization

n. the process of giving new life or energy to something

synonym : renewal, reactivation, rejuvenation

(1) **revitalization** project, (2) **revitalization** of humanity

The **revitalization** of the downtown area brought new life to the community.

madam

n. a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect

synonym : lady, ma'am, madame

(1) **madam** speaker, (2) dear **madam**

Madam President, may I ask a question regarding the new policy?

intercede

v. to intervene or mediate in a dispute, conflict, or situation on behalf of others; to act as an intermediary or go-between to help or reconcile conflicting parties

synonym : mediate, intervene, arbitrate

(1) **intercede** on behalf of my parent, (2) **intercede** with a plea

I had to **intercede** in the argument between my two friends to help them resolve it.

hydrology

n. the scientific study of water, including its properties, distribution, and movement on and beneath the Earth's surface, and its interaction with the environment

synonym : limnology, hydrography, hydrogeology

(1) forest **hydrology**, (2) **hydrology** expert

The study of **hydrology** is important for understanding water resources and management.

biota

n. all living organisms, including plants, animals, and microorganisms, in a particular region or ecosystem

synonym: life, flora, fauna

(1) marine **biota**, (2) soil **biota**

The **biota** of the coral reef includes a diverse range of plant and animal species.

feces

n. waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement

synonym: poop, stool, excrement

(1) **feces** sample, (2) human **feces**

Proper disposal of **feces** is essential for maintaining public health and sanitation.

sew

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

synonym: stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

compost

n. a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil

synonym: fertilizer, humus, manure

(1) organic **compost**, (2) **compost** pile

You can add coffee grounds and crushed eggshells to your **compost** to improve the pH balance.

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym: settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach

I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

Session 2: Spelling

1. soil bi__a
n. all living organisms, including plants, animals, and microorganisms, in a particular region or ecosystem
2. sc_____e the treaty
v. to run or move quickly with short, hurried steps; to deliberately sink a ship by creating holes or damage in its hull; to abandon or destroy a plan or project; (noun) a metal container with a handle and a lid, typically used for carrying coal or other materials; a small hatch or opening in a ship's deck or side
3. a g__m-free environment
n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
4. brutal ty_____y
n. a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
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n. deceitfulness or double-dealing; the act of feigning one's feelings, intentions, or beliefs to deceive others
6. su___e muscles
adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
7. s_w a button
v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

ANSWERS: 1. biota, 2. scuttle, 3. germ, 4. tyranny, 5. duplicity, 6. supple, 7. sew

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| 8. organic co_____t | <i>n.</i> a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil |
| 9. enrich my in_____ct | <i>n.</i> the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level |
| 10. rev_____ion project | <i>n.</i> the process of giving new life or energy to something |
| 11. develop an attitude of hu_____ty | <i>n.</i> the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self |
| 12. re_____te the cell | <i>v.</i> to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results |
| 13. ka__a yoga | <i>n.</i> a concept that originated in Hinduism and Buddhism and referred to the idea that a person's actions in the present moment will affect their future experiences and circumstances |
| 14. Greek-English le_____n | <i>n.</i> all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical |
| 15. cr__k in the back | <i>n.</i> sharp pain or stiffness in the neck or back that typically results from a sudden twisting or wrenching movement |
| 16. bi_____h poisoning | <i>n.</i> a chemical element with the symbol Bi on the periodic table, known for its crystalline structure and distinctive rainbow-like colors on its surface when oxidized, used in some medications and cosmetics |

ANSWERS: 8. compost, 9. intellect, 10. revitalization, 11. humility, 12. replicate, 13. karma, 14. lexicon, 15. crick, 16. bismuth

26. l_g my son into a room *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
27. bi____h alloy *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Bi on the periodic table, known for its crystalline structure and distinctive rainbow-like colors on its surface when oxidized, used in some medications and cosmetics
28. Al_____er's brain *n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
29. pre_____ion agreement *n.* a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible
30. du_____ty in words *n.* deceitfulness or double-dealing; the act of feigning one's feelings, intentions, or beliefs to deceive others
31. to___y environment *v.* to render something or someone toxic, poisonous, or harmful, often through exposure to pollution, chemicals, or other noxious substances
32. sec_____nd information *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
33. human fe__s *n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
34. c__k flooring *n.* a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper

ANSWERS: 26. lug, 27. bismuth, 28. Alzheimer, 29. precondition, 30. duplicity, 31. toxify, 32. secondhand, 33. feces, 34. cork

35. low rec_____ity problem *n.* the degree to which a material or product can be reused or repurposed after it has served its original function, without requiring significant modifications or environmental harm
36. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
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38. the_____tic resin *adj.* relating to a material that becomes pliable or moldable when heated and solidifies when cooled, thereby allowing it to be reshaped repeatedly
39. in_____t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
40. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
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42. copyright pro_____or *n.* a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company
43. sc_____e out of a room *v.* to run or move quickly with short, hurried steps; to deliberately sink a ship by creating holes or damage in its hull; to abandon or destroy a plan or project; (noun) a metal container with a handle and a lid, typically used for carrying coal or other materials; a small hatch or opening in a ship's deck or side

ANSWERS: 35. recyclability, 36. singe, 37. sequester, 38. thermoplastic, 39. inhabit, 40. terrifying, 41. cork, 42. proprietor, 43. scuttle

44. a de fa__o government *adj.* of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring
45. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
46. st____d duties *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
47. di____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
48. im__e with confidence *v.* to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell
49. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
50. pri____al gas *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
51. di____ge food *v.* to forcefully expel or release something, especially in large amounts; to vomit; to empty or eject the contents of something
52. pl____on community *n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed

ANSWERS: 44. facto, 45. gulf, 46. steward, 47. disrupt, 48. imbue, 49. gulf, 50. primordial, 51. disgorge, 52. plankton

53. ext_____ous storytelling *adj.* done or spoken without preparation; improvisational; spontaneous; performed or delivered in the moment
54. l_g a hose *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
55. skilled lum_____ck *n.* a person who works in the logging industry, specifically in felling, cutting, and transporting trees
56. pri_____al forms of life *adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
57. an_____ny ore *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Sb and atomic number 51, often used in alloys, flame retardants, and medicines
58. stiff cr__k *n.* sharp pain or stiffness in the neck or back that typically results from a sudden twisting or wrenching movement
59. su___e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
60. ty_____y of the majority *n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
61. aff_____ate relationship *adj.* showing fondness, love, or affection towards someone or something; expressing care and tenderness in gestures, words, or actions toward others

ANSWERS: 53. extemporaneous, 54. lug, 55. lumberjack, 56. primordial, 57. antimony, 58. crick, 59. supple, 60. tyranny, 61. affectionate

62. summer ol____ad *n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
63. the fou_____ead in the park *n.* a source or origin of something, particularly a principle, idea, or belief; the original or primary location of a water source, such as a spring or large well
64. co_____t pile *n.* a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil
65. intertextual po_____s *n.* the study or practice of literary composition, including the use of language, imagery, and other creative elements to create works of poetry or literature
66. essential pre_____ion *n.* a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible
67. con_____te his ego *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
68. as_____t driveway *n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen

ANSWERS: 62. olympiad, 63. fountainhead, 64. compost, 65. poetics, 66. precondition, 67. contaminate, 68. asphalt

69. ca___y yellow *n.* a small, typically yellow songbird that is often kept as a pet or used to denote the presence of gas or other hazards in a mine
70. fe__s sample *n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
71. an env_____ist political party *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
72. out_____rm the human brain *v.* to be or do something compared to others of a similar type
73. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
74. a biodegradable pol_____in variant *n.* A type of polymer produced from a simple olefin (also known as an alkene with the general formula C_nH_{2n}) as a monomer
75. human in_____ct *n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
76. artistic fou_____ead *n.* a source or origin of something, particularly a principle, idea, or belief; the original or primary location of a water source, such as a spring or large well
77. ac___e to the general treasury *v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
78. ext_____ous music *adj.* done or spoken without preparation; improvisational; spontaneous; performed or delivered in the moment

ANSWERS: 69. canary, 70. feces, 71. environmentalist, 72. outperform, 73. terrifying, 74. polyolefin, 75. intellect, 76. fountainhead, 77. accrue, 78. extemporaneous

