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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### journalist

*n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

*synonym* : reporter, newsperson, press

(1) a China-based **journalist**, (2) **journalist** on a magazine  
Foreign TV crews and **journalists** can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

### quotation

*n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

*synonym* : excerpt, passage, quote

(1) double **quotation** marks, (2) take a **quotation**  
He included a **quotation** from the book in his essay.

### alien

*n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

*synonym* : foreigner, unfamiliar, unknown

(1) **alien** fungi, (2) resident **aliens**

**Alien** species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

## universe

*n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy

*synonym* : cosmos, macrocosm

(1) theory of the **universe**, (2) expansion of the **universe**

The **universe** is about 13.8 billion years old.

## 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.

## core

*n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something

*synonym* : center, basis, heart

(1) the **core** of an apple, (2) **core** business activity

These gas nebulae are merely newborn galactic **cores**.

## biodiversity

*n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

(1) **biodiversity** conservation, (2) loss of **biodiversity**

The country was instrumental in promoting the **biodiversity** treaty.

## thrive

*v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

*synonym* : bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure

Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

## countless

*adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many

*synonym* : innumerable, myriad, numerous

(1) **countless** hours, (2) answer **countless** questions

There are **countless** methods for dealing with stress.

## eccentric

*adj.* weird or unusual, sometimes in a funny way

*synonym* : bizarre, abnormal, curious

(1) display **eccentric** behavior, (2) **eccentric** characters

He was **eccentric**, but he was also a genius.

## discovery

*n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

*synonym* : finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

## 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.

## rainforest

*n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

(1) **rainforest** destruction, (2) tropical **rainforest**

The destruction of the **rainforest** is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

## veil

*n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

*synonym* : cover, mask, (verb) conceal

(1) **veil** of mystery, (2) **veil** her face

He lifted her **veil** with both hands.

## dimension

*n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

*synonym* : extent, measurement, size

(1) new **dimension**, (2) the crosswise **dimension**

Overall **dimensions** are approximately 400x200mm.

## 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.

## ephemeral

*adj.* lasting or used for only a short time

*synonym*: temporary, momentary, brief

(1) **ephemeral** joys, (2) **ephemeral** materials

His success as a famous actor was **ephemeral**.

## imperil

*v.* to put something or someone in danger or at risk; to threaten the safety or well-being of something or someone

*synonym*: endanger, jeopardize, threaten

(1) **imperil** wildlife, (2) **imperil** national security

Ongoing pollution and deforestation **imperil** the survival of many species.

## kingdom

*n.* the country ruled by a king or queen

*synonym*: empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

## flourish

*v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

*synonym*: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

## imaginary

*adj.* existing only in someone's mind

*synonym*: fictional, ideal, fantastical

(1) **imaginary** number, (2) **imaginary** pregnancy

Little children tend to have **imaginary** friends.

**trail** *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

*synonym* : footpath, track, course

(1) a warm **trail**, (2) follow the **trail**

The storm left a **trail** of destruction behind it.

**reserve** *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

*synonym* : keep, hold, preserve

(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket

You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.

**pitch** *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

*synonym* : angle, gradient, slope

(1) make a **pitch** for a new product, (2) a low- **pitched** sound

Her voice gradually increased in **pitch**.

**chorus** *n.* a group of singers or speakers who perform together, typically in a musical or dramatic production; the part of a song where a soloist is joined by a group of singers

*synonym* : ensemble, choir, group of singers

(1) a mixed **chorus**, (2) a quintet **chorus**

The **chorus** of the song was catchy and easily memorized.

**footstep** *n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground

*synonym* : footfall, step

(1) **footsteps** in the corridor, (2) approaching **footsteps**

The sound of oncoming **footsteps** grew louder, closer.

## tapir

*n.* a large, herbivorous mammal with a long snout and flexible snout, native to Central and South America and Southeast Asia

(1) giant **tapir**, (2) **tapir** habitat

One of the **tapir's** main predators is the jaguar, which sometimes attacks and kills them.

## decay

*n.* the process or state of rotting or decomposition by natural causes such as the action of bacteria and fungi; (verb) to rot or decompose through natural causes

*synonym*: corrosion, decomposition, deterioration

(1) radioactive **decay**, (2) prevent tooth **decay**

The dead body was in an advanced state of **decay**.

## 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.

## crunch

*n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

*synonym*: crushing, snapping, crisis

(1) financial **crunch**, (2) a gas **crunch**

The **crunch** of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.

