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Session 1: Word List

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.

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym: sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

grapple

v. to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons

synonym: brawl, scuffle, wrestle

(1) **grapple** with problem, (2) **grapple** with each other

He needed to **grapple** with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.

define

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

synonym: characterize, depict, express

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

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

complexity

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

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

variable

adj. likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed

synonym: erratic, inconsistent, irregular

(1) a **variable** species, (2) a dependent **variable**

Rainfall in the tropics is highly **variable**.

elucidate

v. to make clear, to explain thoroughly, to clarify or shed light on a concept, situation, or statement

synonym: clarify, explain, expound

(1) **elucidate** the entire incident, (2) **elucidate** phenomena

The teacher needed to **elucidate** the complex math problem before the students could solve it.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym: photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

valley

n. a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river

synonym: canyon, gorge, dale

(1) **valley** bottom, (2) basin-shaped **valley**

The **valley** had received a mild snowfall the previous week.

slum

n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

synonym: shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

cram

v. to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space

synonym: stuff, pack, jam

(1) **cram** more circuits into chips, (2) **cram** five people into a car

She had to **cram** for the final exam and stayed up all night studying.

tin

n. a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes

synonym: can, container, receptacle

(1) **tin** can, (2) **tin** foil

The roof of the old shed was made of rusty **tin**.

shack

n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

synonym: shanty, cabin, hut

(1) humble **shack**, (2) beach **shack**

The fisherman lived in a small **shack** by the lake.

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.

prostitute

n. a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

synonym : hooker, harlot, whore

(1) **prostitute** street, (2) a male **prostitute**

She turned to **prostitute** to make ends meet.

violent

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

synonym : aggressive, intense, turbulent

(1) victim of a **violent** crime, (2) **violent** incident

The protesters became **violent** when the police tried to disperse them.

alley

n. a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets

synonym : lane, passage, pathway

(1) back **alley**, (2) **alley** cat

They played basketball in the **alley** behind their house.

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.

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**.

garbage

n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
synonym: waste, trash, debris

(1) **garbage** collection, (2) lump of **garbage**

The **garbage** truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.

vitality

n. the state of being strong and active; energy
synonym: energy, life, vigor

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

The new gym membership has improved his **vitality** and overall health.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
synonym: ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs
He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

ambition

n. a strong wish to do or achieve something
synonym: purpose, aim, endeavor

(1) an **ambition** for political power, (2) boundless **ambition**
Greed and **ambition** composed his personality.

twin

n. either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

(1) a **twin-lens** camera, (2) a **twin** room

Its **twin** brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

mud

n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
synonym: muck, sludge, ooze

(1) **mud** wall, (2) **mud** volcano

The **mud** of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

linoleum

n. a durable, washable, and moisture-resistant floor covering made from solidified linseed oil, powdered cork, and usually pigments and fillers, used in both homes and commercial settings

synonym : flooring, vinyl, tile

(1) **linoleum** flooring, (2) **linoleum** installation

The kitchen floor was covered in **linoleum**, making it easy to clean.

kiosk

n. a small, often freestanding structure or booth, typically used as a retail outlet or information center, particularly in a public space or high-traffic area

synonym : booth, stand, counter

(1) outdoor **kiosk**, (2) information **kiosk**

I ordered some snacks at the **kiosk** before boarding my flight.

inauguration

n. the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event

synonym : swearing-in, investiture, initiation

(1) **inauguration** ceremony, (2) presidential **inauguration**

The **inauguration** of the new station was a great success.

globe

n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

synonym : Earth, world, sphere

(1) terrestrial **globe**, (2) around the **globe**

His final goal is to sail around the **globe**.

quizzical

adj. expressing puzzlement, questioning, or curiosity through a facial expression or demeanor; having an appearance or manner that suggests confusion or mild skepticism

synonym : puzzled, curious, questioning

(1) give a **quizzical** look, (2) **quizzical** smile

The doctor gave a **quizzical** expression after seeing the patient's unusual symptoms.

strike

v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
synonym : hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

immediately

adv. now or without delay

synonym : directly, instantly, promptly

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

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

gentle

adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

synonym : mild, delicate, soft

(1) in a **gentle** voice, (2) **gentle** downward slope

Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

afford

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

(1) **afford** to buy a new car, (2) **afford** a high travel cost

He cannot **afford** a holiday.

fee

n. a sum of money charged for a particular service

synonym : charge, cost, expense

(1) **fee** calculation, (2) service **fee**

The lawyer's **fee** for the case was \$10,000.

pregnant

adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

synonym : expectant

(1) needs of **pregnant** women, (2) a silence **pregnant** with suspense

She vacated the position when she got **pregnant**.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

organ

n. a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job

synonym : function, structure

(1) **organ** bleeding, (2) damage to internal **organs**

These infections have the potential to impact practically every **organ** system.