79. di_____l a liquid *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
80. move do_____nd *adv.* in the direction that the wind is blowing, particularly about the adverse effects that the wind may carry
81. se_____er myself from the world *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
82. as_____t pavement *n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
83. to_____y seafood *v.* to render something or someone toxic, poisonous, or harmful, often through exposure to pollution, chemicals, or other noxious substances
84. yellow pho_____us *n.* a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element
85. oil sh_____h *n.* a title given to the leader or ruler of an Arab tribe, village, or Islamic community, commonly used in the Arabian Peninsula and some other parts of the Middle East
86. sweep away do_____nd *adv.* in the direction that the wind is blowing, particularly about the adverse effects that the wind may carry
87. g____e movement *n.* a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents

ANSWERS: 79. distill, 80. downwind, 81. sequester, 82. asphalt, 83. toxify, 84. phosphorus, 85. sheikh, 86. downwind, 87. gyre

88. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
89. pu___y hydrogen gas *v.* to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it
90. in_____de with a plea *v.* to intervene or mediate in a dispute, conflict, or situation on behalf of others; to act as an intermediary or go-between to help or reconcile conflicting parties
91. the modern ol_____ad *n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
92. dedicated env_____ist *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
93. fly the c__p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
94. Al_____er's risk factors *n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
95. lowland me___w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
96. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

ANSWERS: 88. doe, 89. purify, 90. intercede, 91. olympiad, 92. environmentalist, 93. coop, 94. Alzheimer, 95. meadow, 96. sew

97. ma__m speaker *n.* a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect
98. subtropical g__e *n.* a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents
99. im__e with meaning *v.* to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell
100. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
101. n_t in the dog's fur *n.* the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person
102. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
103. pol_____in-based product *n.* A type of polymer produced from a simple olefin (also known as an alkene with the general formula C_nH_{2n}) as a monomer
104. mea_____rk conservation *n.* a type of bird found in North America, known for its distinctively beautiful and melodic song
105. pl_____on blooms *n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
106. acute ey_____ht *n.* the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness

ANSWERS: 97. madam, 98. gyre, 99. imbue, 100. industrious, 101. nit, 102. humming, 103. polyolefin, 104. meadowlark, 105. plankton, 106. eyesight

107. st____d service *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
108. marine bi__a *n.* all living organisms, including plants, animals, and microorganisms, in a particular region or ecosystem
109. le____n of business phrases *n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
110. po____s of cinema *n.* the study or practice of literary composition, including the use of language, imagery, and other creative elements to create works of poetry or literature
111. bio____de by the microorganism *v.* to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi
112. chess en____e *n.* the final stage or outcome of a long and complex process or sequence of events, especially one that involves a struggle or competition
113. di____l information *v.* to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
114. chicken c__p *v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
115. pu___y the blood *v.* to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it

ANSWERS: 107. steward, 108. biota, 109. lexicon, 110. poetics, 111. biodegrade, 112. endgame, 113. distill, 114. coop, 115. purify

116. di____ge information *v.* to forcefully expel or release something, especially in large amounts; to vomit; to empty or eject the contents of something
117. ca____y bird *n.* a small, typically yellow songbird that is often kept as a pet or used to denote the presence of gas or other hazards in a mine
118. dear ma__m *n.* a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect
119. en____e strategies *n.* the final stage or outcome of a long and complex process or sequence of events, especially one that involves a struggle or competition
120. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
121. benefits ac____e to the community *v.* (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time
122. rec____ity rate *n.* the degree to which a material or product can be reused or repurposed after it has served its original function, without requiring significant modifications or environmental harm
123. ind____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
124. di____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

ANSWERS: 116. disgorge, 117. canary, 118. madam, 119. endgame, 120. germ, 121. accrue, 122. recyclability, 123. industrious, 124. disrupt

125. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
126. forest hy_____gy *n.* the scientific study of water, including its properties, distribution, and movement on and beneath the Earth's surface, and its interaction with the environment
127. ex post fa__o approval *adj.* of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring
128. sec_____nd car *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
129. bioplastic designed to bio_____de *v.* to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi
130. lack of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
131. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
132. ornamental ar_____ce *n.* a clever or cunning trick or strategy used to deceive or manipulate others; a clever or skillful device or technique, often with an artistic or creative aspect
133. in_____de on behalf of my parent *v.* to intervene or mediate in a dispute, conflict, or situation on behalf of others; to act as an intermediary or go-between to help or reconcile conflicting parties
134. deceptive ar_____ce *n.* a clever or cunning trick or strategy used to deceive or manipulate others; a clever or skillful device or technique, often with an artistic or creative aspect
135. graze in the me___w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

ANSWERS: 125. singe, 126. hydrology, 127. facto, 128. secondhand, 129. biodegrade, 130. humility, 131. humming, 132. artifice, 133. intercede, 134. artifice, 135. meadow

136. an_____ny compound *n.* a chemical element with the symbol Sb and atomic number 51, often used in alloys, flame retardants, and medicines
137. re_____te data *v.* to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results
138. con_____te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
139. sh____h authority *n.* a title given to the leader or ruler of an Arab tribe, village, or Islamic community, commonly used in the Arabian Peninsula and some other parts of the Middle East
140. in_____t a cave *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
141. out_____rm other countries *v.* to be or do something compared to others of a similar type
142. pro_____or of a business *n.* a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company
143. hardworking lum_____ck *n.* a person who works in the logging industry, specifically in felling, cutting, and transporting trees
144. hy_____gy expert *n.* the scientific study of water, including its properties, distribution, and movement on and beneath the Earth's surface, and its interaction with the environment
145. pho_____us element *n.* a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element

ANSWERS: 136. antimony, 137. replicate, 138. contaminate, 139. sheikh, 140. inhabit, 141. outperform, 142. proprietor, 143. lumberjack, 144. hydrology, 145. phosphorus

146. the_____tic polymer

adj. relating to a material that becomes pliable or moldable when heated and solidifies when cooled, thereby allowing it to be reshaped repeatedly

ANSWERS: 146. thermoplastic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The Arab _____ welcomed the dignitaries to his palace for a grand feast.
n. a title given to the leader or ruler of an Arab tribe, village, or Islamic community, commonly used in the Arabian Peninsula and some other parts of the Middle East
2. Some people believe that if you do good deeds, you will accumulate positive _____ that will benefit you in the future.
n. a concept that originated in Hinduism and Buddhism and referred to the idea that a person's actions in the present moment will affect their future experiences and circumstances
3. The athlete's _____ was to win an Olympic gold medal before retiring from the sport
n. the final stage or outcome of a long and complex process or sequence of events, especially one that involves a struggle or competition
4. The laboratory used _____ chloride in the production of certain chemicals.
n. a chemical element with the symbol Sb and atomic number 51, often used in alloys, flame retardants, and medicines
5. Careful brushing can remove _____.
n. the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person
6. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
7. The _____ of electronic devices is a significant challenge due to the complexity of their components.
n. the degree to which a material or product can be reused or repurposed after it has served its original function, without requiring significant modifications or environmental harm

ANSWERS: 1. sheikh, 2. karma, 3. endgame, 4. antimony, 5. nit, 6. industrious, 7.

recyclability

8. The road crew was laying fresh _____ on the highway.
- n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
9. He approved their requests to _____ the jury.
- v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
10. The study of _____ is important for understanding water resources and management.
- n.* the scientific study of water, including its properties, distribution, and movement on and beneath the Earth's surface, and its interaction with the environment
11. The experienced _____ skillfully chopped down the tree with his axe and then cut it into logs.
- n.* a person who works in the logging industry, specifically in felling, cutting, and transporting trees
12. The crowded bus _____ passengers at every stop along the route.
- v.* to forcefully expel or release something, especially in large amounts; to vomit; to empty or eject the contents of something
13. The _____ lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.
- n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
14. He tried to _____ his children with a love of learning and curiosity.
- v.* to inspire or permeate something or someone with a particular feeling or quality; to saturate or fill something with a specific color, taste, or smell

ANSWERS: 8. asphalt, 9. sequester, 10. hydrology, 11. lumberjack, 12. disgorged, 13. environmentalist, 14. imbue