## humid

*adj.* having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy

*synonym*: damp, muggy, moist

(1) **humid** climate, (2) uncomfortably **humid**

The air was so **humid** that my clothes felt damp.

## shimmer

*v.* to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten

*synonym*: gleam, glimmer, flash

(1) **shimmer** with tears, (2) **shimmer** in the moonlight  
The sunlight made the water in the pool **shimmer** like diamonds.

## dense

*adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

*synonym*: heavy, thick, idiotic

(1) nutrient- **dense** foods, (2) **dense** forests

The entire mountain is covered in **dense** rainforest.

## canopy

*n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

*synonym*: cover, top, shade

(1) **canopy** layer, (2) under a **canopy** of smoke

The forest's **canopy** provides shade and protection for the plants and animals below.

## flashlight

*n.* a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off

*synonym*: torch, lamp, beacon

(1) **flashlight** beam, (2) **flashlight** batteries

He used a backup **flashlight** to find his way through the dark cave.

## 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**.

## fantastic

*adj.* extremely good; excellent

*synonym*: incredible, unbelievable, marvelous

(1) a **fantastic** dress, (2) absolutely **fantastic** event

The new amusement park ride was **fantastic**, with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

## endangered

*adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats

*synonym* : at risk, threatened, vulnerable

(1) **endangered** species, (2) **endangered** ecosystem

The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of **endangered** animals.

## opossum

*n.* a nocturnal marsupial with grayish-white fur, a long naked pink tail, and a head with a pointed snout and sharp teeth; also called "possum" in some regions

*synonym* : coon, marsupial

(1) **opossum** habitat, (2) Virginia **opossum**

An **opossum's** tail is prehensile, which helps it climb and maintain balance.

## tarantula

*n.* a large, venomous spider with a round body and long, hairy legs

*synonym* : spider, arachnid, hairy spider

(1) keep **tarantulas** as pets, (2) fear a **tarantula**

The furry **tarantula** crawled across the floor, causing some to scream.

## salamander

*n.* any of various typically terrestrial amphibians that resemble lizards and that return to water only to breed

*synonym* : amphibian

(1) terrestrial **salamander**, (2) semiaquatic **salamander**

We plan to raise a giant **salamander** as a pet.

## 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.

## lifetime

*n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

*synonym* : lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport



She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

## ancient

*adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

*synonym*: archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

## endless

*adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount

*synonym*: infinite, ceaseless, boundless

(1) **endless** possibilities, (2) **endless** hours

He looked out the window at the **endless** stream of people.

## expedition

*n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose

*synonym*: journey, trip, voyage

(1) **expedition** team, (2) a polar **expedition**

The **expedition** to the Amazon jungle was both exciting and challenging.

## tropical

*adj.* originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics

*synonym*: equatorial, tropic

(1) **tropical** cyclones, (2) **tropical** islands

**Tropical** storm Marco is making his way along the coast of Florida.

## 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.

## pray

*v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

*synonym*: implore, supplicate, entreat

(1) **pray** devoutly, (2) **pray** for rain

She closed her eyes and **prayed** for strength to overcome difficult times.

## **mantis**

*n.* a type of predatory insect known for its distinctive front legs that are bent in a way that resembles a praying posture

*synonym* : insect, predator, bug

(1) **mantis** predator, (2) narrow-winged **mantis**

The praying **mantis** was an exciting subject for the biology class.

## **silent**

*adj.* without any or little sound

*synonym* : quiet, hushed, mute

(1) **silent** reading, (2) give **silent** consent

The politician remained **silent** despite intense media scrutiny.

## **scentless**

*adj.* lacking a significant or noticeable scent or odor; odorless

*synonym* : odorless, fragrance-free, unscented

(1) **scentless** laundry detergent, (2) **scentless** candles

Some flowers may be beautiful but are **scentless**, reducing their appeal to others.

## **sage**

*n.* a very wise and experienced person; a small evergreen shrub with flat and light green leaves that has a strong smell and are used as a culinary herb

*synonym* : philosopher, scholar, thinker

(1) a **sage** of long ago, (2) a **sage** counselor

He was famous for his **sage** advice to younger entrepreneurs.

## **dazzle**

*v.* to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.

*synonym* : sparkle, flash, astonish

(1) **dazzle** his eyes, (2) **dazzle** all who see it  
The audience was **dazzled** by her realistic acting.