shilling

n. a former British unit of currency, equal to one-twentieth of a pound; the act of promoting or advertising something, especially in a deceptive or misleading way

synonym : bob, coin, currency

(1) sixpence and a **shilling**, (2) ten **shillings**

I found an old **shilling** coin while cleaning out my grandfather's attic.

humiliation

n. the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish

synonym : mortification, degradation, embarrassment

(1) an intolerable **humiliation**, (2) a taste of **humiliation**

His public **humiliation** resulted from a cruel prank played by his colleagues.

embarrass

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

synonym : disconcert, unsettle, agitate

(1) **embarrass** political enemy, (2) **embarrass** my project

He looked for an opportunity to **embarrass** that actor in public.

organization

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

synonym : association, institution, community

(1) **organization** chart, (2) agricultural **organization**
She is the president of a large international **organization**.

commensurate

adj. corresponding in size, extent, or degree; in proper proportion or relation to something else; appropriately or fairly measured or balanced about something

synonym: proportional, equivalent, corresponding

(1) **commensurate** salary, (2) **commensurate** with the level of importance

A person's salary should be **commensurate** with their qualifications and experience.

doll

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

synonym: puppet, dolly, toy

(1) plastic **doll**, (2) rag **doll**

The antique **doll** was worth thousands of dollars.

tailor

n. a person who makes, alters, or repairs clothing professionally, typically working in a tailor shop or boutique; (verb) to customize, modify, or adapt something to suit a particular purpose, need, or individual

synonym: seamster, designer, dressmaker

(1) **tailor-made** suit, (2) **tailor** your needs

I need to find a skilled **tailor** to alter my wedding dress.

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.

gown

n. a long, flowing garment worn on formal occasions, especially by women

synonym: dress, robe, garment

(1) a judge's **gown**, (2) **gown** for the prom

She looked stunning in her long, flowing **gown** at the formal event.

repurpose

v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

synonym: reutilize, recycle, reuse

(1) **repurpose** an old building, (2) **repurpose** a used car

The old barn was **repurposed** into a modern event space.

frill

n. a decorative or ornamental edge or trim on clothing, fabric, or other objects; an extra detail or embellishment added for decorative purposes

synonym: flounce, ruffle, embellishment

(1) decorative **frill**, (2) **frill** dress

The dress had a beautiful **frill** at the hem, adding a feminine touch to the overall design.

ribbon

n. a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award

synonym: band, strip, sash

(1) silk **ribbon**, (2) pink **ribbon** campaign

She tied the **ribbon** around the gift box to make it look pretty.

froth

n. a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather

synonym: foam, lather

(1) beer **froth**, (2) **froth** in the ocean

The cappuccino was topped with **froth**, making it look like a work of art.

confectionery

n. sweet food items, especially those that are made with sugar or flavored to be sweet, typically refer to candies, chocolates, desserts, and sweet pastries

synonym: candy, sweets, treats

(1) **confectionery** shop, (2) sugar-free **confectionery**
The bakery specializes in a wide variety of delicious **confectionery** treats.

holy

adj. of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

synonym: sacred, religious, divine

(1) a **holy** man, (2) a **holy** shrine

They gathered to hear the **holy** teachings of the guru.

communion

n. the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

synonym: affinity, intimacy, camaraderie

(1) **communion** with God, (2) spiritual **communion** with nature

We use this tableware in a **communion** service.

milestone

n. an important event or stage in the development or progress of something; a stone by the side of a road to show distances

synonym: landmark, turning point, touchstone

(1) key **milestone**, (2) **milestone** event

Reaching the **milestone** of 1000 subscribers on her SNS channel was a major achievement for her.

celebrate

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

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

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

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

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

spectrum

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

synonym : range, scale, spread

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

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

hawk

n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

synonym : militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

jewelry

n. decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches

synonym : accessories, ornaments, adornments

(1) **jewelry** designer, (2) precious **jewelry**

I received a beautiful piece of **jewelry** from my partner for our anniversary.

definition

n. a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

synonym : description, connotation, meaning

(1) a precise **definition**, (2) the **definition** of a word

Parallel lines are, by **definition**, lines on the same plane that never cross.

insecure

adj. not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

synonym : uncertain, unsure, unconfident

(1) an **insecure** future, (2) **insecure** attachment

Children in an unstructured environment often feel **insecure**.

ethnic

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

synonym : racial, ethnical, tribal

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

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

riot

n. a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals

synonym : disturbance, unrest, upheaval

(1) **riot** police, (2) **riot** control gas

The **riots** in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym : pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

patient

n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic

synonym : client, recipient, subject

(1) **patient** in the hospital, (2) **patient** with weight loss

The doctor carefully examined the **patient's** medical history.