15. The ____ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
16. Proper disposal of _____ is essential for maintaining public health and sanitation.
n. waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
17. She decided to _____ her thoughts into a more manageable list.
v. to purify or refine; to extract the essential elements
18. You can add coffee grounds and crushed eggshells to your _____ to improve the pH balance.
n. a mixture of organic matter, such as food scraps, yard waste, and manure, that is allowed to decompose and is used as fertilizer for plants and garden soil
19. The trash caught in the ____ in the ocean, forming a massive garbage patch.
n. a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents
20. The ____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
21. We strive not to _____ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.
v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
22. His excellent _____ allowed him to spot the bird in the dense foliage.
n. the ability to see; visual acuity or sharpness

ANSWERS: 15. Gulf, 16. feces, 17. distill, 18. compost, 19. gyre, 20. germ, 21. contaminate, 22. eyesight

23. This bilingual _____ was essential for his language improvement.
- n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
24. My grandmother has _____ disease requires special care and attention from her caregivers.
- n.* a neurodegenerative disease that causes memory loss, cognitive decline, and behavioral issues; is the most common cause of dementia in older adults
25. She won a gold medal in the physics _____ and was praised by her teachers and peers.
- n.* a period of four years, originally the time between the ancient Olympic Games and now commonly used to refer to the modern Olympic Games, which are held every four years
26. _____ President, may I ask a question regarding the new policy?
- n.* a term of polite address or title used to address a woman, particularly one in a position of authority or respect
27. Modern films often blend _____ with reality to create a captivating visual experience.
- n.* a clever or cunning trick or strategy used to deceive or manipulate others; a clever or skillful device or technique, often with an artistic or creative aspect
28. Due to its flexibility and durability, the _____ elastomer is widely used in making phone cases.
- adj.* relating to a material that becomes pliable or moldable when heated and solidifies when cooled, thereby allowing it to be reshaped repeatedly
29. The lush _____ was covered in wildflowers.
- n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

ANSWERS: 23. lexicon, 24. Alzheimer's, 25. olympiad, 26. Madam, 27. artifice, 28. thermoplastic, 29. meadow

30. He was excited to find a vintage suit at the _____ shop for a fraction of the price of a new one.

adj. having been previously owned or used by someone else

31. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

32. The chemicals from the waste plant have started to _____ the nearby river.

v. to render something or someone toxic, poisonous, or harmful, often through exposure to pollution, chemicals, or other noxious substances

33. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

34. I heard the beautiful song of a _____ perched on a nearby branch.

n. a type of bird found in North America, known for its distinctively beautiful and melodic song

35. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.

adj. very frightening or intimidating

36. The _____ of the small bakery was always friendly and welcoming.

n. a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company

37. My mother taught me how to _____.

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

ANSWERS: 30. secondhand, 31. humming, 32. toxify, 33. singed, 34. meadowlark, 35. terrifying, 36. proprietor, 37. sew

38. The discovery of the _____ soup was a crucial step in understanding the origins of life on Earth.
- adj.* existing from the beginning of time or the start of a particular process; relating to the earliest stage of the universe
39. She used a _____ board to display her favorite photographs.
- n.* a type of light and buoyant material that comes from the bark of the cork oak tree often used as a stopper for bottles or as a material for insulation or flooring; (verb) to close or seal something with a cork or similar stopper
40. The _____ on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.
- n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
41. The _____ of the downtown area brought new life to the community.
- n.* the process of giving new life or energy to something
42. The company's founder is considered to be the _____ of its success.
- n.* a source or origin of something, particularly a principle, idea, or belief; the original or primary location of a water source, such as a spring or large well
43. The _____ of the coral reef includes a diverse range of plant and animal species.
- n.* all living organisms, including plants, animals, and microorganisms, in a particular region or ecosystem
44. The politician's _____ was revealed when he lied about his involvement in the scandal.
- n.* deceitfulness or double-dealing; the act of feigning one's feelings, intentions, or beliefs to deceive others

ANSWERS: 38. primordial, 39. cork, 40. steward, 41. revitalization, 42. fountainhead, 43. biota, 44. duplicity

