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Session 1: Word List

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
synonym : teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program
The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
synonym : impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

clip

n. a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
synonym : buckle, hook, pin

(1) tie **clip**, (2) short video **clip**

He fastens some sheets of paper with a **clip**.

importance

n. the quality of being important and worthy of note
synonym : significance, primacy, matter

(1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance**

I stopped by the branch though I have no business of

importance.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym : freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

statistics

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

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

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

accord

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have

synonym : alliance, pact, agreement

(1) **accord** with public opinion, (2) binational **accord**

The organization finally signed a peace **accord**.

relevance

n. the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand

synonym : pertinence, applicability, connection

(1) have no **relevance**, (2) **relevance** category

The **relevance** of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.

population

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

synonym : people, inhabitants, folk

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

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

planet

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

synonym : earth, world, globe

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

filter

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

synonym: strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

twist

v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape

synonym: wrench, turn, twirl

(1) **twist** around to the left, (2) **twist** a wet towel

He **twisted** pieces of rope out of straw.

deprive

v. to take away something from someone

synonym: deny, take away, divest

(1) **deprive** others of profit, (2) **deprive** him of his status

He was **deprived** of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.

represent

v. to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute

synonym: depict, express, describe

(1) **represent** by a diagram, (2) the characters that **represent** numbers

We elected him to **represent** us at the international conference.

flick

v. to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement

synonym: snap, tap, flip

(1) **flicker** candle, (2) **flick** through pages

He **flicked** the light switch, and the room was illuminated.

cappuccino

n. an Italian espresso-based coffee drink that is typically made with hot milk and foam on top

synonym: coffee, espresso, latte

(1) **cappuccino** machine, (2) iced **cappuccino**

I ordered a delicious **cappuccino** from the cafe this morning.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym: disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

topic

n. a subject that is being discussed or written about

synonym: subject, theme, issue

(1) a serious **topic**, (2) the **topic** of the book

The **topic** of the discussion was the current state of the economy.

electronics

n. the branch of physics and technology that deals with the behavior and control of electrons and the use of electronic devices and systems

synonym: technology, gadgets, circuitry

(1) **electronics** industry, (2) **electronics** store

The company specializes in manufacturing and selling cutting-edge **electronics**.

operate

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

synonym: work, use, employ

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

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

hostile

adj. unfriendly or aggressively opposed

synonym: unfriendly, aggressive, antagonistic

(1) take up a **hostile** attitude, (2) **hostile** environment

The **hostile** takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.

environment

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

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

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

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

government

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

synonym: administration, regime, state

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

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

miserable

adj. very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

synonym: unhappy, wretched, cheerless

(1) **miserable** weather, (2) **miserable** experience

She felt **miserable** after her dog passed away.

cocktail

n. a drink, usually an alcoholic one, made by mixing one or more spirits (= strong alcoholic drinks) and fruit juice; an appetizer served as a first course at a meal

synonym: appetizer, beverage

(1) a light **cocktail**, (2) **cocktail** of chemicals

We invited some friends for a **cocktail** party.

threat

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

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

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

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

evacuation warning.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

advertise

v. to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it

synonym: publicize, announce, promote

(1) **advertise** the campaign, (2) **advertise** on social media

We want to **advertise** our company through your media.

destroy

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

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

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

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

survival

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

synonym: endurance, continuity

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

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

downfall

n. a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure

synonym: demise, collapse, ruin

(1) a **downfall** earthquake, (2) **downfall** government

The company's financial mismanagement was the **downfall** of the once-successful business.

slow-motion

n. an effect in film-making whereby time appears to be slowed down

synonym : turtle's pace, slow-mo

(1) **slow-motion** movie, (2) frame-by-frame **slow-motion**
Baseball umpires often overturn decisions with **slow-motion** replay.

tap

v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

synonym : knock, exploit, use

(1) **tap** a new market, (2) **tap** keyboard with an index finger
To expand the company, we must **tap** new human resources.

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.

archives

n. a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people

synonym : records, documents, repository

(1) historical **archives**, (2) digital **archives**

The **archives** at the library contain a wealth of information about the city's history.

context

n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

synonym : background, setting, environment

(1) historical **context**, (2) legal **context**

It's important to understand the **context** of a situation before making a decision.

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.

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**.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

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

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

damn

v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

synonym: curse, condemn, denounce

(1) **damn** the consequences, (2) **damn** with faint praise

The company's poor financial performance is likely to **damn** the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.

arch

n. a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building

synonym: turn, bow, arc

(1) the **arch** of a person's foot, (2) an **arch-shaped** stone structure

The **arch** bears the weight of the overhead bridge.

maintain

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

synonym: preserve, uphold, sustain

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

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

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

probable

adj. likely to happen or likely to be true

synonym: likely, possible, potential

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

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

suit

n. a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for

synonym: clothes, lawsuit, (verb) fit

(1) **suit** and tie restaurant, (2) **suit** at law

Six **suits** are awaiting trial or verdict.

brilliant

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

synonym: luminous, intelligent, clever

(1) **brilliant** idea, (2) **brilliant** performance

The more **brilliant** you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

explanation

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

synonym: description, elucidation, account

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

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

underestimate

v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

synonym: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the

probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

atrocities

n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

synonym: evil, horror, iniquity

(1) commit **atrocities**, (2) cold-blooded **atrocities**

The **atrocities** of the war left many children orphaned.

royalty

n. revenue derived from the use of a patent, copyright, or other right; the people who are the family of a king and queen

synonym: nobility, aristocracy, monarch

(1) a grandchild of **royalty**, (2) **royalty** income

The **royalty** payments for the use of the patented technology were quite high.

broadcast

v. to send out a program or some information on radio or television

synonym: air, announce, advertise

(1) **broadcast** a concert, (2) **broadcast** a radio ad

Most of the programs are **broadcast** in this area.

institute

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

synonym: academy, university, college

(1) **institute** a lawsuit, (2) research **institutes**

This region has many **institutes** offering higher education.

obvious

adj. easy to see, discover or understand

synonym: apparent, conspicuous, evident

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

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

straight

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

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

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

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

dumb

adj. lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence

synonym : mute, speechless, idiotic

(1) **dumb** creatures, (2) struck **dumb**

He made a **dumb** mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym : protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

convince

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

synonym : persuade, win over, convert

(1) **convince** her to go with us, (2) **convince** an opponent

I am considering what I should do to **convince** him.

foundation

n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

synonym : base, support, groundwork

(1) **foundation** course, (2) weak **foundation**

The **foundation** of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.

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.

charity

n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

synonym: philanthropy, benevolence, generosity

(1) **charity** work, (2) ask **charity**

She volunteers at a local **charity** every weekend to help those in need.

handout

n. giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need

synonym: contribution, aid, brochure

(1) plead for **handouts**, (2) three-page **handout**

All those eligible will receive financial **handouts**.

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.

capitalize

v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

synonym: bankroll, finance, endow

(1) **capitalize** on an interest, (2) **capitalize** the 1st letter of a word

You must **capitalize** on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

argument

n. a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute

synonym : debate, discourse, discussion

(1) a blazing **argument**, (2) the **argument** against capital punishment

The **argument** between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym : condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

concept

n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract

synonym : idea, notion, vision

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

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

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym : completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

banker

n. a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank

synonym : dealer, broker, financier

(1) central **bankers**, (2) investment **banker**

Bankers are only willing to lend with good security.

apologize

v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem

synonym : excuse, justify, atone

(1) **apologize** for being late, (2) **apologize** ahead of time

I **apologize** for neglecting your email.

advance

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
synonym : progress, boost, come along

(1) **advance** the technology, (2) **advance** a cooperative relationship

Scientific knowledge will **advance** significantly with the power of AI.

repay

v. to give back or make restitution for money, debt, or other obligation that is owed; to compensate or reward someone for something done or given

synonym : compensate, refund, reimburse

(1) **repay** a kindness, (2) **repay** a debt

I must **repay** my loan on time to avoid late fees and penalties.

facility

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

synonym : building, structure, installation

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

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

deadline

n. a date or period by which something must be done

synonym : time limit, period

(1) transfer **deadline** day, (2) the **deadline** for applications

No matter what, we must have this done before the **deadline**.

circulation

n. the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold

synonym : flow, movement, dissemination

(1) lymphatic **circulation**, (2) **circulation** of money

The **circulation** of the magazine has been steadily declining.

sophisticated

adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion

synonym : refined, cultured, worldly

(1) **sophisticated** look, (2) a **sophisticated** lifestyle

Marketing strategies are growing more **sophisticated**.

economical

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

synonym : frugal, thrifty, parsimonious

(1) **economical** use of her time, (2) an **economical** meal

It is more **economical** to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

strangle

v. to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea

synonym : choke, suffocate, throttle

(1) **strangle** a cry, (2) **strangle** economic growth

The killer used his hands to **strangle** his victim.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

numb

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

synonym : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

affordable

adj. not expensive and able to pay

synonym : cheap, reasonable, inexpensive

(1) **affordable** housing, (2) **affordable** solution

The automaker has been providing **affordable** car financing options since last year.

financing

n. the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project

synonym : funding, loan, expenditure

(1) **financing** activity, (2) public **financing**

The investment fund offered **financing** for a company on the brink of bankruptcy.

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.

stunning

adj. causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence

synonym : beautiful, breathtaking, magnificent

(1) **stunning** beauty, (2) **stunning** disclosure

The **stunning** sunset took everyone's breath away.

schedule

n. a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done

synonym : agenda, program, itinerary

(1) a heavy **schedule**, (2) arrange my **schedule**

So far, the meeting is going according to **schedule**.

typical

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

synonym : characteristic, usual, distinctive

(1) **typical** leader, (2) fairly **typical** symptoms
This artwork is **typical** of her work.

finance

n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets

synonym : banking, investment, fund

(1) **finance** act, (2) manage my **finances**

Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in **finance**.

transmitter

n. a piece of equipment used for generating and sending electronic signals, especially radio or television signals

synonym : sender

(1) a **transmitter** of a family line, (2) radio **transmitter**

This substance acts as a neural **transmitter** substance.

equity

n. the value of the shares issued by a company

synonym : fairness

(1) private **equity** firm, (2) **equity** capital market

That company is cautious when it comes to **equity** investment.

lease

n. a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment

synonym : rental, tenancy, agreement

(1) long-term **lease**, (2) commercial **lease**

The landlord offered me a one-year **lease** for the apartment.

appropriate

adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting

synonym : fitting, suitable, proper

(1) **appropriate** behavior, (2) an **appropriate** time

It would be **appropriate** to dress nicely for the wedding.

fin *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
synonym: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

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

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

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

synonym: champion, protagonist, savior

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

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

bet *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something

synonym: stake, wager, gamble

(1) **bet** on a race, (2) **bet** my future

I **bet** that you know it.

aft *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

governor *n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province

synonym: administrator, executive, leader

(1) **governor** general, (2) a prefectural **governor**

The state **governor** visited the affected areas and promised to aid the victims.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym : ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

district

n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features

synonym : territory, dominion, zone

(1) school **districts**, (2) urban **districts**

Since 2001, the **district** has provided training programs for automotive technicians.

elect

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

synonym : select, choose, prefer

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

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

succeed

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

synonym : achieve, accomplish, triumph

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

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

asset

n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property

synonym : aid, resource, equity

(1) frozen **assets**, (2) liquid **assets** of the company

A sense of humor is an invaluable **asset** in this job.

subscription

n. the act of signing up to receive something, typically a publication, service, etc., regularly

synonym : membership, registration, enrollment

(1) **subscription** fee, (2) raise a **subscription**

He paid for a **subscription** to the newspaper to have it delivered to his house every morning.

hire

v. to give somebody a job

synonym: employ, engage, lease

(1) **hire** a guide, (2) **hire** a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to **hire** talented recruits.

shell

n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

synonym: ammunition, armor, cover

(1) an egg **shell**, (2) a mollusk **shell**

The outermost electron **shell** determines the chemical properties of an atom.

lab

n. a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory

synonym: workshop, laboratory, research chamber

(1) **lab** instrument, (2) medical **lab**

The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's **lab**.

session

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

synonym: conference, gathering

(1) the morning **session**, (2) the court **session**

Parliament is now in **session**.

hypothesis

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

synonym: assumption, conjecture, theory

(1) test my **hypothesis**, (2) a bold **hypothesis**

This evidence supports the big-bang **hypothesis**.

destine

v. to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

synonym: ordain, doom, predestine

(1) **destine** us to meet again, (2) be **destined** to become a great artist

Some people believe that we are all **destined** for greatness.

mention

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

synonym: reference, allude, cite

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

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

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.

corruption

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

synonym: depravity, bribery, degeneration

(1) **corruption** accusation, (2) federal **corruption** charges

Rampant **corruption** led to a loss of trust in the government.

unheard

adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

synonym: unknown, obscure

(1) an **unheard** story, (2) previously **unheard-of** economic development

The **unheard** melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.

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**.

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.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences
I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

nonprofit

adj. not established for commercial profit

synonym: charitable

(1) a **nonprofit** organization, (2) **nonprofit** agency
Our law firm also focuses on **nonprofit** activities.

spectacular

adj. striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement

synonym: breathtaking, impressive, grand

(1) **spectacular** view, (2) achieve **spectacular** growth
The **spectacular** fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.

fundraise

v. to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms

synonym : appeal, raise, solicit

(1) **fundraise** a charity fund, (2) **fundraise** for a new shelter
The school is planning to **fundraise** to purchase new books for the library.

deaf

adj. lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals

synonym : hearing-impaired, unresponsive, insensitive

(1) **deaf** in one ear, (2) **deaf** child

The **deaf** student needed an interpreter to understand the lecture.

reform

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

synonym : change, modify, improve

(1) economic **reform**, (2) **reform** movement

The government is proposing a **reform** to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

rethink

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

synonym : reexplore, review, reconsider

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

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

bond

n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

synonym : bind, adhesion, attachment

(1) **bond** as a family, (2) global **bond** market

They had formed a friendship **bond**.

investor

n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

synonym: financier, banker, stockholder

(1) **investor** lawsuit, (2) a real estate **investor**

Institutional **investors** refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.

deficit

n. the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required

synonym: insufficiency, deficiency, shortage

(1) federal budget **deficit**, (2) an accumulative **deficit**

Exchange rate fluctuations have increased that country's trade **deficit**.

decide

v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

synonym: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

denomination

n. a religious group or branch, usually including many local churches; a value or size of a banknote, coin, or postage stamp

synonym: sect, faith, creed

(1) a religious **denomination**, (2) notes of small **denomination**

He flashed a fistful of large **denomination** bills.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

daydreaming

n. the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you

synonym: reverie, cloud-castle, imagination

(1) stimulate **daydreaming**, (2) the mental process of **daydreaming**

I often waste a lot of time **daydreaming**.

matrix

n. a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops

synonym: grid, cast, table

(1) the **matrix** of Western civilization, (2) **matrix** multiplication

The **matrix** of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.

agency

n. an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action

synonym: organization, bureau, institution

(1) real estate **agency**, (2) intelligence **agency**

The government **agency** regulated the country's food and drug safety standards.

marketplace

n. a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers

synonym: bazaar, mart, emporium

(1) **marketplace** competition, (2) global **marketplace**

The online **marketplace** offers a wide variety of products for shoppers.

dispose

v. to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away

synonym : get rid of, arrange, set

(1) **dispose** battleships for a battle, (2) **dispose** of a used product

Generally speaking, the child is innately **disposed** to learn a language.

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.

blind

adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something

synonym : sightless, unseeing, random

(1) **blind** to the beauties, (2) **blind** spot

She was nearly **blind** due to severe diabetes.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. short video c__p | <i>n.</i> a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip |
| 2. el__t the school board | <i>v.</i> to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something |
| 3. damage to internal or__ns | <i>n.</i> a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job |
| 4. de____p a strategy | <i>v.</i> 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 |
| 5. in___e criticism | <i>v.</i> to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place |
| 6. ac___d with public opinion | <i>n.</i> an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have |
| 7. el_____fy a manufacturing process | <i>v.</i> to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something |
| 8. the ar____nt against capital punishment | <i>n.</i> a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute |

ANSWERS: 1. clip, 2. elect, 3. organ, 4. develop, 5. invite, 6. accord, 7. electrify, 8. argument

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| 9. medical l_b | <i>n.</i> a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory |
| 10. a blazing ar_____nt | <i>n.</i> a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute |
| 11. co_____il of chemicals | <i>n.</i> a drink, usually an alcoholic one, made by mixing one or more spirits (= strong alcoholic drinks) and fruit juice; an appetizer served as a first course at a meal |
| 12. cir_____on of money | <i>n.</i> the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold |
| 13. a bold hyp_____is | <i>n.</i> a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate |
| 14. re__y a debt | <i>v.</i> to give back or make restitution for money, debt, or other obligation that is owed; to compensate or reward someone for something done or given |
| 15. a real estate in_____or | <i>n.</i> someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns |
| 16. the to__c of the book | <i>n.</i> a subject that is being discussed or written about |
| 17. investment ba____r | <i>n.</i> a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank |
| 18. st_____ng disclosure | <i>adj.</i> causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence |

ANSWERS: 9. lab, 10. argument, 11. cocktail, 12. circulation, 13. hypothesis, 14. repay, 15. investor, 16. topic, 17. banker, 18. stunning

19. re__y a kindness *v.* to give back or make restitution for money, debt, or other obligation that is owed; to compensate or reward someone for something done or given
20. cor_____on accusation *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
21. notes of small den_____ion *n.* a religious group or branch, usually including many local churches; a value or size of a banknote, coin, or postage stamp
22. urban di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
23. the characters that re_____nt numbers *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
24. an un_____d story *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
25. official sta_____cs *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
26. the per_____ve of the battle *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
27. cap_____no machine *n.* an Italian espresso-based coffee drink that is typically made with hot milk and foam on top
28. a mollusk sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

ANSWERS: 19. repay, 20. corruption, 21. denomination, 22. district, 23. represent, 24. unheard, 25. statistics, 26. perspective, 27. cappuccino, 28. shell

29. weak fou_____on *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
30. l_b instrument *n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
31. an eco_____al meal *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
32. an imp_____ve array of facts *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
33. bl__d spot *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
34. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
35. ask ch_____y *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
36. mi_____le experience *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
37. a no_____it organization *adj.* not established for commercial profit
38. cap_____ze the 1st letter of a word *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

ANSWERS: 29. foundation, 30. lab, 31. economical, 32. impressive, 33. blind, 34. environment, 35. charity, 36. miserable, 37. nonprofit, 38. capitalize

39. lymphatic cir_____on *n.* the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold
40. a do_____ll earthquake *n.* a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure
41. school di_____cts *n.* a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
42. mar_____ce competition *n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
43. b_t on a race *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
44. arrange my sc_____le *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
45. t_p a new market *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
46. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
47. his conclusion was ob_____s *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
48. cold-blooded at_____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act

ANSWERS: 39. circulation, 40. downfall, 41. district, 42. marketplace, 43. bet, 44. schedule, 45. tap, 46. population, 47. obvious, 48. atrocity

49. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
50. d__n the consequences *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
51. the morning se____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
52. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
53. cap_____ze on an interest *v.* to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something
54. in___t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
55. di_____e battleships for a battle *v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away
56. ele_____cs store *n.* the branch of physics and technology that deals with the behavior and control of electrons and the use of electronic devices and systems

ANSWERS: 49. aft, 50. damn, 51. session, 52. fin, 53. capitalize, 54. invest, 55. dispose, 56. electronics

57. a tra_____er of a family line *n.* a piece of equipment used for generating and sending electronic signals, especially radio or television signals
58. bl__d to the beauties *adj.* unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
59. commit at____ty *n.* brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
60. ge___e downward slope *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
61. economic th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
62. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
63. fu_____se for a new shelter *v.* to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms
64. in_____or lawsuit *n.* someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns
65. achieve spe_____ar growth *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
66. do_____ll government *n.* a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure

ANSWERS: 57. transmitter, 58. blind, 59. atrocity, 60. gentle, 61. threat, 62. independence, 63. fundraise, 64. investor, 65. spectacular, 66. downfall

67. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
68. manage my fi_____es *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
69. liquid as__ts of the company *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
70. a light co_____il *n.* a drink, usually an alcoholic one, made by mixing one or more spirits (= strong alcoholic drinks) and fruit juice; an appetizer served as a first course at a meal
71. sub_____ion fee *n.* the act of signing up to receive something, typically a publication, service, etc., regularly
72. a prefectural go_____or *n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
73. radio tra_____er *n.* a piece of equipment used for generating and sending electronic signals, especially radio or television signals
74. ap_____ze ahead of time *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
75. spe_____ar view *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement

ANSWERS: 67. invite, 68. finance, 69. asset, 70. cocktail, 71. subscription, 72. governor, 73. transmitter, 74. apologize, 75. spectacular

76. commercial le__e *n.* a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment
77. sop_____ted look *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
78. s__t and tie restaurant *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
79. de_____e him of his status *v.* to take away something from someone
80. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
81. br_____nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
82. ad_____se on social media *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
83. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
84. be de_____ed to become a great artist *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

ANSWERS: 76. lease, 77. sophisticated, 78. suit, 79. deprive, 80. survive, 81. brilliant, 82. advertise, 83. rethink, 84. destine

85. the mental process of day_____ng *n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
86. the a__h of a person's foot *n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
87. agricultural org_____ion *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose
88. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
89. eco_____al use of her time *adj.* providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary
90. plead for ha_____ts *n.* giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need
91. gas fi____r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
92. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
93. high imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
94. id_____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
95. ch_____y work *n.* an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people

ANSWERS: 85. daydreaming, 86. arch, 87. organization, 88. eventually, 89. economical, 90. handout, 91. filter, 92. strategy, 93. importance, 94. identify, 95. charity

96. intelligence ag___y *n.* an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action
97. a cell phone with an internet fa_____ty *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
98. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
99. af___d a high travel cost *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
100. binational ac___d *n.* an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.; (verb) allow to have
101. private eq___y firm *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
102. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
103. the exp_____on for the failure *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
104. a grandchild of ro_____y *n.* revenue derived from the use of a patent, copyright, or other right; the people who are the family of a king and queen
105. 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

ANSWERS: 96. agency, 97. facility, 98. eventually, 99. afford, 100. accord, 101. equity, 102. absolutely, 103. explanation, 104. royalty, 105. doll

106. d__n with faint praise *v.* to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger
107. labor pop_____on *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
108. detailed exp_____on *n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
109. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
110. imp_____ve performances *adj.* arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
111. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
112. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
113. und_____ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
114. und_____ate the probability *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
115. global b__d market *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
116. st_____le a cry *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea

ANSWERS: 106. damn, 107. population, 108. explanation, 109. aft, 110. impressive, 111. separate, 112. maintain, 113. underestimate, 114. underestimate, 115. bond, 116. strangle

117. aff_____le solution *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
118. take up a ho_____e attitude *adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed
119. frozen as__ts *n.* something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
120. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
121. an app_____te time *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
122. previously un_____d-of economic development *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
123. have no re_____ce *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
124. fairly ty_____l symptoms *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
125. fi_____e act *n.* the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
126. federal budget de_____t *n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required

ANSWERS: 117. affordable, 118. hostile, 119. asset, 120. numb, 121. appropriate, 122. unheard, 123. relevance, 124. typical, 125. finance, 126. deficit

127. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
128. fu_____se a charity fund *v.* to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms
129. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
130. clogged fi___r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
131. tie c__p *n.* a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
132. re_____nt by a diagram *v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
133. frame-by-frame slo_____on *n.* an effect in film-making whereby time appears to be slowed down
134. d__f child *adj.* lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals
135. br_____nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
136. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

ANSWERS: 127. invest, 128. fundraise, 129. identify, 130. filter, 131. clip, 132. represent, 133. slow-motion, 134. deaf, 135. brilliant, 136. circumstance

137. digital ar_____es *n.* a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people
138. or__n bleeding *n.* a part of the body of an animal or plant that has a particular purpose and performs a specific job
139. co_____ce an opponent *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
140. abs_____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
141. a per_____ve view *n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
142. co_____ce her to go with us *v.* to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true
143. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
144. iced cap_____no *n.* an Italian espresso-based coffee drink that is typically made with hot milk and foam on top
145. tw__t around to the left *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
146. an egg sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
147. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
148. eq___y capital market *n.* the value of the shares issued by a company

ANSWERS: 137. archives, 138. organ, 139. convince, 140. absolutely, 141. perspective, 142. convince, 143. threaten, 144. cappuccino, 145. twist, 146. shell, 147. threaten, 148. equity

149. central ba___rs *n.* a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank
150. struck d__b *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
151. common in_____on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
152. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
153. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
154. ad_____e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
155. de___e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
156. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
157. an a__h-shaped stone structure *n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
158. af___d to buy a new car *v.* to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
159. org_____ion chart *n.* a group of people who work together for a shared purpose

ANSWERS: 149. banker, 150. dumb, 151. invention, 152. electrify, 153. numb, 154. advance, 155. decide, 156. survival, 157. arch, 158. afford, 159. organization

160. h__e a car by the hour *v.* to give somebody a job
161. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
162. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
163. ty_____l leader *adj.* having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things
164. de_____e others of profit *v.* to take away something from someone
165. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
166. b_t my future *v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
167. di_____e of a used product *v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away
168. ob_____s reasons *adj.* easy to see, discover or understand
169. el__t death *v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
170. sta_____cs for cancer *n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
171. a man of imp_____ce *n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note

ANSWERS: 160. hire, 161. independence, 162. defend, 163. typical, 164. deprive, 165. defend, 166. bet, 167. dispose, 168. obvious, 169. elect, 170. statistics, 171. importance

172. de_____e us to meet again *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
173. in_____te a lawsuit *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (*v.*) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
174. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
175. br_____st a concert *v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television
176. fl__k through pages *v.* to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement
177. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
178. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
179. a religious den_____ion *n.* a religious group or branch, usually including many local churches; a value or size of a banknote, coin, or postage stamp
180. transfer de_____ne day *n.* a date or period by which something must be done

ANSWERS: 172. destine, 173. institute, 174. planet, 175. broadcast, 176. flick, 177. survive, 178. fin, 179. denomination, 180. deadline

181. st____ng beauty *adj.* causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence
182. slo_____on movie *n.* an effect in film-making whereby time appears to be slowed down
183. first-person na____or *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
184. 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
185. ro_____y income *n.* revenue derived from the use of a patent, copyright, or other right; the people who are the family of a king and queen
186. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
187. raise a sub_____ion *n.* the act of signing up to receive something, typically a publication, service, etc., regularly
188. br_____st a radio ad *v.* to send out a program or some information on radio or television
189. save the pl____t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 181. stunning, 182. slow-motion, 183. narrator, 184. accountability, 185. royalty, 186. destroy, 187. subscription, 188. broadcast, 189. planet

190. re____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
191. su____d academically *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
192. no_____it agency *adj.* not established for commercial profit
193. pr____le cause of a fire *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
194. the na____or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
195. d__f in one ear *adj.* lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals
196. the in_____on of new techniques *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
197. aff_____le housing *adj.* not expensive and able to pay
198. ho____e environment *adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed
199. 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
200. mi_____le weather *adj.* very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering
201. re___m movement *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

ANSWERS: 190. rethink, 191. succeed, 192. nonprofit, 193. probable, 194. narrator, 195. deaf, 196. invention, 197. affordable, 198. hostile, 199. doll, 200. miserable, 201. reform

202. s__t at law *n.* a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
203. st____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
204. legal co____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
205. the de____ne for applications *n.* a date or period by which something must be done
206. in a ge____e voice *adj.* having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
207. op____e 24 hours a day *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something
208. gov____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
209. research in____tes *n.* an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something
210. fl__ker candle *v.* to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement
211. st____le economic growth *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea

ANSWERS: 202. suit, 203. straight, 204. context, 205. deadline, 206. gentle, 207. operate, 208. government, 209. institute, 210. flick, 211. strangle

212. military st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
213. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
214. t_p keyboard with an index finger *v.* to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.
215. tw__t a wet towel *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
216. long-term le__e *n.* a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment
217. b__d as a family *n.* a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money
218. 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
219. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

ANSWERS: 212. strategy, 213. government, 214. tap, 215. twist, 216. lease, 217. bond, 218. develop, 219. separate

220. federal cor_____on charges *n.* dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power
221. su_____d beyond expectations *v.* to accomplish or achieve a desired or intended result or goal; to prosper or attain success in a given field or endeavor
222. pr_____le outcome *adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true
223. the ma____x of Western civilization *n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
224. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
225. the court se_____n *n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
226. ad_____e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
227. d__b creatures *adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
228. a heavy sc_____le *n.* a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
229. manually op_____e a machine *v.* to work in a particular way; to supervise something

ANSWERS: 220. corruption, 221. succeed, 222. probable, 223. matrix, 224. destroy, 225. session, 226. advance, 227. dumb, 228. schedule, 229. operate

230. learn new co_____ts *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract
231. global mar_____ce *n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
232. fou_____on course *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
233. me_____n name *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
234. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
235. re_____ce category *n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
236. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
237. fa_____ty design *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
238. three-page ha_____t *n.* giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need

ANSWERS: 230. concept, 231. marketplace, 232. foundation, 233. mention, 234. survival, 235. relevance, 236. straight, 237. facility, 238. handout

239. ad_____se the campaign *v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
240. public fi_____ng *n.* the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project
241. stimulate day_____ng *n.* the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you
242. me_____n in a report *v.* to speak or write about something or someone briefly
243. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
244. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
245. an accumulative de_____t *n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required
246. h__e a guide *v.* to give somebody a job
247. government 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: 239. advertise, 240. financing, 241. daydreaming, 242. mention, 243. circumstance, 244. environment, 245. deficit, 246. hire, 247. accountability

248. environmental th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
249. ma_____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
250. historical co_____t *n.* the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning
251. unsung h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
252. ap_____ze for being late *v.* to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
253. historical ar_____es *n.* a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people
254. app_____te behavior *adj.* suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
255. test my hyp_____is *n.* a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate
256. co_____t car *n.* an idea or principle associated with something abstract

ANSWERS: 248. threat, 249. maintain, 250. context, 251. hero, 252. apologize, 253. archives, 254. appropriate, 255. hypothesis, 256. concept

257. a serious to__c *n.* a subject that is being discussed or written about
258. go_____or general *n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
259. economic re___m *n.* the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem
260. de___e on a course of action *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
261. fi_____ng activity *n.* the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project
262. ma___x multiplication *n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
263. a sop_____ted lifestyle *adj.* having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
264. local h__o *n.* a person who is admired or idealized for courage, outstanding achievements, or noble qualities; a character in literature or history who is central to the plot and who exhibits heroic qualities
265. ele_____cs industry *n.* the branch of physics and technology that deals with the behavior and control of electrons and the use of electronic devices and systems

ANSWERS: 257. topic, 258. governor, 259. reform, 260. decide, 261. financing, 262. matrix, 263. sophisticated, 264. hero, 265. electronics

266. real estate ag___y

n. an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action

ANSWERS: 266. agency

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company's poor financial performance is likely to _____ the CEO's chances of being re-elected to the board.
 - v. to express disapproval of or disappointment in something or someone; to condemn or to curse; (a swear word) an expression of anger

2. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
 - adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

3. We should always be prepared to _____ talented recruits.
 - v. to give somebody a job

4. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
 - v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

5. It's important to understand the _____ of a situation before making a decision.
 - n. the circumstances, facts, or conditions that surround a particular event, situation, or statement and that give it meaning

6. The landlord offered me a one-year _____ for the apartment.
 - n. a legal document that grants a person or organization the right to use a property, land, or asset for a specified period of time, usually in exchange for rent or a fee; (verb) to rent or let out a property, vehicle, or other assets to someone for a specified period of time in exchange for payment

7. No matter what, we must have this done before the _____.
 - n. a date or period by which something must be done

ANSWERS: 1. damn, 2. absolutely, 3. hire, 4. threatening, 5. context, 6. lease, 7. deadline

8. We invited some friends for a _____ party.
- n.* a drink, usually an alcoholic one, made by mixing one or more spirits (= strong alcoholic drinks) and fruit juice; an appetizer served as a first course at a meal
9. The company's financial mismanagement was the _____ of the once-successful business.
- n.* a sudden or catastrophic decline or failure
10. He was _____ of his freedom when sentenced to life in prison.
- v.* to take away something from someone
11. This company has an entire recycling _____ including major reprocessing plants.
- n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
12. The online _____ offers a wide variety of products for shoppers.
- n.* a physical or virtual venue where goods or services are bought and sold; an economic system that facilitates exchange between buyers and sellers
13. Parliament is now in _____.
- n.* a formal meeting or series of meetings for the execution of a particular group's functions; a period spent doing a particular activity
14. The following _____ is currently being used to explain the phenomenon in question.
- n.* the information or arguments that someone provides to make something understandable or clear
15. It seems _____ that he has forgotten our scheduled meeting.
- adj.* likely to happen or likely to be true

ANSWERS: 8. cocktail, 9. downfall, 10. deprived, 11. facility, 12. marketplace, 13. session, 14. explanation, 15. probable

16. The _____ sunset took everyone's breath away.

adj. causing a strong emotional reaction of admiration, surprise, or shock due to its beauty, rarity, or excellence

17. Scientific knowledge will _____ significantly with the power of AI.

v. to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way

18. The more _____ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

adj. extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

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

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

20. I often waste a lot of time _____.

n. the act of thinking about something that you would prefer to be doing or have happened to you

21. The government is proposing a _____ to the healthcare system to make it more accessible and affordable for all citizens.

n. the act of improving or correcting something that is wrong or bad; a change made to correct a flaw or problem

22. The company specializes in manufacturing and selling cutting-edge _____.

n. the branch of physics and technology that deals with the behavior and control of electrons and the use of electronic devices and systems

23. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

ANSWERS: 16. stunning, 17. advance, 18. brilliant, 19. operate, 20. daydreaming, 21. reform, 22. electronics, 23. identify

24. The _____ bears the weight of the overhead bridge.
- n.* a curved structure with two supports that holds the weight of something above it, such as a bridge or the upper part of a building
25. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
- v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
26. 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
27. The _____ between the two sides over the proposed policy was heated.
- n.* a set of statements or reasons used to support or refute a proposition or theory; a verbal or physical fight or dispute
28. The outermost electron _____ determines the chemical properties of an atom.
- n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
29. He flashed a fistful of large _____ bills.
- n.* a religious group or branch, usually including many local churches; a value or size of a banknote, coin, or postage stamp
30. The state _____ visited the affected areas and promised to aid the victims.
- n.* the person who holds the highest executive office in a state or province
31. 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: 24. arch, 25. maintain, 26. develop, 27. argument, 28. shell, 29. denomination, 30. governor, 31. doll

32. The government _____ regulated the country's food and drug safety standards.
n. an organization or business that is responsible for specific activities or services, especially when representing other organizations or businesses; the capacity or power to act or exert influence; the ability to make decisions and take action
33. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
34. Marketing strategies are growing more _____.
adj. having a great deal of worldly experience and knowledge of people's behavior, culture, and fashion
35. So far, the meeting is going according to _____.
n. a list of planned activities, tasks, or things that must be completed showing when they are intended to happen or be done
36. He was sick for five _____ days.
adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
37. _____ are only willing to lend with good security.
n. a person who is in charge of or has an important job in a bank
38. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
39. They had formed a friendship _____.
n. a close emotional connection between two or more people; a certificate of debt that a government or corporation issues to raise money

ANSWERS: 32. agency, 33. destroyed, 34. sophisticated, 35. schedule, 36. straight, 37. Bankers, 38. independence, 39. bond

40. Her _____ manner relaxed everyone there.

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

41. 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

42. She is the president of a large international _____.

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

43. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

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

44. 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

45. You must _____ on your full of opportunities to become a professor.

v. to write a whole letter or the first letter of the alphabet as a capital; to provide a company, etc. with the money; to take the chance to gain advantage from something

46. This evidence supports the big-bang _____.

n. a proposed idea or explanation that is based on a few known facts but has not yet been proven to be true or accurate

ANSWERS: 40. gentle, 41. accountability, 42. organization, 43. government, 44. invest, 45. capitalize, 46. hypothesis

47. Most of the programs are _____ in this area.
v. to send out a program or some information on radio or television
48. One such rapidly growing _____ is quantum cryptography.
n. an idea or principle associated with something abstract
49. The _____ of the war left many children orphaned.
n. brutal act; an extremely wicked or cruel act
50. He _____ pieces of rope out of straw.
v. to bend or turn something into a certain shape
51. He _____ the light switch, and the room was illuminated.
v. to make a sudden sharp movement or hit something quickly with a sharp movement
52. All those eligible will receive financial _____.
n. giving money, food, or clothing to those who are poor or in need
53. Our company decided to hire an advisor who specializes in _____.
n. the management of money, credit, banking, and investments, especially by a government or commercial organization; the branch of economics that studies the management of money and other assets
54. She was nearly _____ due to severe diabetes.
adj. unable to see; unable or unwilling to perceive or understand the true nature of something
55. Institutional _____ refrained from buying stocks amid the booming economy.
n. someone who puts money or capital into something to gain financial returns

ANSWERS: 47. broadcast, 48. concept, 49. atrocity, 50. twisted, 51. flicked, 52. handouts, 53. finance, 54. blind, 55. investors

56. It is more _____ to wash your plastic bottle and reuse it.

adj. providing a satisfactory return on the money, time, or effort; not using more money, fuel, etc. than necessary

57. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

58. This artwork is _____ of her work.

adj. having the usual characteristics or traits of a specific group of things

59. Rampant _____ led to a loss of trust in the government.

n. dishonest, harmful, or illegal behavior, especially of people in positions of power

60. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

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

61. The organization finally signed a peace _____.

n. an official agreement or treaty between two organizations, countries, etc.;
(verb) allow to have

62. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

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

63. I _____ to him that I had seen his sister at the grocery store earlier that day.

v. to speak or write about something or someone briefly

ANSWERS: 56. economical, 57. circumstances, 58. typical, 59. corruption, 60. threat, 61. accord, 62. survival, 63. mentioned

64. A sense of humor is an invaluable _____ in this job.
n. something or someone that is useful or valuable quality, skill, etc.; valuable property
65. Since 2001, the _____ has provided training programs for automotive technicians.
n. a part of a country or town, especially one with particular features
66. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
67. This substance acts as a neural _____ substance.
n. a piece of equipment used for generating and sending electronic signals, especially radio or television signals
68. It would be _____ to dress nicely for the wedding.
adj. suitable or proper in the circumstances; fitting
69. He fastens some sheets of paper with a _____.
n. a small metal or plastic device used for holding an object or objects together or in place; a short part of electronic media, either an audio clip or video clip
70. The _____ of the discussion was the current state of the economy.
n. a subject that is being discussed or written about
71. She couldn't _____ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.
v. to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

ANSWERS: 64. asset, 65. district, 66. separate, 67. transmitter, 68. appropriate, 69. clip, 70. topic, 71. decide

72. My left arm became _____.

adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

73. I hope to _____ in my career and live a happy life.

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

74. The soldier who sacrificed his life for his country is considered a national _____.

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

75. I am considering what I should do to _____ him.

v. to persuade someone or make someone believe that something is true

76. This region has many _____ offering higher education.

n. an organization that has a specific purpose, particularly one dealing with science, education, or a particular profession; (verb) to initiate, introduce, or establish something

77. Generally speaking, the child is innately _____ to learn a language.

v. to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away

78. Necessity is the mother of _____.

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

79. The school is planning to _____ to purchase new books for the library.

v. to collect or solicit funds or donations, typically for a charity, nonprofit organization, or political campaign, often through events, campaigns, or online platforms

ANSWERS: 72. numb, 73. succeed, 74. hero, 75. convince, 76. institutes, 77. disposed, 78. invention, 79. fundraise

80. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
81. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.
- adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
82. Our law firm also focuses on _____ activities.
- adj.* not established for commercial profit
83. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
- n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
84. I _____ that you know it.
- v.* to risk money on the result of an event or a competition, such as a race or game, to get more money; to have faith or confidence in something
85. The _____ of this information to the current situation needs to be investigated.
- n.* the state or degree of being closely connected or appropriate to the matter at hand
86. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
- v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
87. He paid for a _____ to the newspaper to have it delivered to his house every morning.
- n.* the act of signing up to receive something, typically a publication, service, etc., regularly

ANSWERS: 80. environment, 81. eventually, 82. nonprofit, 83. fins, 84. bet, 85. relevance, 86. survive, 87. subscription

88. The _____ makes use of the local dialect.
n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
89. The _____ melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.
adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
90. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
91. The _____ of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.
n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
92. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
93. He cannot _____ a holiday.
v. to have enough money or time to be able to buy or do something
94. Six _____ are awaiting trial or verdict.
n. a set of clothes that are made from the same material; a claim or complaint that a person or organization can file in court against another party; (verb) to be fit or acceptable for
95. Baseball umpires often overturn decisions with _____ replay.
n. an effect in film-making whereby time appears to be slowed down

ANSWERS: 88. narrator, 89. unheard, 90. strategy, 91. foundation, 92. planet, 93. afford, 94. suits, 95. slow-motion

96. Some people believe that we are all _____ for greatness.
- v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
97. That company is cautious when it comes to _____ investment.
- n.* the value of the shares issued by a company
98. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
- v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
99. The _____ at the library contain a wealth of information about the city's history.
- n.* a collection of historical documents or records providing information about a place, institution, or group of people
100. The _____ of numbers on the spreadsheet allowed the accountant to track the company's profits and losses easily.
- n.* a rectangular array of numbers, symbols, or expressions, arranged in rows and columns and often enclosed in brackets; an enclosure within which something originates or develops
101. The _____ takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.
- adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed
102. I ordered a delicious _____ from the cafe this morning.
- n.* an Italian espresso-based coffee drink that is typically made with hot milk and foam on top

ANSWERS: 96. destined, 97. equity, 98. rethink, 99. archives, 100. matrix, 101. hostile, 102. cappuccino

103. Exchange rate fluctuations have increased that country's trade _____.
- n.* the total amount by which money spent is greater than money earned in a particular period of time; the property of being an amount by which something, especially an amount of money, is less than expected or required
104. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
- v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
105. We elected him to _____ us at the international conference.
- v.* to speak, act, or be present on behalf of another person or group; to form or constitute
106. The Prime Minister will pay a courtesy visit to the Nobel laureate's ____.
- n.* a workplace for the conduct of scientific research; a laboratory
107. The _____ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.
- n.* the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data
108. His father's death changed his whole _____ on life.
- n.* a confident attitude toward something; a particular style of thinking about something
109. The _____ fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.
- adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
110. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
- v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 103. deficit, 104. electrify, 105. represent, 106. lab, 107. statistics, 108. perspective, 109. spectacular, 110. defend

111. I stopped by the branch though I have no business of _____.
- n.* the quality of being important and worthy of note
112. We want to _____ our company through your media.
- v.* to draw attention to something such as a product, service, or event in public to encourage people to buy, use, or attend it
113. The killer used his hands to _____ his victim.
- v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
114. The investment fund offered _____ for a company on the brink of bankruptcy.
- n.* the process of providing funds for running a business, activity, or project; the money for a business, activity, or project
115. He made a _____ mistake and forgot to submit the report on time.
- adj.* lacking the power of speech, unable to speak; stupid, or lacking intelligence
116. Every five years, the provincial governors are _____.
- v.* to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
117. The automaker has been providing _____ car financing options since last year.
- adj.* not expensive and able to pay
118. I must _____ my loan on time to avoid late fees and penalties.
- v.* to give back or make restitution for money, debt, or other obligation that is owed; to compensate or reward someone for something done or given

ANSWERS: 111. importance, 112. advertise, 113. strangle, 114. financing, 115. dumb, 116. elected, 117. affordable, 118. repay

119. They frequently _____ their abilities and felt inferior.
v. to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
120. There are _____ differences between the two wine-producing regions.
adj. easy to see, discover or understand
121. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
122. The _____ student needed an interpreter to understand the lecture.
adj. lacking the ability to hear, or having impaired hearing; unresponsive or unaware of certain sounds or signals
123. In just four years, the _____ has doubled.
n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location
124. The _____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.
adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
125. 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
126. She felt _____ after her dog passed away.
adj. very unhappy, uncomfortable, or unpleasant; causing great distress or suffering

ANSWERS: 119. underestimated, 120. obvious, 121. invite, 122. deaf, 123. population, 124. aft, 125. organ, 126. miserable

127. She volunteers at a local _____ every weekend to help those in need.
n. an organization that helps people in need, especially by providing food, shelter, or money; a kindly and sympathetic attitude toward people
128. Ozone is a primary _____ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.
n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
129. The budget reduction was an _____ feat for our nation.
adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill
130. I _____ for neglecting your email.
v. to express regret for committing wrongdoing or causing a problem
131. The _____ of the magazine has been steadily declining.
n. the movement of blood through the body or of a fluid through a system; the number of copies of a newspaper or magazine that are sold
132. The _____ payments for the use of the patented technology were quite high.
n. revenue derived from the use of a patent, copyright, or other right; the people who are the family of a king and queen
133. To expand the company, we must ____ new human resources.
v. to hit someone or something quickly, gently, and often repeatedly; to use existing resources, such as energy, knowledge, etc.

ANSWERS: 127. charity, 128. filter, 129. impressive, 130. apologize, 131. circulation, 132. royalty, 133. tap