Vocab:

1. The river had become \_contaminated\_ due to industrial runoff, posing a threat to the aquatic ecosystem.
2. Receiving a genuine \_compliment\_ from her colleague brightened her day and boosted her confidence at work.
3. The antique shop displayed a vast collection of \_collectible\_ items, each with its own unique story and charm.
4. After a rigorous workout, a dull \_ache\_ lingered in her muscles, she felt uncomfortable for the next week.
5. Lost in his \_wandering\_ thoughts, he stumbled upon an old bookstore during his aimless wander through the city.
6. As the storm approached, the low \_rumble\_ of thunder warned of the impending rainstorm.
7. This vicious(惡性) \_cycle\_ of events will lead to the bankruptcy of our company.
8. The loud noise outside seemed to \_interrupt\_ her concentration just as she was about to finish an important task.
9. With each bite of the delicious meal, she took a moment to \_savour\_ the rich flavors and intricate spices.
10. Despite being a \_victim\_ of cyberbullying, she found the strength to speak out against online harassment and advocate for change.
11. The teacher spoke with \_authority\_, commanding respect from the students as she shared her extensive knowledge.

1. He felt \_embarrassed\_ when he realized he had mispronounced the guest speaker's name in front of the entire audience.
2. The \_novel\_ approach to marketing, using quirky slogans and innovative displays, attracted a lot of attention to the store's new section.
3. Noticing every \_crumb\_ on the table, the meticulous housekeeper ensured that the dining area was spotless.
4. Trying to \_accumulate\_ knowledge from various sources, he embarked on a quest to expand his understanding of different cultures and perspectives.
5. Feeling fatigued and experiencing cold-like \_symptoms\_, he decided to take a day off to rest and recover.
6. The \_infamous\_ criminal's exploits were recounted in newspapers, capturing the attention of the entire nation.
7. In the quiet library, people \_whisper\_ to each other instead of talking loudly, creating an atmosphere of focused concentration.
8. She asserted her \_rightful\_ place in the leadership role, earning the respect of her colleagues through hard work and dedication.

1. Inspired by a minimalist lifestyle, she decided to \_declutter\_ her living space, getting rid of unnecessary possessions.

Passive voice

Tenses, Infinitives and Gerunds

On New Year’s Eve, chaos emerged(emerge) as thousands of mainland Chinese tourists were heading(head) back home after watching(watch) the New Year’s Eve fireworks in Hong Kong only to be delayed or stranded at the border. The incident has sparked(spark) calls for better connections since then.

The Hong Kong government said it is negotiating(negotiate) with its mainland counterpart over an extension to operating hours at checkpoints right now. Previously, authorities also promised(promise) to better coordinate(coordinate) transport arrangements in advance of any future large events so visitors could get home more easily.

Expanding(Expand) cross-border services require(require) Beijing’s approval and collaboration with authorities in Guangdong and Shenzhen. The National Development and Reform Commission, the state planning agency, earlier revealed(reveal) a plan to add(add) more 24-hour checkpoints to Hong Kong to boost the appeal of the Greater Bay Area to businesses.

The Post contacted(contact) the Guangdong provincial government spokesman’s office for comment. They have not responded(not respond) by the time of publishing(publish).

Legislator Michael Tien Puk-sun, said one barrier to the introduction of longer service hours at certain checkpoints are(be) the transport arrangements on the Shenzhen side, which would involve the municipal authorities.

Gary Ng Cheuk-yan, a senior economist at investment banker Natixis, said the introduction more 24-hour checkpoints would likely result in a “net loss” of consumption in Hong Kong in the short term. The convenience would lead to even more Hongkongers crossing the border to spend(spend) money, he warned.

He added, if Hong Kong managed(manage) to deliver a comprehensive plan to lure tourists back, the same convenience might mean more mainland visitors would head south for leisure and shopping.

But some economists predict(predict) southbound mainland travellers would take advantage of convenient border crossing times by staying in Shenzhen instead of Hong Kong, where hotel accommodation is(be) more expensive.

They added that would frustrate the city’s goal of encouraging(encourage) people from the mainland to stay longer in Hong Kong and spend.

Passive voice: Change the sentences into passive voice

1. The police intercepted the shipment as it arrived into the port

The shipment was intercepted by the police as it arrived into the port.

1. He bought the last bottle of the drink.

The last bottle of the drink was bought by him.

1. They are revising the plan to rebuild the village well.

The plan to rebuild the village well is being revised by them.

1. The law punishes those who commit illegal acts.

Those who commit illegal acts are punished by the law.

1. He has fixed the broken lamp.

The broken lamp has been fixed by him.

1. They will send a technician to repair my computer.

A technician will be sent by them to repair my computer.

1. When I came home, My mother was baking a pie.

a pie was being baked by my mother when I came home.

1. He has been working on the car since noon.

The car has been being worked on by him since noon.

1. By the time I arrived at the party, everyone had already eaten all the pizza.

By the time I arrived at the party, all of the pizza had already been eaten by everyone.

1. He must complete his coding project by Friday.

The coding project must be completed by him by Friday.