acumen

n. the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters

synonym : keenness, insight, sagacity

(1) critical **acumen**, (2) financial **acumen**

His business **acumen** helped him make intelligent investments and grow his portfolio quickly.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym : fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

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.

perspective

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

synonym : viewpoint, standpoint, outlook

(1) a **perspective** view, (2) the **perspective** of the battle

His father's death changed his whole **perspective** on life.

insist

v. to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

synonym : demand, assert, claim

(1) **insist** on a clear answer, (2) **insist** over and over

He **insisted** that she pay her debt to the last penny.

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.

accountability

n. the state of being responsible for one's actions or decisions; the obligation to explain, justify, or take ownership of one's actions or their consequences; the expectation of being answerable and liable for the outcomes of one's behavior or performance

synonym : responsibility, answerability, liability

(1) government **accountability**, (2) individual **accountability**

Activists questioned the company's **accountability** for the environmental impact of its operations.

mortgage

n. a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan

synonym : home loan, loan, lien

(1) **mortgage** payment, (2) fixed-rate **mortgage**

They were able to purchase their dream home with a **mortgage** from the bank.

shanty

n. a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure

synonym : shack, hut, cabin

(1) **shanty-style** lodging, (2) makeshift **shanty**

The beach **shanty** provided temporary shelter for the stranded tourists.

confront

v. to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

synonym : engage, encounter, contend

(1) **confront** a global warming, (2) **confront** the issue
He finally decided to **confront** problems directly.

privacy

n. someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people

synonym : seclusion, aloneness, solitariness

(1) **privacy** abuse, (2) trespass on a person's **privacy**
This conduct would be an invasion of **privacy**.

packed

adj. extremely full of people; very crowded

synonym : jammed, crowded, consolidated

(1) **packed** audience, (2) a romance- **packed** movie
The drama is fascinating and action- **packed**.

fierce

adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening

synonym : ferocious, convulsive, forceful

(1) **fierce** competition, (2) a **fierce** animal
The **fierce** thunders echoed across the plain.

heal

v. to make a wound or injury to become well again

synonym : recover, bring around, mend

(1) **heal** a broken bone, (2) **heal** the hurt mind
It will take time for her mental scars to **heal**.

bless

v. to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify

synonym : sanctify, consecrate, hallow

(1) **bless** him in my heart, (2) **bless** you

The priest **blessed** the couple as they knelt before him.

counsel

n. advice or guidance given by a person with specialized knowledge or experience, particularly in a professional or legal context; the act of providing advice or guidance

synonym : advice, guidance, direction

(1) take **counsel**, (2) career **counsel**

She sought the **counsel** of her trusted advisor before making a decision.

crisis

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

synonym: concern, problem, emergency

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

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

inclined

adj. having a tendency or preference for something; likely or disposed to think, feel, or behave in a certain way

synonym: disposed, prone, likely

(1) **inclined** to think, (2) **inclined** angle

I am **inclined** to believe that she is telling the truth.

suited

adj. appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances

synonym: appropriate, fitting, suitable

(1) **suited** for the job, (2) well-**suited** personality

The job offer was perfectly **suited** to her skills and experience.

cue

n. a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something

synonym: signal, sign, hint

(1) **cue** card, (2) visual **cue**

The director gave the actor a **cue** to begin the scene.

recognize

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

synonym: acknowledge, identify, admit

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

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

ordinary

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

synonym : mundane, prosaic, average

(1) an **ordinary** school, (2) **ordinary** annual revenue

The **ordinary** session of the Diet opened.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

invention

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

synonym : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

innovation

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synonym : invention, initiation, creation

(1) **innovation** leader, (2) cutting-edge **innovation**

The vegetarian burger was an **innovation** that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

extend

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

synonym : prolong, lengthen, advance

(1) **extend** the warranty, (2) **extend** a line

Her visit will **extend** from Monday to Friday.

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.

dignity

n. the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

synonym: grace, elegance, nobility

(1) respect for human **dignity**, (2) retain everyone's **dignity**

The failure destroyed his trust and personal **dignity**.

owe

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

synonym: have an obligation, incur

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. gr____e with each other
 2. ina_____ion ceremony
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16. key mi_____ne *n.* an important event or stage in the development or progress of something; a stone by the side of a road to show distances
17. ta___r your needs *n.* a person who makes, alters, or repairs clothing professionally, typically working in a tailor shop or boutique; (verb) to customize, modify, or adapt something to suit a particular purpose, need, or individual

ANSWERS: 8. confectionery, 9. vitality, 10. quizzical, 11. define, 12. complexity, 13. valley, 14. poverty, 15. strike, 16. milestone, 17. tailor

18. write him an answer imm_____ly *adv.* now or without delay
19. g__n for the prom *n.* a long, flowing garment worn on formal occasions, especially by women
20. m_d wall *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
21. translate li_____ly *adv.* in the real or original meaning of a word or phrase; in a literal sense or way; not figuratively
22. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
23. inn_____on leader *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
24. lump of ga_____e *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
25. sec_____nd information *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else
26. ch__e a dream *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
27. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
28. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 18. immediately, 19. gown, 20. mud, 21. literally, 22. invest, 23. innovation, 24. garbage, 25. secondhand, 26. chase, 27. organization, 28. crisis

29. ce_____te his election *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
30. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
31. re_____se a used car *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
32. spiritual co_____on with nature *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
33. c_e card *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
34. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
35. s__m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
36. a romance-pa____d movie *adj.* extremely full of people; very crowded
37. sec_____nd car *adj.* having been previously owned or used by someone else

ANSWERS: 29. celebrate, 30. perspective, 31. repurpose, 32. communion, 33. cue, 34. photograph, 35. slum, 36. packed, 37. secondhand

38. af___d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
39. 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
40. imm_____ly recall a product *adv.* now or without delay
41. an or____ry school *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
42. m_d volcano *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
43. el_____te the entire incident *v.* to make clear, to explain thoroughly, to clarify or shed light on a concept, situation, or statement
44. je____y designer *n.* decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches
45. decorative fr__l *n.* a decorative or ornamental edge or trim on clothing, fabric, or other objects; an extra detail or embellishment added for decorative purposes
46. de____on authority *n.* the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

ANSWERS: 38. afford, 39. develop, 40. immediately, 41. ordinary, 42. mud, 43. elucidate, 44. jewelry, 45. frill, 46. decision

47. el_____te phenomena *v.* to make clear, to explain thoroughly, to clarify or shed light on a concept, situation, or statement
48. or_____ry annual revenue *adj.* not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree
49. visual c_e *n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something
50. pa_____t with weight loss *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
51. boundless am_____on *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
52. com_____ate salary *adj.* corresponding in size, extent, or degree; in proper proportion or relation to something else; appropriately or fairly measured or balanced about something
53. vi_____t incident *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
54. bl__s you *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
55. mo_____ge payment *n.* a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan

ANSWERS: 47. elucidate, 48. ordinary, 49. cue, 50. patient, 51. ambition, 52. commensurate, 53. violent, 54. bless, 55. mortgage

56. 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
57. ge___e downward slope *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
58. an ir___c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
59. in_____re attachment *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
60. t_n foil *n.* a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes
61. in_____ed to think *adj.* having a tendency or preference for something; likely or disposed to think, feel, or behave in a certain way
62. com_____ate with the level of importance *adj.* corresponding in size, extent, or degree; in proper proportion or relation to something else; appropriately or fairly measured or balanced about something
63. et___c minority *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
64. individual acc_____ity *n.* the state of being responsible for one's actions or decisions; the obligation to explain, justify, or take ownership of one's actions or their consequences; the expectation of being answerable and liable for the outcomes of one's behavior or performance

ANSWERS: 56. generation, 57. gentle, 58. ironic, 59. insecure, 60. tin, 61. inclined, 62. commensurate, 63. ethnic, 64. accountability

65. the vi____ty of the company *n.* the state of being strong and active; energy
66. wild goose ch__e *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
67. a dependent va_____le *adj.* likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed
68. co_____on with God *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
69. in_____ed angle *adj.* having a tendency or preference for something; likely or disposed to think, feel, or behave in a certain way
70. co_____nt a global warming *v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person
71. bl__s him in my heart *v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
72. asp_____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
73. humble sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

ANSWERS: 65. vitality, 66. chase, 67. variable, 68. communion, 69. inclined, 70. confront, 71. bless, 72. aspiration, 73. shack

74. information ki__k *n.* a small, often freestanding structure or booth, typically used as a retail outlet or information center, particularly in a public space or high-traffic area
75. beach sh__k *n.* a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained
76. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
77. cast off a h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
78. makeshift sh___y *n.* a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure
79. h__l the hurt mind *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
80. in a ge___e voice *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
81. res_____le action *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
82. sugar-free con_____ery *n.* sweet food items, especially those that are made with sugar or flavored to be sweet, typically refer to candies, chocolates, desserts, and sweet pastries

ANSWERS: 74. kiosk, 75. shack, 76. invention, 77. hawk, 78. shanty, 79. heal, 80. gentle, 81. responsible, 82. confectionery

83. ec____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
84. needs of pr____nt women *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
85. service f_e *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
86. pink ri____n campaign *n.* a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award
87. respect for human di____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
88. cutting-edge inn____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation
89. pa____t in the hospital *n.* a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
90. c__m more circuits into chips *v.* to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space

ANSWERS: 83. economy, 84. pregnant, 85. fee, 86. ribbon, 87. dignity, 88. innovation, 89. patient, 90. cram

91. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
92. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
93. ex___d a line *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area
94. ga_____e collection *n.* waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse
95. rag d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
96. beer fr__h *n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather
97. a precise def_____on *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
98. well-su___d personality *adj.* appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances
99. a silence pr_____nt with suspense *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
100. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

ANSWERS: 91. crisis, 92. opportune, 93. extend, 94. garbage, 95. doll, 96. froth, 97. definition, 98. suited, 99. pregnant, 100. photograph

101. c__m five people into a car *v.* to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space
102. presidential ina_____ion *n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event
103. a judge's g__n *n.* a long, flowing garment worn on formal occasions, especially by women
104. a h__y shrine *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
105. fixed-rate mo_____ge *n.* a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan
106. a male pro_____te *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
107. take co_____l *n.* advice or guidance given by a person with specialized knowledge or experience, particularly in a professional or legal context; the act of providing advice or guidance
108. o_e him a grudge *v.* to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;

ANSWERS: 101. cram, 102. inauguration, 103. gown, 104. holy, 105. mortgage, 106. prostitute, 107. counsel, 108. owe

109. sixpence and a sh____ng *n.* a former British unit of currency, equal to one-twentieth of a pound; the act of promoting or advertising something, especially in a deceptive or misleading way
110. pa____d audience *adj.* extremely full of people; very crowded
111. r__t police *n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
112. an in____re future *adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety
113. o_e \$100 to my friend *v.* to be under a moral or legal obligation to pay or do something in return for something received;
114. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
115. qu_____al smile *adj.* expressing puzzlement, questioning, or curiosity through a facial expression or demeanor; having an appearance or manner that suggests confusion or mild skepticism
116. back al__y *n.* a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets
117. terrestrial gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness

ANSWERS: 109. shilling, 110. packed, 111. riot, 112. insecure, 113. owe, 114. generation, 115. quizzical, 116. alley, 117. globe

118. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
119. fr__h in the ocean *n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather
120. a fi___e animal *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
121. outdoor ki__k *n.* a small, often freestanding structure or booth, typically used as a retail outlet or information center, particularly in a public space or high-traffic area
122. 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
123. re_____ze achievement *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
124. su___d for the job *adj.* appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances
125. sh___y-style lodging *n.* a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure
126. ex___d the warranty *v.* to broaden in scope, range, or area

ANSWERS: 118. sew, 119. froth, 120. fierce, 121. kiosk, 122. decision, 123. recognize, 124. suited, 125. shanty, 126. extend

127. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
128. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
129. em_____ss political enemy *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
130. mi_____ne event *n.* an important event or stage in the development or progress of something; a stone by the side of a road to show distances
131. in___t over and over *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
132. re_____ze talent *v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
133. pr_____y abuse *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
134. infrared sp_____um *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
135. trespass on a person's pr_____y *n.* someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
136. retain everyone's di_____y *n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station

ANSWERS: 127. opportune, 128. define, 129. embarrass, 130. milestone, 131. insist, 132. recognize, 133. privacy, 134. spectrum, 135. privacy, 136. dignity

137. the def_____on of a word *n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol
138. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
139. st___e up a conversation *v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
140. a h__y man *adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion
141. career co_____l *n.* advice or guidance given by a person with specialized knowledge or experience, particularly in a professional or legal context; the act of providing advice or guidance
142. precious je_____y *n.* decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches
143. s__m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
144. ir___c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
145. or__n bleeding *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job

ANSWERS: 137. definition, 138. perspective, 139. strike, 140. holy, 141. counsel, 142. jewelry, 143. slum, 144. ironic, 145. organ

146. li_____um flooring *n.* a durable, washable, and moisture-resistant floor covering made from solidified linseed oil, powdered cork, and usually pigments and fillers, used in both homes and commercial settings
147. org_____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
148. re_____se an old building *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
149. com_____ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
150. basin-shaped va____y *n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
151. the cycle of po_____y *n.* the condition of being extremely poor
152. pro_____te street *n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment
153. f_e calculation *n.* a sum of money charged for a particular service
154. the ul_____te luxury *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
155. li_____um installation *n.* a durable, washable, and moisture-resistant floor covering made from solidified linseed oil, powdered cork, and usually pigments and fillers, used in both homes and commercial settings
156. 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

ANSWERS: 146. linoleum, 147. organization, 148. repurpose, 149. complexity, 150. valley, 151. poverty, 152. prostitute, 153. fee, 154. ultimate, 155. linoleum, 156. develop

157. an am_____on for political power *n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
158. gr_____e with problem *v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
159. a t__n-lens camera *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
160. fr__l dress *n.* a decorative or ornamental edge or trim on clothing, fabric, or other objects; an extra detail or embellishment added for decorative purposes
161. financial ac____n *n.* the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters
162. t_n can *n.* a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes
163. ta____r-made suit *n.* a person who makes, alters, or repairs clothing professionally, typically working in a tailor shop or boutique; (verb) to customize, modify, or adapt something to suit a particular purpose, need, or individual
164. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
165. an intolerable hum_____on *n.* the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish

ANSWERS: 157. ambition, 158. grapple, 159. twin, 160. frill, 161. acumen, 162. tin, 163. tailor, 164. aspiration, 165. humiliation

166. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
167. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
168. plastic d__l *n.* a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive
169. al__y cat *n.* a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets
170. em_____ss my project *v.* to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed
171. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
172. victim of a vi_____t crime *adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
173. single et___c group *adj.* relating or belonging to a group of people who share a cultural tradition
174. ten sh_____ngs *n.* a former British unit of currency, equal to one-twentieth of a pound; the act of promoting or advertising something, especially in a deceptive or misleading way

ANSWERS: 166. invention, 167. responsible, 168. doll, 169. alley, 170. embarrass, 171. invest, 172. violent, 173. ethnic, 174. shilling

175. fi___e competition *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
176. the ul____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
177. ce_____te Christmas *v.* to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity
178. in___t on a clear answer *v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say
179. silk ri___n *n.* a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award
180. a t__n room *n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother
181. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
182. 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
183. a broad sp_____um of opinion *n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
184. h__l a broken bone *v.* to make a wound or injury to become well again
185. critical ac___n *n.* the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters

ANSWERS: 175. fierce, 176. ultimate, 177. celebrate, 178. insist, 179. ribbon, 180. twin, 181. sew, 182. literally, 183. spectrum, 184. heal, 185. acumen

186. damage to internal or__ns *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
187. around the gl__e *n.* the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
188. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
189. ec____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
190. a taste of hum_____on *n.* the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish

ANSWERS: 186. organ, 187. globe, 188. afford, 189. economy, 190. humiliation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. His final goal is to sail around the _____.
n. the earth or world, mainly used to emphasize its vastness
2. His public _____ resulted from a cruel prank played by his colleagues.
n. the feeling of being made to feel ashamed or foolish
3. I ordered some snacks at the _____ before boarding my flight.
n. a small, often freestanding structure or booth, typically used as a retail outlet or information center, particularly in a public space or high-traffic area
4. The beach _____ provided temporary shelter for the stranded tourists.
n. a small, crudely built, usually temporary house or dwelling; often used to describe a rough or inexpensive structure
5. The doctor carefully examined the _____ medical history.
n. a person who is receiving medical treatment, care, or attention from a healthcare professional, such as a doctor, nurse, or therapist; a personal quality or characteristic
6. Many studies have investigated the relationship between _____ and academic achievement.
n. the condition of being extremely poor
7. She vacated the position when she got _____.
adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
8. They were able to purchase their dream home with a _____ from the bank.
n. a loan secured by the collateral of a specific property, such as a house, that is repaid over a set period of time with interest; the legal agreement governing this loan

ANSWERS: 1. globe, 2. humiliation, 3. kiosk, 4. shanty, 5. patient's, 6. poverty, 7. pregnant, 8. mortgage

9. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.
- v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
10. I need to find a skilled _____ to alter my wedding dress.
- n.* a person who makes, alters, or repairs clothing professionally, typically working in a tailor shop or boutique; (verb) to customize, modify, or adapt something to suit a particular purpose, need, or individual
11. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
- n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
12. This device displayed the speech _____ spectrographically.
- n.* an ordered array of colors into which a light beam can be split
13. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
- adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
14. A person's salary should be _____ with their qualifications and experience.
- adj.* corresponding in size, extent, or degree; in proper proportion or relation to something else; appropriately or fairly measured or balanced about something
15. The _____ of the new station was a great success.
- n.* the formal beginning or initiation of something, especially the beginning of a political leader's term in office; a ceremony marking the beginning of an organization or event

ANSWERS: 9. chased, 10. tailor, 11. photograph, 12. spectrum, 13. ultimate, 14. commensurate, 15. inauguration

16. She turned to _____ to make ends meet.

- n.* a person, typically a woman, who engages in sexual activity in exchange for payment

17. He _____ the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

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

18. They gathered to hear the _____ teachings of the guru.

- adj.* of or related to a god, divine power, or a particular religion

19. Children in an unstructured environment often feel _____.

- adj.* not firm or firmly fixed; likely to fail or give way, or not assured of safety

20. His business _____ helped him make intelligent investments and grow his portfolio quickly.

- n.* the ability to make sound judgments and quick decisions, especially when it comes to business or financial matters

21. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

22. The teacher needed to _____ the complex math problem before the students could solve it.

- v.* to make clear, to explain thoroughly, to clarify or shed light on a concept, situation, or statement

23. He finally decided to _____ problems directly.

- v.* to face, meet or deal with a problem or difficult situation or person

ANSWERS: 16. prostitute, 17. celebrated, 18. holy, 19. insecure, 20. acumen, 21. invention, 22. elucidate, 23. confront

24. The old barn was _____ into a modern event space.
- v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
25. The dress had a beautiful _____ at the hem, adding a feminine touch to the overall design.
- n.* a decorative or ornamental edge or trim on clothing, fabric, or other objects; an extra detail or embellishment added for decorative purposes
26. Greed and _____ composed his personality.
- n.* a strong wish to do or achieve something
27. He needed to _____ with structural reforms to improve the company's revenue.
- v.* to make a strenuous effort to solve a problem; to engage in a close fight or conflict without weapons
28. The _____ thunders echoed across the plain.
- adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
29. The priest _____ the couple as they knelt before him.
- v.* to make or pronounce holy; to hallow; to consecrate; to sanctify
30. Reaching the _____ of 1000 subscribers on her SNS channel was a major achievement for her.
- n.* an important event or stage in the development or progress of something; a stone by the side of a road to show distances
31. 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

ANSWERS: 24. repurposed, 25. frill, 26. ambition, 27. grapple, 28. fierce, 29. blessed, 30. milestone, 31. responsible

32. I am _____ to believe that she is telling the truth.

adj. having a tendency or preference for something; likely or disposed to think, feel, or behave in a certain way

33. I found an old _____ coin while cleaning out my grandfather's attic.

n. a former British unit of currency, equal to one-twentieth of a pound; the act of promoting or advertising something, especially in a deceptive or misleading way

34. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.

n. a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something

35. The fisherman lived in a small _____ by the lake.

n. a small, often rundown dwelling or house, typically one that is poorly constructed or maintained

36. She sought the _____ of her trusted advisor before making a decision.

n. advice or guidance given by a person with specialized knowledge or experience, particularly in a professional or legal context; the act of providing advice or guidance

37. The _____ session of the Diet opened.

adj. not different, exceptional, or unexpected in any way, especially in quality, ability, size, or degree

38. She _____ her friend a favor for helping her move.

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

ANSWERS: 32. inclined, 33. shilling, 34. perspective, 35. shack, 36. counsel, 37. ordinary, 38. owes

39. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
40. The kitchen floor was covered in _____ making it easy to clean.
n. a durable, washable, and moisture-resistant floor covering made from solidified linseed oil, powdered cork, and usually pigments and fillers, used in both homes and commercial settings
41. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
42. 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
43. This conduct would be an invasion of _____.
n. someone's right to keep their personal matters and relationships not watched or interrupted by other people
44. She had to _____ for the final exam and stayed up all night studying.
v. to force or try to fit a large amount of information into a short time, especially in preparation for an examination; to force or try to fit a large amount of something into a small space
45. The cappuccino was topped with _____ making it look like a work of art.
n. a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather
46. The _____ truck will be coming to pick up the trash every Monday morning.
n. waste material, especially food waste and kitchen refuse

ANSWERS: 39. aspiration, 40. linoleum, 41. opportune, 42. decision, 43. privacy, 44. cram, 45. froth, 46. garbage

47. He cannot _____ a holiday.

v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something

48. It will take time for her mental scars to _____.

v. to make a wound or injury to become well again

49. Each _____ group has its unique rituals.

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

50. The lawyer's _____ for the case was \$10,000.

n. a sum of money charged for a particular service

51. That team signed a center forward who was a ball-_____.

n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

52. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

n. the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

53. Her _____ manner relaxed everyone there.

adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

54. He looked for an opportunity to _____ that actor in public.

v. to cause someone to feel awkward, worried, or ashamed

55. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.

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

ANSWERS: 47. afford, 48. heal, 49. ethnic, 50. fee, 51. hawk, 52. economy, 53. gentle, 54. embarrass, 55. define

56. Her visit will _____ from Monday to Friday.

v. to broaden in scope, range, or area

57. The doctor gave a _____ expression after seeing the patient's unusual symptoms.

adj. expressing puzzlement, questioning, or curiosity through a facial expression or demeanor; having an appearance or manner that suggests confusion or mild skepticism

58. The new gym membership has improved his _____ and overall health.

n. the state of being strong and active; energy

59. Activists questioned the company's _____ for the environmental impact of its operations.

n. the state of being responsible for one's actions or decisions; the obligation to explain, justify, or take ownership of one's actions or their consequences; the expectation of being answerable and liable for the outcomes of one's behavior or performance

60. She looked stunning in her long, flowing _____ at the formal event.

n. a long, flowing garment worn on formal occasions, especially by women

61. We use this tableware in a _____ service.

n. the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

62. The antique _____ was worth thousands of dollars.

n. a child's toy that typically represents a human figure, especially a young girl; an attractive woman; a woman who is subservient or passive

ANSWERS: 56. extend, 57. quizzical, 58. vitality, 59. accountability, 60. gown, 61. communion, 62. doll

63. It's important to _____ your strengths and weaknesses.
- v.* to acknowledge or realize something or someone; to identify, remember, or become aware of something that was previously known or encountered
64. A suspension order from the court is effective _____.
- adv.* now or without delay
65. They played basketball in the _____ behind their house.
- n.* a narrow lane or way between buildings, often used as a passage or a shortcut; a small street that runs between two other streets
66. The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in _____.
- n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
67. The _____ had received a mild snowfall the previous week.
- n.* a long depression on the surface of the land, which typically contains a river
68. She tied the _____ around the gift box to make it look pretty.
- n.* a long, narrow strip or band of fabric, often used for decoration or tying things together; a symbol or badge representing a particular honor or award
69. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
- v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
70. She is the president of a large international _____.
- n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

ANSWERS: 63. recognize, 64. immediately, 65. alley, 66. slums, 67. valley, 68. ribbon, 69. invest, 70. organization

71. The _____ in the city have left many buildings damaged and several people injured.
- n.* a violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd, characterized by destruction of property, looting, arson, and attacks on individuals
72. The job offer was perfectly _____ to her skills and experience.
- adj.* appropriate, fitting, or acceptable for a particular purpose or occasion; matched or corresponding to a specific person, dress, or circumstances
73. The failure destroyed his trust and personal _____.
- n.* the quality of being worthy of esteem or respect; high office or rank or station
74. The drama is fascinating and action-_____.
- adj.* extremely full of people; very crowded
75. The bakery specializes in a wide variety of delicious _____ treats.
- n.* sweet food items, especially those that are made with sugar or flavored to be sweet, typically refer to candies, chocolates, desserts, and sweet pastries
76. The protesters became _____ when the police tried to disperse them.
- adj.* involving or caused by physical force or aggression against someone or something
77. 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
78. Parallel lines are, by _____ lines on the same plane that never cross.
- n.* a concise explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, or symbol

ANSWERS: 71. riots, 72. suited, 73. dignity, 74. packed, 75. confectionery, 76. violent, 77. generation, 78. definition,

79. He _____ that she pay her debt to the last penny.

- v.* to say something clearly or demand something forcefully, especially when other people disagree with or oppose what you say

80. 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

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

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

82. Its _____ brothers are difficult to tell apart except for their parents.

- n.* either of two children born at the same time from the same mother

83. It was _____ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

- adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

84. Rainfall in the tropics is highly _____.

- adj.* likely to change or vary often; (noun) a symbol, like x or y, that is used in mathematical or logical expressions to represent a value that may be changed

85. The director gave the actor a _____ to begin the scene.

- n.* a signal, gesture, or action that provides information or direction for someone else to act or respond; a reminder or prompt for someone to do something

86. The vegetarian burger was an _____ that quickly spread to the United Kingdom.

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

ANSWERS: 79. insisted, 80. sew, 81. crisis, 82. twin, 83. ironic, 84. variable, 85. cue, 86. innovation

87. I received a beautiful piece of _____ from my partner for our anniversary.
- n.* decorative ornaments made of precious metals, gemstones, or other materials, worn as personal adornment, which can include items such as necklaces, bracelets, rings, earrings, and brooches
88. 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
89. The roof of the old shed was made of rusty _____.
- n.* a silvery-white metal that is typically soft and malleable, often used to make containers or packaging materials; a thin sheet of metal or metal alloy used for a variety of purposes
90. We _____ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
- v.* to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
91. The _____ of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.
- n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
92. These infections have the potential to impact practically every _____ system.
- n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
93. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
- n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
94. 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

ANSWERS: 87. jewelry, 88. secondhand, 89. tin, 90. strike, 91. mud, 92. organ, 93. complexity, 94. literally

95. 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

ANSWERS: 95. develop