45. I had to _____ in the argument between my two friends to help them resolve it.
- v. to intervene or mediate in a dispute, conflict, or situation on behalf of others; to act as an intermediary or go-between to help or reconcile conflicting parties
46. He had to ____ the heavy suitcase up the stairs.
- v. to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
47. The equipment is frequently used to _____ and distribute drinking water.
- v. to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it
48. The new software has become the de _____ tool for professionals in the field.
- adj. of or relating to facts; done in reality; actually existing or occurring
49. The poet's use of _____ captured the essence of the human condition.
- n. the study or practice of literary composition, including the use of language, imagery, and other creative elements to create works of poetry or literature
50. _____ oxychloride is commonly used in the manufacture of pearlescent pigments for paints and coatings.
- n. a chemical element with the symbol Bi on the periodic table, known for its crystalline structure and distinctive rainbow-like colors on its surface when oxidized, used in some medications and cosmetics
51. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
- v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

ANSWERS: 45. intercede, 46. lug, 47. purify, 48. facto, 49. poetics, 50. Bismuth, 51. disrupt

52. The country was ruled by a _____ that oppressed its citizens.
- n.* a form of government in which a single ruler has absolute power, often exercised cruelly and oppressively; the arbitrary or oppressive exercise of power or control over others
53. We were filled with _____ at the sight of the Queen.
- n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
54. The experiment was _____ several times to ensure accuracy.
- v.* to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results
55. _____ is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.
- n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
56. The farmer put a _____ over the hens.
- v.* a farm building or enclosure for housing poultry
57. Hunters use a whistle that makes the _____ sound to lure stags.
- n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
58. I woke up with a _____ in my neck from sleeping in an awkward position.
- n.* sharp pain or stiffness in the neck or back that typically results from a sudden twisting or wrenching movement
59. The mice _____ across the kitchen floor in search of food.
- v.* to run or move quickly with short, hurried steps; to deliberately sink a ship by creating holes or damage in its hull; to abandon or destroy a plan or project; (noun) a metal container with a handle and a lid, typically used for carrying coal or other materials; a small hatch or opening in a ship's deck or side

ANSWERS: 52. tyranny, 53. humility, 54. replicated, 55. Plankton, 56. coop, 57. doe, 58. crick, 59. scuttled

60. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

61. The musician's _____ performance showcased his impressive improvisational skills on the piano.

adj. done or spoken without preparation; improvisational; spontaneous; performed or delivered in the moment

62. The _____ in the coal mine was used as an early warning system for miners about dangerous gases.

n. a small, typically yellow songbird that is often kept as a pet or used to denote the presence of gas or other hazards in a mine

63. Two-percent interest will _____ on your savings account.

v. (of a benefit or sum of money) to increase or accumulate in number or amount over a period of time

64. Manufacturers often choose _____ resins in automotive components because of their lightweight properties.

n. A type of polymer produced from a simple olefin (also known as an alkene with the general formula C_nH_{2n}) as a monomer

65. I have no idea what sort of folks _____ the neighborhood.

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

66. The smoke from the fire was blowing _____ towards the nearby town.

adv. in the direction that the wind is blowing, particularly about the adverse effects that the wind may carry

ANSWERS: 60. supple, 61. extemporaneous, 62. canary, 63. accrue, 64. polyolefin, 65. inhabit, 66. downwind

67. _____ compounds are commonly used to manufacture fertilizers to promote plant growth.
- n.* a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element
68. The company's plastic products are easily _____ thanks to a unique manufacturing process.
- v.* to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi
69. Your _____ is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.
- n.* the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level
70. A peaceful environment is a _____ for meaningful negotiations.
- n.* a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible
71. The elderly couple always stayed _____ towards each other throughout their marriage.
- adj.* showing fondness, love, or affection towards someone or something; expressing care and tenderness in gestures, words, or actions toward others
72. For decades, the US has been viewed as having economic and military _____ worldwide.
- n.* the dominance or influence of one group, country, or ideology over others, especially in political, economic, or cultural domains
73. They consistently _____ other teams in the league.
- v.* to be or do something compared to others of a similar type

ANSWERS: 67. Phosphorus, 68. biodegraded, 69. intellect, 70. precondition, 71. affectionate, 72. hegemony, 73. outperformed

ANSWERS: