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Session 1: Word List

cockroach

n. a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home

synonym : roach

(1) **cockroach** killer, (2) have a **cockroach** phobia

Cockroaches sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.

jewel

n. a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry

synonym : gem, precious stone, treasure

(1) **jewel** of the crown, (2) gleaming **jewel**

She treasured the small **jewel** that her grandmother had given her.

wasp

n. a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals

synonym : insect, hornet, yellow jacket

(1) **wasp** nest, (2) **wasp** sting

A giant **wasp** flew into the room, and everyone panicked.

latch

n. a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt

synonym : lock, catch, bolt

(1) set the **latch**, (2) **latch** mechanism

The **latch** on the gate was broken, so the cows got loose.

arc *n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
synonym: turn, bow, angle

(1) the **arc** current, (2) an **arc** of a circumference

A ball flew in a big **arc**.

insert *v.* to put something inside something else
synonym: introduce, add, embed

(1) **insert** coin, (2) **insert** a graphic

She **inserted** a new chapter into her manuscript.

sting *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

synonym: bite, prick, poke

(1) **sting** me on the arm, (2) **sting** his face

Bees **sting** as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.

precis *v.* to make a summary of something, such as a text or speech; (noun) a short form of the main points of an argument or theory

synonym: summarize, abstract, digest

(1) **precis** the contents of a book, (2) a **precis** of recent advances in AI

He **precis** this lengthy report in two pages.

cluster *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit

synonym: group, aggregation, array

(1) live in a **cluster**, (2) a **cluster** of stars

A **cluster** of grapes hung from the vine.

nervous *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

synonym : neural, anxious, uneasy

(1) development of the **nervous** system, (2) get **nervous**
He suffers from **nervous** breakdowns.

thorax

n. the part of an insect's body that bears the wings and legs, located between the head and the abdomen

synonym : chest, midsection, upper body

(1) **thorax** segment, (2) **thorax** anatomy

The insect's **thorax** is the middle section, where the wings and legs attach.

venom

n. a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging

synonym : poison, toxin, hating

(1) the **venom** of a lizard, (2) injected **venom**

The snake's **venom** is highly toxic and can be fatal to humans.

surge

n. a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.

synonym : rush, spate, deluge

(1) a **surge** of shoppers, (2) the **surge** in foreign tourism

She drowned her **surge** of anger through her creative work.

temporarily

adv. for a limited time only or not permanently

synonym : for a time

(1) a hut made **temporarily**, (2) **temporarily** suspend the production

Some athletes take anabolic steroids to increase muscle size **temporarily**.

paralyze

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

synonym : immobilize, disable, numb

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

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

brain

n. the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

synonym: intellect, mind, encephalon

(1) basic **brain** function, (2) permanent **brain** damage

X-rays revealed a small tumor in his **brain**.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym: exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

essentially

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

synonym: fundamentally, basically, virtually

(1) **essentially** correct, (2) become **essentially** same

Essentially, a society is an organism.

zombie

n. a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way

synonym: living dead, ghost, machine

(1) **zombie** bank, (2) **zombie** movie

If you don't get a good night's sleep, you will become a **zombie** at work.

snap

v. to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

synonym: break, crack, fracture

(1) **snap** a whip, (2) **snap** judgment

She **snapped** a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.

antenna

n. an electrical device that sends or receives radio or television signals; (biology) one of one or more pairs of

appendages used for sensing in insects

synonym : feeler, receiver

(1) **antenna** of insect, (2) extend the TV **antenna**

He had a special **antenna** for public relations

straw

n. dry stalks of cereal plants used as fodder, fuel, basket, etc.

synonym : hay, stalk, reed

(1) **straw** basket, (2) rice **straw**

The **straw** hat protected her face from the sun while she worked in the fields.

hemolymph

n. the fluid that circulates in the body cavity of arthropods, crustaceans, and other invertebrates and functions in much the same way as blood in vertebrates

synonym : blood, circulatory fluid, plasma

(1) **hemolymph** circulation, (2) **hemolymph** nodes

Hemolymph pressure is used by some arthropods, such as insects, to maintain their exoskeleton's shape and rigidity.

subterranean

adj. under the ground

synonym : underground, belowground, subsurface

(1) **subterranean** rooms, (2) **subterranean** motives for murder

Such **subterranean** passages span kilometers in London.

lair

n. a den or shelter used by a wild animal

synonym : den, hideout, shelter

(1) **lair** of a dragon, (2) **lair** of a criminal

The tiger's **lair** was filled with treasure.

seal

v. to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

synonym : enclose, shut, close

(1) **seal** a hole, (2) a fur **seal**

He **sealed** the letter with hot wax.

burrow

v. to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

synonym: tunnel, dig, excavate

(1) **burrow** through the forest, (2) **burrow** into a mystery

You can't **burrow** through solid metal.

offspring

n. descendant; any immature animal or plant

synonym: children, descendants, heirs

(1) female **offspring**, (2) produce **offspring**

How many **offspring** does the average lion have?

nursery

n. a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes

synonym: playroom, greenhouse, conservatory

(1) day **nursery**, (2) **nursery** school

I work at the breeding **nursery**, where we grow and sell a variety of plants.

crypt

n. a chamber or vault beneath the floor of a church or other building, typically used as a tomb

synonym: vault, tomb, chamber

(1) uterine **crypt**, (2) **crypt** in a church

The royal **crypt** was filled with ancient artifacts and coffins.

larva

n. the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose

synonym: caterpillar, grub, maggot

(1) **larva** of a butterfly, (2) a moth **larva**

The butterfly emerged from its **larva** stage.

hatch

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

synonym : incubate, breed, produce

(1) **hatch** a plan, (2) **hatch** a baby chick

The eggs began to **hatch**, and the small chicks emerged.

pupa

n. the intermediate stage in the development of an insect between the larva and the adult

synonym : chrysalis, cocoon, pupae

(1) **pupa** stage, (2) emerge from a **pupa**

The **pupa** of the moth was hidden deep inside the cocoon.

carcass

n. the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food

synonym : corpse, remains, body

(1) examine a **carcass**, (2) **carcass** disposal

The animal's **carcass** was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.

emerge

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

synonym : arise, occur, appear

(1) **emerge** as a butterfly, (2) **emerge** from poverty

During colonial eras, new migratory patterns **emerged**.

iridescent

adj. varying in color when seen in different lights or from different angles

synonym : pearlescent, rainbowy, opaline

(1) an **iridescent** oil slick, (2) **iridescent** color

Her most recent fashion collection incorporates sparkling **iridescent** materials.

gruesome

adj. causing horror or disgust

synonym : appalling, horrific, terrible

(1) hear **gruesome** details, (2) **gruesome** accident

The **gruesome** crime scene was difficult for the detectives to stomach.

- tale** *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
synonym : canard, fiction, fable
(1) a fairy **tale**, (2) **tale** of horror
Ghosts in folk **tales** are almost always malicious.
- parasitoid** *n.* an organism that lives in or on another organism, called the host, and ultimately kills it
synonym : symbiont
(1) **parasitoid** larva, (2) **parasitoid** insect
Parasitoid wasps lay their eggs on the larvae of other insects.
- evolutionary** *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
synonym : developmental, mutative, transformative
(1) ecology and **evolutionary** biology, (2) the **evolutionary** process
Evolutionary algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.
- 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**.
- employ** *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
synonym : hire, engage, use
(1) **employ** job seekers, (2) **employ** a new method
When making arrests, police officers frequently **employ** excessive force.
- insect** *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
(1) **insect** antenna, (2) **insect** biology

These **insects** are more prevalent above a certain latitude.

uniquely

adv. in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others

synonym: singularly, exclusively, distinctively

(1) play a **uniquely** important role, (2) **uniquely** different

The painting is **uniquely** painted with a combination of watercolors and oils.

dreadful

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear

synonym: terrible, horrible, awful

(1) **dreadful** accident, (2) **dreadful** news

The conditions of the prison were **dreadful** and inhumane.

ladybug

n. a small, round, usually red or orange beetle with black spots, which feeds on aphids and other small insects

synonym: ladybird, lady beetle

(1) **ladybug** on a leaf, (2) **ladybug** larvae

Some species of **ladybugs** have a strong, unpleasant smell and are also called stink bugs.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

beetle

n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings

(1) **beetle** brows, (2) a **beetle** larva

In ancient civilizations, the scarab **beetle** was worshiped as a sacred creature.

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.

viral

adj. relating to or caused by a virus

(1) fight **viral** infections, (2) detect a **viral** code

This device can more accurately detect **viral** pathogens.

infection

n. a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body

synonym: contagion, disease, transmission

(1) a bacterial **infection**, (2) treat the **infection** with antibiotics

Hospitals must meet various standards to prevent nosocomial **infections**.

spin

v. to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

synonym: rotate, twirl, swirl

(1) **spin** a top, (2) **spin** thread out of cotton

The tornado is **spinning** across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.

cocoon

n. a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates

synonym: chrysalis, pupa, case

(1) **cocoon** silk, (2) a dried **cocoon**

The caterpillar spins a **cocoon** around itself before turning into a butterfly.

bewitch

v. to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way

synonym: charm, enchant, fascinate

(1) hold the charm to **bewitch**, (2) **bewitch** him into a frog

Her beauty **bewitched** him.

predatory

adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

synonym : raptorial, hunting, greedy

(1) a **predatory** bird, (2) **predatory** warfare

The domesticated cat still has its **predatory** instincts.

lacewing

n. a green or brown insect that has large, delicate, net-veined wings and is often found near aphid-infested plants

synonym : insect, predator, greenfly

(1) a variety of green **lacewing**, (2) larva of **lacewing** flies

The **lacewing** insect is a beneficial garden predator, eating aphids and other pests.

twitch

v. to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body

synonym : spasm, jerk, flinch

(1) **twitch** at his sleeve, (2) **twitch** of an eye

She couldn't stop her leg from **twitching** nervously.

scare

v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened

synonym : frighten, spook, intimidate

(1) **scare** off her attacker by screaming, (2) **scare** the birds away

We hit the ground to **scare** out the rabbits.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym : being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

advert

v. an advertisement; (verb) to make reference to something in speaking or writing

synonym : advertise, mention, attend

(1) a television **advert** for the product, (2) full page **advert**

Our company took out a big **advert** next to the highway.

toxic

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
synonym : poisonous, harmful, contaminated

(1) **toxic** molecule, (2) exposure to **toxic** chemicals

This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more **toxic**.

hapless

adj. having no luck; unfortunate
synonym : unfortunate, unlucky, pitiable

(1) her **hapless** fate, (2) **hapless** situation

The **hapless** victim had no way to defend themselves.

corpse

n. the dead body of a human being
synonym : body, remains, cadaver

(1) desiccated **corpse**, (2) the **corpse** of an animal

The police found the **corpse** in the abandoned building.

fierce

adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening
synonym : ferocious, convulsive, forceful

(1) **fierce** competition, (2) a **fierce** animal

The **fierce** thunders echoed across the plain.

gall

n. rudeness and the inability to understand that one's conduct or words are not acceptable to others; a feeling of deep and bitter anger and ill-will
synonym : bitterness, boldness, vexation

(1) **gall** and wormwood, (2) have the **gall**

He sometimes recalls **gall** past mistakes.

parasitic

adj. living off another organism to the detriment of the host
synonym : symbiotic, dependent, exploitative

(1) **parasitic** relationship, (2) brood- **parasitic** bird

The **parasitic** plant was able to survive by stealing nutrients from its host.

vegetarian

n. a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons

(1) eat a **vegetarian** diet, (2) a strict **vegetarian**

This restaurant has **vegetarian** dishes as well.

feast

n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion

synonym: banquet, celebration, dinner

(1) a **feast** for the eyes, (2) a nightly **feast**

The royal **feast** celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.

oak

n. a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns

(1) the wine in giant **oak** vats, (2) old **oak** trees

Large **oak** trees cast a shadow in the garden.

tuck

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

synonym: insert, wrap, pinch

(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another cigarette

You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

chamber

n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym: association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym: limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym : masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

normally

adv. usually; under normal conditions

synonym : commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much

I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym : pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

debut

n. the first public performance of an artist or actor

synonym : introduction, launching, premiere

(1) **debut** on national TV, (2) **debut** performance

The **debut** album of the band was a success.

crawl

v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

synonym : creep, drag

(1) **crawl** across the floor, (2) **crawl** away from a car

Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses **crawl**.

caterpillar

n. the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth

synonym : larva, grub, worm

(1) **caterpillar** of a butterfly, (2) **caterpillar** in a cocoon

The woolly bear **caterpillar** munched on leaves all day.

- owl** *n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
synonym: raptor, bird of prey, nocturnal bird
(1) a night **owl**, (2) an **owl** hooted
The snowy **owl** is a large, white bird often seen in the Arctic.
- moth** *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light
The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.
- flutter** *v.* to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth
synonym: flit, hover, wave
(1) **flutter** around finding, (2) a **flutter** of a bird
The butterfly **fluttered** its wings gracefully.
- inject** *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
synonym: shoot, infiltrate, insinuate
(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate
Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.
- polyembryony** *n.* the development of multiple embryos from a single fertilized egg
synonym: multiple-embryo, multiple-fertilization
(1) **polyembryony** reproduction, (2) **polyembryony** biology
The mechanism of **polyembryony** is an important study area in genetics, evolutionary biology, and ecology.
- spawn** *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
synonym: beget, breed, generate
(1) **spawn** in spring, (2) **spawn** a new concept
The salmon swims upstream to **spawn** in the place they were

released.

divide

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
synonym : separate, disconnect, split

(1) **divide** the cake into two pieces, (2) **divide** money equally

Can you **divide** 123321 by eleven?

repeatedly

adv. again and again; many times

synonym : frequently, over and over, constantly

(1) use cell phone **repeatedly**, (2) **repeatedly** nod

He claims that his legitimate requests were **repeatedly** ignored.

brood

v. to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth

synonym : offspring, hatch, family

(1) **brood** about the defeat, (2) a **brood** of chickens

The terrible result **brooded** over her all day long.

distinct

adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type

synonym : different, special, characteristic

(1) **distinct** difference, (2) **distinct** from each other

It is essential to keep these two issues **distinct**.

caste

n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

synonym : class, social group, status group

(1) military **caste**, (2) **caste-based** discrimination

He was born into a lower **caste** and faced discrimination throughout his life.

reproductive

adj. connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants

synonym : procreative, generative

(1) **reproductive** ability, (2) during **reproductive** period
This documentary deals with the **reproductive** biology of the buffalo.

buffet

n. a meal where guests serve themselves from a counter or sideboard

synonym: sideboard, counter, smorgasbord

(1) **buffet** style, (2) have a **buffet** meal

The **buffet** at the hotel had a wide variety of food options.

battleground

n. a place where a battle is fought

synonym: arena, field, theater

(1) **battleground** states, (2) the legal **battleground**

The city became a **battleground** during the war.

morph

v. to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

synonym: alter, modify, transform

(1) **morph** into a different shape, (2) **morph** into something entirely different

This company **morphed** into an enterprise company.

peek

n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

synonym: glimpse, look, glance

(1) sneak **peek**, (2) **peek** at others' misfortune

She took a quick **peek** inside the box before closing it again.

prolific

adj. producing many works, results, or offspring

synonym: productive, fertile, abundant

(1) **prolific** apple tree, (2) **prolific** period

The **prolific** author had written over 20 books in just five years.

province

n. the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation

synonym:

area, section, region

(1) Bengal **province**, (2) home **province**

A network of railways has developed over the **province**.

venture

n. a business project or activity that is risky or daring

synonym: enterprise, undertaking, adventure

(1) **venture** capital, (2) a joint **venture**

The **venture** into the new market was risky, but it paid off.

underwater

adv. below or under the surface of the water

synonym: submerged, undersea, submarine

(1) hold my breath **underwater**, (2) seals sleep **underwater**

He is good at swimming **underwater**.

microscopic

adj. tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy

synonym: infinitesimal, tiny, atomic

(1) **microscopic** inquiry, (2) **microscopic** analysis

Inspectors noticed **microscopic** cracks in the submarine's hull.

parasitize

v. to live off another organism, also called the host, and feed from it

synonym: exploit, leech, use

(1) **parasitize** a single host, (2) **parasitize** the roots of plants

Some species of insects **parasitize** other insects by laying their eggs in or on the host's body.

suspect

v. to consider anything to be actual or probable

synonym: assume, distrust, surmise

(1) **suspect** a plot, (2) **suspect** that he is sick

The cops **suspected** him of being the killer.

diverse

adj. including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various

synonym: manifold, various, myriad

(1) **diverse** backgrounds, (2) a person of **diverse** talents
New York is a city with a **diverse** ethnic population.

brand

n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning

synonym: trademark, label, symbol

(1) create a **brand** logo, (2) the **brand** of the new car
There's a new **brand** of hero in the movies now.

parasitism

n. a type of symbiotic relationship in which one organism, called the parasite, benefits at the expense of the other, called the host

synonym: exploitation, dependence, symbiosis

(1) **parasitism** relationship, (2) **parasitism** biology

The study of **parasitism** is a complex field that involves many different types of organisms, interactions, and ecological roles.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

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8. have a bu___t meal *n.* a meal where guests serve themselves from a counter or sideboard
9. pol_____ony reproduction *n.* the development of multiple embryos from a single fertilized egg

ANSWERS: 1. gall, 2. nursery, 3. seal, 4. emerge, 5. cocoon, 6. chew, 7. moth, 8. buffet, 9. polyembryony

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| 10. sub_____ean motives for murder | <i>adj.</i> under the ground |
| 11. dr_____ul accident | <i>adj.</i> very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear |
| 12. have a co_____ch phobia | <i>n.</i> a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home |
| 13. the co____e of an animal | <i>n.</i> the dead body of a human being |
| 14. permanent br__n damage | <i>n.</i> the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling |
| 15. a su__e of shoppers | <i>n.</i> a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc. |
| 16. a cl_____r of stars | <i>n.</i> a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit |
| 17. a fi___e animal | <i>adj.</i> severe and violent in a way that is frightening |
| 18. co_____e a large of alcohol | <i>v.</i> to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount |
| 19. extend the TV an_____a | <i>n.</i> an electrical device that sends or receives radio or television signals; (biology) one of one or more pairs of appendages used for sensing in insects |
| 20. get ne_____s | <i>adj.</i> worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves |
| 21. female of_____ng | <i>n.</i> descendant; any immature animal or plant |
| 22. la__a of a butterfly | <i>n.</i> the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose |

ANSWERS: 10. subterranean, 11. dreadful, 12. cockroach, 13. corpse, 14. brain, 15. surge, 16. cluster, 17. fierce, 18. consume, 19. antenna, 20. nervous, 21. offspring, 22. larva

23. em___e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
24. a pr_____ry bird *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
25. play a un_____ly important role *adv.* in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others
26. pr___s the contents of a book *v.* to make a summary of something, such as a text or speech; (noun) a short form of the main points of an argument or theory
27. pr_____ic period *adj.* producing many works, results, or offspring
28. nu_____y school *n.* a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes
29. a person of di_____e talents *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
30. par_____id insect *n.* an organism that lives in or on another organism, called the host, and ultimately kills it
31. in___t under the skin *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
32. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 23. emerge, 24. predatory, 25. uniquely, 26. precis, 27. prolific, 28. nursery, 29. diverse, 30. parasitoid, 31. inject, 32. stick

33. set the la__h *n.* a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt
34. a hut made tem_____ly *adv.* for a limited time only or not permanently
35. basic br__n function *n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling
36. a fairy t__e *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
37. create a br__d logo *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
38. th___x anatomy *n.* the part of an insect's body that bears the wings and legs, located between the head and the abdomen
39. co_____ch killer *n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
40. gr_____me accident *adj.* causing horror or disgust
41. he_____ph circulation *n.* the fluid that circulates in the body cavity of arthropods, crustaceans, and other invertebrates and functions in much the same way as blood in vertebrates
42. old o_k trees *n.* a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns

ANSWERS: 33. latch, 34. temporarily, 35. brain, 36. tale, 37. brand, 38. thorax, 39. cockroach, 40. gruesome, 41. hemolymph, 42. oak

43. the evo_____ary process *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
44. military ca__e *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
45. cr_____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
46. a moth la__a *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
47. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
48. iri_____nt color *adj.* varying in color when seen in different lights or from different angles
49. ess_____ly correct *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
50. par_____sm biology *n.* a type of symbiotic relationship in which one organism, called the parasite, benefits at the expense of the other, called the host
51. brood-pa_____ic bird *adj.* living off another organism to the detriment of the host
52. co_____e electricity *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
53. injected ve__m *n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging

ANSWERS: 43. evolutionary, 44. caste, 45. creature, 46. larva, 47. eventually, 48. iridescent, 49. essentially, 50. parasitism, 51. parasitic, 52. consume, 53. venom

54. rep_____ly nod *adv.* again and again; many times
55. be_____h him into a frog *v.* to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way
56. use cell phone rep_____ly *adv.* again and again; many times
57. development of the ne_____s system *adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves
58. an a_c of a circumference *n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
59. di___e the cake into two pieces *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
60. pa_____ic relationship *adj.* living off another organism to the detriment of the host
61. her ha_____s fate *adj.* having no luck; unfortunate
62. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
63. an o_l hooted *n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
64. have the g__l *n.* rudeness and the inability to understand that one's conduct or words are not acceptable to others; a feeling of deep and bitter anger and ill-will
65. s__l a hole *v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

ANSWERS: 54. repeatedly, 55. bewitch, 56. repeatedly, 57. nervous, 58. arc, 59. divide, 60. parasitic, 61. hapless, 62. moth, 63. owl, 64. gall, 65. seal

66. a be___e larva *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
67. a television ad___t for the product *v.* an advertisement; (verb) to make reference to something in speaking or writing
68. in___t antenna *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
69. rice st___w *n.* dry stalks of cereal plants used as fodder, fuel, basket, etc.
70. di____e backgrounds *adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
71. emerge from a p__a *n.* the intermediate stage in the development of an insect between the larva and the adult
72. tw___h at his sleeve *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
73. zo___e movie *n.* a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way
74. the br__d of the new car *n.* a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
75. su____t that he is sick *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable

ANSWERS: 66. beetle, 67. advert, 68. insect, 69. straw, 70. diverse, 71. pupa, 72. twitch, 73. zombie, 74. brand, 75. suspect

76. a fe__t for the eyes *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
77. seals sleep und_____er *adv.* below or under the surface of the water
78. hold my breath und_____er *adv.* below or under the surface of the water
79. cr__l across the floor *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
80. mo__h into a different shape *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
81. mic_____ic inquiry *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
82. sc__e off her attacker by screaming *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
83. a br__d of chickens *v.* to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth
84. produce of_____ng *n.* descendant; any immature animal or plant
85. zo___e bank *n.* a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way
86. ca__e-based discrimination *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

ANSWERS: 76. feast, 77. underwater, 78. underwater, 79. crawl, 80. morph, 81. microscopic, 82. scare, 83. brood, 84. offspring, 85. zombie, 86. caste

87. mo__h into something entirely different *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
88. de__t on national TV *n.* the first public performance of an artist or actor
89. the a_c current *n.* the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
90. detect a vi__l code *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
91. w__p nest *n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
92. pa_____ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
93. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
94. l__r of a criminal *n.* a den or shelter used by a wild animal
95. pr_____ry warfare *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
96. a fl_____r of a bird *v.* to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth
97. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
98. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
99. t__k into another cigarette *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

ANSWERS: 87. morph, 88. debut, 89. arc, 90. viral, 91. wasp, 92. paralyze, 93. eventually, 94. lair, 95. predatory, 96. flutter, 97. opportune, 98. strategy, 99. tuck

100. become ess_____ly same *adv.* relating to the essential features or concepts of anything
101. th___x segment *n.* the part of an insect's body that bears the wings and legs, located between the head and the abdomen
102. la__h mechanism *n.* a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt
103. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
104. un_____ly different *adv.* in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others
105. to__c molecule *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
106. dr_____ul news *adj.* very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear
107. eat a veg_____an diet *n.* a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons
108. hold the charm to be_____h *v.* to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way
109. treat the in_____on with antibiotics *n.* a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body
110. fi___e competition *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
111. not no_____ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
112. the wine in giant o_k vats *n.* a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns

ANSWERS: 100. essentially, 101. thorax, 102. latch, 103. flee, 104. uniquely, 105. toxic, 106. dreadful, 107. vegetarian, 108. bewitch, 109. infection, 110. fierce, 111. normally, 112. oak

113. sub_____ean rooms *adj.* under the ground
114. the legal bat_____und *n.* a place where a battle is fought
115. an iri_____nt oil slick *adj.* varying in color when seen in different lights or from different angles
116. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
117. la_____g larvae *n.* a small, round, usually red or orange beetle with black spots, which feeds on aphids and other small insects
118. t__k a baby in the blanket *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
119. w__p sting *n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
120. par_____ze the roots of plants *v.* to live off another organism, also called the host, and feed from it
121. tw____h of an eye *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
122. a gas ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
123. a joint ve_____e *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring

ANSWERS: 113. subterranean, 114. battleground, 115. iridescent, 116. opportune, 117. ladybug, 118. tuck, 119. wasp, 120. parasitize, 121. twitch, 122. chamber, 123. venture

124. c__w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
125. uterine cr__t *n.* a chamber or vault beneath the floor of a church or other building, typically used as a tomb
126. fight vi__l infections *adj.* relating to or caused by a virus
127. ecology and evo_____ary biology *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
128. p__k at others' misfortune *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
129. full page ad____t *v.* an advertisement; (verb) to make reference to something in speaking or writing
130. ha_____s situation *adj.* having no luck; unfortunate
131. cr__l away from a car *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
132. a night o_l *n.* a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call
133. be___e brows *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
134. de__t performance *n.* the first public performance of an artist or actor
135. em___y job seekers *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
136. bat_____und states *n.* a place where a battle is fought

ANSWERS: 124. chew, 125. crypt, 126. viral, 127. evolutionary, 128. peek, 129. advert, 130. hapless, 131. crawl, 132. owl, 133. beetle, 134. debut, 135. employ, 136. battleground

137. di____ct from each other *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
138. live in a cl____r *n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
139. complete no____ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
140. artificial cr____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
141. ve____e capital *n.* a business project or activity that is risky or daring
142. cat____ar in a cocoon *n.* the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth
143. home pr____ce *n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
144. larva of la____ng flies *n.* a green or brown insect that has large, delicate, net-veined wings and is often found near aphid-infested plants
145. cat____ar of a butterfly *n.* the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth
146. rep____ive ability *adj.* connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants
147. pa____ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
148. in____t biology *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
149. fl____r around finding *v.* to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth
150. bu____t style *n.* a meal where guests serve themselves from a counter or sideboard

ANSWERS: 137. distinct, 138. cluster, 139. normally, 140. creature, 141. venture, 142. caterpillar, 143. province, 144. lacewing, 145. caterpillar, 146. reproductive, 147. paralyze, 148. insect, 149. flutter, 150. buffet

151. develop a st____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
152. pr____ic apple tree *adj.* producing many works, results, or offspring
153. cr__t in a church *n.* a chamber or vault beneath the floor of a church or other building, typically used as a tomb
154. examine a ca____s *n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
155. par____id larva *n.* an organism that lives in or on another organism, called the host, and ultimately kills it
156. p__a stage *n.* the intermediate stage in the development of an insect between the larva and the adult
157. a variety of green la____ng *n.* a green or brown insect that has large, delicate, net-veined wings and is often found near aphid-infested plants
158. st__w basket *n.* dry stalks of cereal plants used as fodder, fuel, basket, etc.
159. bu____w through the forest *v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal
160. Bengal pr____ce *n.* the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation
161. a nightly fe__t *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
162. in____t a personal opinion into a debate *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

ANSWERS: 151. strategy, 152. prolific, 153. crypt, 154. carcass, 155. parasitoid, 156. pupa, 157. lacewing, 158. straw, 159. burrow, 160. province, 161. feast, 162. inject

163. pol_____ony biology *n.* the development of multiple embryos from a single fertilized egg
164. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
165. a bacterial in_____on *n.* a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body
166. par_____ze a single host *v.* to live off another organism, also called the host, and feed from it
167. a pr___s of recent advances in AI *v.* to make a summary of something, such as a text or speech; (noun) a short form of the main points of an argument or theory
168. la_____g on a leaf *n.* a small, round, usually red or orange beetle with black spots, which feeds on aphids and other small insects
169. su_____t a plot *v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
170. fire st__k *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material
171. s__p a whip *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands
172. mic_____ic analysis *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
173. br___h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

ANSWERS: 163. polyembryony, 164. flee, 165. infection, 166. parasitize, 167. precis, 168. ladybug, 169. suspect, 170. stick, 171. snap, 172. microscopic, 173. branch

174. a br___h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
175. tem_____ly suspend the production *adv.* for a limited time only or not permanently
176. st__g his face *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
177. sneak p__k *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
178. ha__h a baby chick *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
179. hear gr_____me details *adj.* causing horror or disgust
180. s__n thread out of cotton *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
181. the su__e in foreign tourism *n.* a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
182. the lower ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
183. desiccated co___e *n.* the dead body of a human being
184. je__l of the crown *n.* a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry

ANSWERS: 174. branch, 175. temporarily, 176. sting, 177. peek, 178. hatch, 179. gruesome, 180. spin, 181. surge, 182. chamber, 183. corpse, 184. jewel

185. l__r of a dragon *n.* a den or shelter used by a wild animal
186. a strict veg_____an *n.* a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons
187. sp__n in spring *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
188. in___t a graphic *v.* to put something inside something else
189. br__d about the defeat *v.* to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth
190. a dried co___n *n.* a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates
191. ca_____s disposal *n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
192. during rep_____ive period *adj.* connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants
193. st__g me on the arm *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
194. sc__e the birds away *v.* to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
195. s__p judgment *v.* to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

ANSWERS: 185. lair, 186. vegetarian, 187. spawn, 188. insert, 189. brood, 190. cocoon, 191. carcass, 192. reproductive, 193. sting, 194. scare, 195. snap

196. the ve__m of a lizard *n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
197. he_____ph nodes *n.* the fluid that circulates in the body cavity of arthropods, crustaceans, and other invertebrates and functions in much the same way as blood in vertebrates
198. par_____sm relationship *n.* a type of symbiotic relationship in which one organism, called the parasite, benefits at the expense of the other, called the host
199. exposure to to__c chemicals *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
200. bu___w into a mystery *v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal
201. in___t coin *v.* to put something inside something else
202. di_____ct difference *adj.* noticeable from something else of a similar type
203. em___y a new method *v.* to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of
204. gleaming je__l *n.* a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry
205. s__n a top *v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented
206. sp__n a new concept *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop

ANSWERS: 196. venom, 197. hemolymph, 198. parasitism, 199. toxic, 200. burrow, 201. insert, 202. distinct, 203. employ, 204. jewel, 205. spin, 206. spawn

207. t__e of horror *n.* a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
208. an____a of insect *n.* an electrical device that sends or receives radio or television signals; (biology) one of one or more pairs of appendages used for sensing in insects
209. di___e money equally *v.* to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups
210. ha__h a plan *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

ANSWERS: 207. tale, 208. antenna, 209. divide, 210. hatch

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The caterpillar spins a _____ around itself before turning into a butterfly.
n. a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates
2. The _____ is a serious threat to the farm's output.
n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
3. The _____ of the moth was hidden deep inside the cocoon.
n. the intermediate stage in the development of an insect between the larva and the adult
4. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
5. Some species of insects _____ other insects by laying their eggs in or on the host's body.
v. to live off another organism, also called the host, and feed from it
6. A ball flew in a big _____.
n. the shape of a portion of a circle or other curved line
7. She couldn't stop her leg from _____ nervously.
v. to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
8. A network of railways has developed over the _____.
n. the territory occupied by one of the constituent administrative districts of a nation

ANSWERS: 1. cocoon, 2. moth, 3. pupa, 4. opportune, 5. parasitize, 6. arc, 7. twitching, 8. province

9. The painting is _____ painted with a combination of watercolors and oils.
adv. in a way that is different from all others; in a way that is not shared by others
10. _____ algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.
adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
11. The _____ crime scene was difficult for the detectives to stomach.
adj. causing horror or disgust
12. She took a quick _____ inside the box before closing it again.
n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
13. Her beauty _____ him.
v. to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way
14. It is essential to keep these two issues _____.
adj. noticeable from something else of a similar type
15. She _____ a new chapter into her manuscript.
v. to put something inside something else
16. Her most recent fashion collection incorporates sparkling _____ materials.
adj. varying in color when seen in different lights or from different angles
17. If you don't get a good night's sleep, you will become a _____ at work.
n. a dead body that has been brought back to life by a supernatural force; someone who acts or responds in a mechanical or apathetic way

ANSWERS: 9. uniquely, 10. Evolutionary, 11. gruesome, 12. peek, 13. bewitched, 14. distinct, 15. inserted, 16. iridescent, 17. zombie

18. _____ pressure is used by some arthropods, such as insects, to maintain their exoskeleton's shape and rigidity.
- n.* the fluid that circulates in the body cavity of arthropods, crustaceans, and other invertebrates and functions in much the same way as blood in vertebrates
19. A _____ of grapes hung from the vine.
- n.* a group of similar things or people close together, often forming a distinct mass or unit
20. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.
- n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
21. _____ sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.
- n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
22. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.
- n.* a living being, especially an animal
23. Let's try to _____ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.
- v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
24. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
- v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
25. Inspectors noticed _____ cracks in the submarine's hull.
- adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy

ANSWERS: 18. Hemolymph, 19. cluster, 20. branch, 21. Cockroaches, 22. creature, 23. inject, 24. consume, 25. microscopic

26. The snake's _____ is highly toxic and can be fatal to humans.
- n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
27. In ancient civilizations, the scarab _____ was worshiped as a sacred creature.
- n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
28. He had a special _____ for public relations
- n.* an electrical device that sends or receives radio or television signals; (biology) one of one or more pairs of appendages used for sensing in insects
29. The terrible result _____ over her all day long.
- v.* to think much and deeply about something that makes one annoyed, anxious, or angry; (noun) a group of young birds or other animals all produced at one hatching or birth
30. He _____ this lengthy report in two pages.
- v.* to make a summary of something, such as a text or speech; (noun) a short form of the main points of an argument or theory
31. The venom from the snake bite _____ his arm.
- v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
32. Our company took out a big _____ next to the highway.
- v.* an advertisement; (verb) to make reference to something in speaking or writing
33. The animal's _____ was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.
- n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food

ANSWERS: 26. venom, 27. beetle, 28. antenna, 29. brooded, 30. precis, 31. paralyzed, 32. advert, 33. carcass

34. The city became a _____ during the war.
n. a place where a battle is fought
35. There's a new _____ of hero in the movies now.
n. a type of product, service, etc., made by a particular company and sold under a specific name; identification mark on the skin of livestock, criminals, etc., made by burning
36. He claims that his legitimate requests were _____ ignored.
adv. again and again; many times
37. The royal _____ was filled with ancient artifacts and coffins.
n. a chamber or vault beneath the floor of a church or other building, typically used as a tomb
38. She drowned her _____ of anger through her creative work.
n. a sudden and great increase of something, such as a feeling, the amount or number, etc.
39. The _____ album of the band was a success.
n. the first public performance of an artist or actor
40. The _____ into the new market was risky, but it paid off.
n. a business project or activity that is risky or daring
41. You should _____ your shirt into your trousers.
v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

ANSWERS: 34. battleground, 35. brand, 36. repeatedly, 37. crypt, 38. surge, 39. debut, 40. venture, 41. tuck

42. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.
n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
43. This device can more accurately detect _____ pathogens.
adj. relating to or caused by a virus
44. The _____ thunders echoed across the plain.
adj. severe and violent in a way that is frightening
45. The domesticated cat still has its _____ instincts.
adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
46. He sometimes recalls _____ past mistakes.
n. rudeness and the inability to understand that one's conduct or words are not acceptable to others; a feeling of deep and bitter anger and ill-will
47. The woolly bear _____ munched on leaves all day.
n. the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth
48. The eggs began to _____ and the small chicks emerged.
v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
49. The salmon swims upstream to _____ in the place they were released.
v. to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
50. Hospitals must meet various standards to prevent nosocomial _____.
n. a condition in which pathogenic microorganisms or viruses have entered the body

ANSWERS: 42. chambers, 43. viral, 44. fierce, 45. predatory, 46. gall, 47. caterpillar, 48. hatch, 49. spawn, 50. infections

51. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns _____.

v. to move out of or away from something and become visible

52. Can you _____ 123321 by eleven?

v. to separate or cause to separate into parts or groups

53. Some athletes take anabolic steroids to increase muscle size _____.

adv. for a limited time only or not permanently

54. I work at the breeding _____ where we grow and sell a variety of plants.

n. a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes

55. The _____ hat protected her face from the sun while she worked in the fields.

n. dry stalks of cereal plants used as fodder, fuel, basket, etc.

56. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

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

57. I don't _____ take a vacation in the middle of summer.

adv. usually; under normal conditions

58. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

59. The insect's _____ is the middle section, where the wings and legs attach.

n. the part of an insect's body that bears the wings and legs, located between the head and the abdomen

ANSWERS: 51. emerged, 52. divide, 53. temporarily, 54. nursery, 55. straw, 56. strategy, 57. normally, 58. stick, 59. thorax

60. The tiger's _____ was filled with treasure.
n. a den or shelter used by a wild animal
61. We hit the ground to _____ out the rabbits.
v. to frighten a person or animal, or to become frightened
62. Ghosts in folk _____ are almost always malicious.
n. a story made up in someone's imagination, especially one full of action and adventure
63. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more _____.
adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
64. The _____ at the hotel had a wide variety of food options.
n. a meal where guests serve themselves from a counter or sideboard
65. This company _____ into an enterprise company.
v. to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
66. The butterfly emerged from its _____ stage.
n. the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
67. The _____ on the gate was broken, so the cows got loose.
n. a device for holding a door or gate closed, typically a sliding bar or bolt
68. The _____ insect is a beneficial garden predator, eating aphids and other pests.
n. a green or brown insect that has large, delicate, net-veined wings and is often found near aphid-infested plants

ANSWERS: 60. lair, 61. scare, 62. tales, 63. toxic, 64. buffet, 65. morphed, 66. larva, 67. latch, 68. lacewing

69. Bees _____ as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.

- v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

70. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

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

71. He suffers from _____ breakdowns.

- adj.* worried and anxious about something; relating to the nerves

72. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.

- v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

73. X-rays revealed a small tumor in his _____.

- n.* the organ inside the head that is responsible for one's movement, thought, memory, and feeling

74. Large _____ trees cast a shadow in the garden.

- n.* a large deciduous tree that is common in northern regions and produces small nuts called acorns

75. _____ wasps lay their eggs on the larvae of other insects.

- n.* an organism that lives in or on another organism, called the host, and ultimately kills it

76. Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses _____.

- v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground

ANSWERS: 69. sting, 70. eventually, 71. nervous, 72. flee, 73. brain, 74. oak, 75. Parasitoid, 76. crawl

77. How many _____ does the average lion have?

n. descendant; any immature animal or plant

78. The _____ victim had no way to defend themselves.

adj. having no luck; unfortunate

79. These _____ are more prevalent above a certain latitude.

n. any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

80. This restaurant has _____ dishes as well.

n. a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons

81. The _____ author had written over 20 books in just five years.

adj. producing many works, results, or offspring

82. This documentary deals with the _____ biology of the buffalo.

adj. connected with the process of reproduction; relating to reproducing babies, young animals, or plants

83. He was born into a lower _____ and faced discrimination throughout his life.

n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

84. The snowy ____ is a large, white bird often seen in the Arctic.

n. a nocturnal bird of prey with large eyes, a facial disc, and typically a loud hooting call

85. Such _____ passages span kilometers in London.

adj. under the ground

ANSWERS: 77. offspring, 78. hapless, 79. insects, 80. vegetarian, 81. prolific, 82. reproductive, 83. caste, 84. owl, 85. subterranean

86. The police found the _____ in the abandoned building.

n. the dead body of a human being

87. She _____ a quick picture of the beautiful sunset before it disappeared.

v. to record on photographic film; to make a sudden, sharp sound; (noun) the act of catching an object with the hands

88. When making arrests, police officers frequently _____ excessive force.

v. to give somebody a job and pay them for it; to make use of

89. _____ a society is an organism.

adv. relating to the essential features or concepts of anything

90. The butterfly _____ its wings gracefully.

v. to wave or flap quickly and lightly; (noun) the act of moving back and forth

91. The conditions of the prison were _____ and inhumane.

adj. very bad, unpleasant, or causing fear

92. The mechanism of _____ is an important study area in genetics, evolutionary biology, and ecology.

n. the development of multiple embryos from a single fertilized egg

93. The _____ plant was able to survive by stealing nutrients from its host.

adj. living off another organism to the detriment of the host

94. He _____ the letter with hot wax.

v. to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

ANSWERS: 86. corpse, 87. snapped, 88. employ, 89. Essentially, 90. fluttered, 91. dreadful, 92. polyembryony, 93. parasitic, 94. sealed

95. Some species of _____ have a strong, unpleasant smell and are also called stink bugs.
- n.* a small, round, usually red or orange beetle with black spots, which feeds on aphids and other small insects
96. He is good at swimming _____.
- adv.* below or under the surface of the water
97. My dog loves to _____ on bones.
- v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
98. The study of _____ is a complex field that involves many different types of organisms, interactions, and ecological roles.
- n.* a type of symbiotic relationship in which one organism, called the parasite, benefits at the expense of the other, called the host
99. New York is a city with a _____ ethnic population.
- adj.* including numerous categories of individuals or entities; various
100. The cops _____ him of being the killer.
- v.* to consider anything to be actual or probable
101. She treasured the small _____ that her grandmother had given her.
- n.* a precious stone that is cut and polished for use in jewelry
102. The tornado is _____ across the countryside, destroying everything in its path.
- v.* to cause something to rotate rapidly; to cause someone to feel dizzy or disoriented

ANSWERS: 95. ladybugs, 96. underwater, 97. chew, 98. parasitism, 99. diverse, 100. suspected, 101. jewel, 102. spinning

103. A giant _____ flew into the room, and everyone panicked.

- n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals

104. You can't _____ through solid metal.

- v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

105. The royal _____ celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.

- n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion

ANSWERS: 103. wasp, 104. burrow, 105. feast