## tweeze

v. to pluck or remove hairs, particularly from the face or other sensitive areas, using a pair of tweezers (= a small hand-held tool used for grasping and manipulating small objects with precision) or other specialized tools

*synonym* : pluck, pull out, extract

(1) **tweeze** unwanted hair, (2) **tweeze** hairs  
She carefully **tweezed** the stray eyebrow hairs.

## hypnotize

v. to put someone in a state of hypnosis (= the induction of a state of consciousness in which the mind readily acts on suggestions)

*synonym* : grip, enchant, anesthetize

(1) **hypnotize** a subject, (2) **hypnotize** them against negative minds

The local sorcerer insists that he can **hypnotize** him into a deep trance.

## swagger

v. to walk or behave in a very confident and typically arrogant or aggressive way

*synonym* : strut, swagger, boast

(1) **swagger** onto the field, (2) **swagger** down the street  
He **swaggered** into the room as if he owned the place.

## 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.

## mighty

*adj.* very large, powerful, or strong

*synonym* : potent, powerful, robust

(1) **mighty** works, (2) struck a **mighty** blow

Only the **mighty** God has the power to brighten this dark land.

## gateway

*n.* an entrance, door, or other openings that lead to a larger space, particularly one that serves as an entry point or access point to a larger area or system; a route, means, or method used to gain access to or acquire something

*synonym*: portal, entrance, access

(1) **gateway** drug, (2) airport **gateway**

The **gateway** to the city was a beautiful archway made of stone.

## labyrinth

*n.* a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out

*synonym*: maze, puzzle, network

(1) a **labyrinth** of relationships, (2) **labyrinthine** pathways

It was easy to get lost in the **labyrinth** of narrow alleyways in the old city.

## inspire

*v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

*synonym*: boost, encourage, enlighten

(1) **inspire** a feeling of curiosity, (2) **inspire** him to write a novel

The unique style of this martial arts **inspired** many action film producers.

## portrait

*n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face

*synonym*: illustration, image, portraiture

(1) a **portrait** painter, (2) **portrait** of a well-known figure

A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's **portrait**.

## specifically

*adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing

*synonym*: especially, particularly, notably

(1) designed **specifically** for men, (2) for **specifically**

American customers

This ad campaign is aimed **specifically** at young women.

## 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.

## sci-fi

*n.* (informal for science fiction) a genre of speculative fiction typically deals with space travel, life on other planets, time travel, etc.

(1) a **sci-fi** movie, (2) avid **sci-fi** fan

He is a gadget buff and **sci-fi** enthusiast.

## novel

*n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

*synonym*: fiction, story, (adjective) innovative

(1) historical **novel**, (2) **novel** effect

The **novel** has largely gotten positive feedback.

## exotic

*adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

*synonym*: foreign, alien, unfamiliar

(1) **exotic** species, (2) **exotic** vacation

I love trying **exotic** foods from different cultures.

## micro

*n.* extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth

(1) **micro** bubble, (2) **micro** force sensor

This approach employs both **micro** and macro analysis methods.

## 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.

## predator

*n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others  
*synonym*: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

## hunt

*v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

*synonym*: chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

## grasp

*v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

*synonym*: grab, clasp, grip

(1) **grasp** his hand, (2) **grasp** a chance

They spent a lot of time trying to **grasp** the current situation.

## mosquito

*n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

*synonym*: insect, bug, flea

(1) **mosquito** bite, (2) **mosquito** repellent

A stagnant water area are breeding ground for **mosquitos**.

## cicada

*n.* a large, loud insect with long wings that is known for the sound it makes

*synonym*: locust, grasshopper, cricket

(1) **cicada** lifecycle, (2) brown **cicada**

The **cicadas'** loud chirping can be heard throughout the forest in the summer.

## vertebrate

*adj.* relating to animals that have a backbone or spinal column, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish

*synonym*: animal, chordate, backboned

(1) the muscle tissue of a **vertebrate**, (2) **vertebrate** biology

The presence of a backbone is a defining characteristic of **vertebrate** animals.

## armor

*n.* a protective covering made of metal or other durable materials, worn to guard against injury or damage

*synonym* : shield, protection, plate

(1) **armor** plates, (2) protective **armor**

The knights wore heavy **armor** for protection during battle.

## 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.

## 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.

## sap

*v.* to gradually weaken or drain strength, energy, or resources; to undermine or impair someone's confidence or morale

*synonym* : weaken, exhaust, drain

(1) **sap** flow, (2) **sap** strength

The disease has **sapped** all his energy, and he can barely get out of bed.

## 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.

## rely

*v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

*synonym* : depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him  
Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

## strength

*n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

*synonym*: resilience, power, muscles

(1) **strength** of the economy, (2) muscular **strength**  
Health and **strength** are, above all, gold.

## spike

*n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something

*synonym*: end, spindle, point

(1) to **spike**, (2) to prevent blood sugar **spikes**

The recent **spike** in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.

## rapt

*adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed

*synonym*: entranced, absorbed, spellbound

(1) **rapt** audience, (2) have a **rapt** expression

She was **rapt** in concentration as she listened to the lecture.

## swift

*adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

*synonym*: quick, speedy, brisk

(1) take **swift** action, (2) a **swift** current of a river

Her voice was **swift**, yet even the last words fell lingeringly.

## prey

*n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating

*synonym*: target, quarry, chase

(1) **prey** of beast, (2) become **prey** to terrorists

The majority of snakes swallow their **prey** whole.

## vision

*n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see



*synonym* : sight, image, concept

(1) a prodigious **vision**, (2) telescopic **vision**

Driving is difficult for me because of my poor **vision**.

## accurate

*adj.* correct and exact in all details

*synonym* : exact, precise, proper

(1) provide **accurate** information, (2) **accurate** measurements

The official transcript contains **accurate** academic records.

## precise

*adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited

*synonym* : accurate, exact, distinct

(1) **precise** analyses, (2) estimate **precise** costs

The content is **precise** and informative for me.

## detect

*v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

*synonym* : catch, observe, notice

(1) **detect** a bad event, (2) **detect** smuggling across borders

The security camera has **detected** four intruders.

## depth

*n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it

*synonym* : deepness, profoundness, extent

(1) **depth** camera, (2) the **depth** of the water

The pond's **depth** was around five feet.

## unique

*adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

*synonym* : one-of-a-kind, unparalleled, incomparable

(1) a **unique** teacher, (2) **unique** design

The painting is **unique**, and there is no other like it.

## react

*v.* to take action in response to something

*synonym* : respond, reply, oppose

(1) **react** at a high temperature, (2) **react** against his way of thinking

How did he **react** to your idea?

## movement

*n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

*synonym*: motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

## synchronize

*v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate

*synonym*: coordinate, accompany, harmonize

(1) **synchronize** movements, (2) **synchronize** our watches

The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly **synchronized**.

## adapt

*v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

*synonym*: adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed

I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

## unsure

*adj.* not certain or having doubts

*synonym*: skeptical, uncertain, doubtful

(1) **unsure** how to deal with, (2) feel **unsure** of me

He was **unsure** if the recent economic turmoil affected his company's sales decline.

## roam

*v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

*synonym*: wander, ramble, meander

(1) **roam** freely, (2) **roam** the countryside

I love to **roam** around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

## camouflage

*n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment

*synonym*: guise, mask, cloak

(1) **camouflage** clothing, (2) work as **camouflage**

They utilized branches of trees as **camouflage**.

## native

*adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

*synonym*: endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

## spot

*n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

*synonym*: dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

## exclusive

*adj.* not divided or shared with others

*synonym*: sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs

The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

## 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.

## lichen

*n.* a composite organism consisting of a symbiotic relationship between a fungus and an alga or

### cyanobacterium

*synonym*: fungus, plant, symbiotic organism

(1) **lichen** fungus, (2) **lichen** families

The **lichen** on the old tree bark was thick and lush, a sign of a healthy ecosystem.

### moss

*n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

*synonym*: plant, foliage, greenery

(1) green **moss**, (2) **moss** garden

**Moss** grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.

### evolution

*n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things

*synonym*: elaboration, expansion, transition

(1) human **evolution**, (2) **evolution** theory

They study the **evolution** of the universe.

### incredible

*adj.* unbelievable; enormous

*synonym*: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

### blend

*v.* to mix or combine two or more substances

*synonym*: combine, mix, intermingle

(1) **blend** all the elements, (2) **blend** milk and cream

The toad altered its appearance to better **blend** in with its new environments.

### 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**.

## 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.

## peacock

n. a large, colorful, and majestic bird of the pheasant family

(1) as proud as a **peacock**, (2) male **peacock**

The vibrant feathers of the **peacock** made it stand out in the garden.

## centimeter

n. a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter

(1) **centimeter** measurement, (2) thirty **centimeters** tall

The room was only one **centimeter** wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.

## weigh

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

*synonym*: consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

## gram

n. a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram

(1) centimeter- **gram-second** system, (2) **gram** amount

How much is it per one hundred **grams**?

## permanent

*adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change

*synonym*: lasting, ceaseless, endless

(1) literature of **permanent** value, (2) **permanent** life insurance

She is searching for a **permanent** residence.

## awesome

*adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

*synonym* : miraculous, marvelous, astounding

(1) **awesome** mental faculty, (2) have an **awesome** birthday

There is a lot of **awesome** nature and food in Hawaii.

## molt

*v.* to shed feathers, skin, or hair, especially in the process of growing a new coat or plumage; to undergo a process of renewal or transformation, often by shedding the old or outdated

*synonym* : shed, exuviate, doff

(1) **molt** its feathers, (2) **molt** at regular intervals

The snake **molted** its skin to grow bigger.

## pet

*n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

(1) a **pet** bird, (2) a teacher's **pet**

I have a parrot as a **pet**.

## protocol

*n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

*synonym* : procedure, system, method

(1) draft a **protocol**, (2) **protocol** breach

The company has a strict **protocol** for handling sensitive information to ensure security.

## cycle

*n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

*synonym* : revolution, rotation, bike

(1) the **cycle** of the seasons, (2) go to the workplace by **cycle**

The food chain causes a material **cycle**.

## translucent

*adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially

transparent

*synonym*: semi-transparent, see-through

(1) **translucent** glass, (2) **translucent** skin

The sunlight shone through the **translucent** curtains, casting a warm glow in the room.

## intrigue

*v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

*synonym*: attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

## lethal

*adj.* causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous

*synonym*: destructive, fatal, brutal

(1) **lethal** injection, (2) **lethal** weapon

Malignant hypertension is the most **lethal** form of hypertension.

## trap

*n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

*synonym*: catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

## attract

*v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

*synonym*: lure, entice, draw in

(1) **attract** attention, (2) **attract** customers

The government is eager to **attract** international investment.

## sight

*n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen

*synonym*: vision, spectacle, view

(1) an unexpected **sight**, (2) dull **sight**

Many famous **sights** are within walking distance.

## 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.

## explore

*v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

*synonym*: analyze, delve into, examine

(1) **explore** the world, (2) **explore** our options

The management must **explore** strategies to increase office security.

## metaverse

*n.* an imaginary immersive area that is facilitated by the use of virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) headsets

(1) a **metaverse** application, (2) **metaverse** technologies

Anonymous, brilliant artists create content on any platform in the **metaverse**.

## survey

*n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

*synonym*: study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

## drone

*n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

*synonym*: hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**



He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

## 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.

## creative

*adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

*synonym*: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

## contemporary

*adj.* belonging to the same or present time

*synonym*: modern, stylish, coetaneous

(1) field of **contemporary** art, (2) **contemporary** leaders

**Contemporary** music has gained different followers from existing music.

## unreachable

*adj.* not able to be reached or accessed; beyond one's physical or logistical ability to contact or approach

*synonym*: unattainable, unapproachable, out of reach

(1) **unreachable** destination, (2) **unreachable** goal

The lost hikers were stranded and **unreachable** by phone.

## treetop

*n.* the uppermost part of a tree, where the leaves or branches grow out from the trunk; the highest point of elevation within a forested area

*synonym*: canopy, crown

(1) **treetop** view, (2) climb **treetop**

The drone captured breathtaking footage of the forest **treetops** from above.

## complexity

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

*synonym*: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

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

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

## amazing

*adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

*synonym*: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

## row

*n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line

*synonym*: line, sequence, layer

(1) criminal on death **row**, (2) a **row** of cherry trees

He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front **row**.

## dragon

*n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous

*synonym*: wyvern, serpent, drake

(1) **dragon** fruit, (2) **dragon** wing

In Chinese mythology, **dragons** are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.

## bud

*n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

*synonym*: shoot, sprout, germ

(1) pinch off a **bud**, (2) **bud** grafting

The flower was starting to show its **bud** and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

## unicorn

*n.* a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion

*synonym*: mythical creature, fantasy animal, legendary horse

(1) **unicorn** beetle, (2) **unicorn** investors

In medieval times, people believed that the **unicorn** horn had magical powers that could cure diseases.

## fantasy

*n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

*synonym*: fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

## wonderland

*n.* a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

*synonym*: fantasyland, dreamland, fairyland

(1) magical **wonderland**, (2) Alice's **wonderland**

The colorful garden was a **wonderland** of various plants and flowers.

## explorer

*n.* a person who travels to places where no one or few people have been before to find out what is there

*synonym*: adventurer, trailblazer, scout

(1) team of **explorers**, (2) a polar **explorer**

Aboriginal people killed the **explorer** who entered the sacred land for them.

## surround

*v.* to be all around something or somebody

*synonym*: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

## humankind

*n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

*synonym*: humanity, human race, society

(1) **humankind** as a species, (2) history of **humankind**

On the geological time scale, **humankind** has existed for a

brief moment.

## 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.

## ecosystem

*n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

(1) marine **ecosystem**, (2) change the **ecosystem**

Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the **ecosystem**.

## stability

*n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast

*synonym*: resilience, solidity, steadiness

(1) **stability** pact, (2) fiscal **stability** pact

The policy should increase the country's monetary **stability**.

## hectare

*n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters

(1) **hectare** land, (2) housing per **hectare**

The farm spans over 100 **hectares** of land.

## deforestation

*n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area

*synonym*: clear-cutting, desertification

(1) **deforestation** of the tropics, (2) the lowest **deforestation** rate

Large-scale **deforestation** also has a significant impact on marine ecosystems in the area.

## magical

*adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

*synonym*: enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

## mourning

*n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

*synonym*: grieving, sorrow, lamentation

(1) **mourning** period, (2) **mourning** ritual

She wore black clothing as a symbol of **mourning** for her grandmother.

## generation

*n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

*synonym*: cohort, age group, era

(1) **generation** gap, (2) the **generation** of electricity

The younger **generation** has different values and beliefs than the older one.

## 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.

## dusk

*n.* the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight

*synonym*: twilight, gloaming, sundown

(1) **dusk** sky, (2) **dusk** falls

The sky turned a beautiful orange hue at **dusk**.

## dawn

*n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

*synonym*: daybreak, sunrise, advent

(1) the wan light of **dawn**, (2) crack of **dawn**

Missile assaults on the capital continued around **dawn**.

## storytelling

*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

*synonym*: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using

different voices for other characters.

## eager

*adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

*synonym*: keen, enthusiastic, ardent

(1) **eager** anticipation, (2) with **eager** eyes

The children were **eager** to start the treasure hunt.

## expose

*v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence

*synonym*: disclose, reveal, uncover

(1) **expose** a crime, (2) **expose** a person to risks

That newspaper **exposed** a political scandal in a big way.

## purity

*n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

*synonym*: sinlessness, innocence, cleanliness

(1) the degree of **purity**, (2) high **purity**

Higher **purity** requires additional equipment and energy.

## ultraviolet

*adj.* relating to or occupying the part of the spectrum beyond the violet end, especially radiation

*synonym*: black light, UV light, invisible light

(1) **ultraviolet** protection, (2) **ultraviolet** light

**Ultraviolet** radiation can cause skin damage if one is exposed for too long.

## 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.

## hood

*n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment

*synonym*: hoodie, cowl, cloak

(1) **hood** ornament, (2) a silk **hood**

He pulled his waterproof **hood** up to protect himself from the rain.

## visible

*adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view

*synonym*: clear, observable, seeable

(1) **visible** stars, (2) **visible** by X-ray

My home is easily **visible** from the shore.

## fluorescence

*n.* the property of certain substances to absorb light at one wavelength and emit light at a longer wavelength, often producing a visible glow or color change; the visible light or color change resulting from this process

*synonym*: glow, luminescence, radiance

(1) **fluorescence** microscopy, (2) **fluorescence** labeling

The **fluorescence** of the green dye made it easy to see the bacteria under the microscope.

## sparkle

*v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy

*synonym*: shine, glimmer, twinkle

(1) **sparkle** like a gem, (2) **sparkle** from receiving light

The diamond **sparkled** in the sunlight.

## liquid

*n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

*synonym*: fluid

(1) colorless **liquid**, (2) hazardous **liquid**

The sponge takes up the **liquid** well.

## delight

*n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

*synonym*: pleasure, joy, satisfaction

(1) a tremor of **delight**, (2) with **delight**

The **delight** on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

## jungle

*n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly

*synonym* : wilderness, forest

(1) middle of the **jungle**, (2) **jungle** exploration

This village is still in a dense **jungle**.

## reverberate

*v.* to be repeated several times as an echo

*synonym* : echo, resonate, resound

(1) **reverberate** through the hall, (2) **reverberate** in my head

The effects might **reverberate** across the oceans in unexpected ways.

## unimaginable

*adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

*synonym* : unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

## communicate

*v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

*synonym* : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

## nocturnal

*adj.* relating to or occurring in the night; active or awake during the night

*synonym* : nighttime, nightly, after-dark

(1) **nocturnal** insects, (2) **nocturnal** habits

**Nocturnal** animals, such as owls and bats, are active at night.

## dive

*v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater



*synonym* : dip, leap, plunge

(1) **dive** into anime communities, (2) **dive** off a cliff

The sperm whale can **dive** to 1,000 meters.

## **bloom**

*n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts;  
the best time of youth

*synonym* : blossom, flush, flower

(1) **bloom** in autumn, (2) black-and-white **blooms**

The cherry blossoms in the park were in full **bloom**.

## **exploration**

*n.* the activity of searching and finding out about something  
through a place

*synonym* : inquiry, quest, investigation

(1) future of space **exploration**, (2) an Arctic **exploration**

He called for a careful **exploration** of the consequences.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. to prevent blood sugar sp\_\_es *n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
2. da\_\_\_e his eyes *v.* to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.
3. end\_\_\_\_\_ed ecosystem *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
4. de\_\_\_\_\_yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
5. si\_\_\_t reading *adj.* without any or little sound
6. spe\_\_\_\_\_ar view *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
7. in\_\_\_\_\_e him to write a novel *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
8. 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
9. a low-pi\_\_hed sound *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

ANSWERS: 1. spike, 2. dazzle, 3. endangered, 4. destroy, 5. silent, 6. spectacular, 7. inspire, 8. planet, 9. pitch

10. me\_\_\_\_\_se technologies *n.* an imaginary immersive area that is facilitated by the use of virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) headsets
11. li\_\_\_\_n families *n.* a composite organism consisting of a symbiotic relationship between a fungus and an alga or cyanobacterium
12. mi\_\_\_\_y works *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
13. go to the workplace by cy\_\_e *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
14. pre-Christian an\_\_\_\_t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
15. exp\_\_\_\_\_on team *n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose
16. mi\_\_o force sensor *n.* extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth
17. f\_\_e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
18. a sc\_\_\_\_i movie *n.* (informal for science fiction) a genre of speculative fiction typically deals with space travel, life on other planets, time travel, etc.
19. new di\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
20. vi\_\_\_\_\_e by X-ray *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view

ANSWERS: 10. metaverse, 11. lichen, 12. mighty, 13. cycle, 14. ancient, 15. expedition, 16. micro, 17. flee, 18. sci-fi, 19. dimension, 20. visible

21. ma\_\_\_\_\_l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
22. d\_\_k falls *n.* the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight
23. ep\_\_\_\_\_al materials *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
24. middle of the ju\_\_\_e *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
25. com\_\_\_\_\_te his anxieties to the psychiatrist *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
26. su\_\_\_\_\_al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
27. a subordinate ki\_\_\_\_\_m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
28. fo\_\_\_\_\_eps in the corridor *n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground
29. s\_p flow *v.* to gradually weaken or drain strength, energy, or resources; to undermine or impair someone's confidence or morale
30. op\_\_\_\_\_m habitat *n.* a nocturnal marsupial with grayish-white fur, a long naked pink tail, and a head with a pointed snout and sharp teeth; also called "possum" in some regions
31. display ec\_\_\_\_\_ic behavior *adj.* weird or unusual, sometimes in a funny way
32. tr\_\_\_\_\_p view *n.* the uppermost part of a tree, where the leaves or branches grow out from the trunk; the highest point of elevation within a forested area

ANSWERS: 21. magical, 22. dusk, 23. ephemeral, 24. jungle, 25. communicate, 26. survival, 27. kingdom, 28. footstep, 29. sap, 30. opossum, 31. eccentric, 32. treetop

33. take a qu\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
34. artificial cr\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
35. bl\_\_\_m in autumn *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
36. br\_\_\_\_\_nt performance *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
37. gr\_\_\_p a chance *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly
38. po\_\_\_\_\_it of a well-known figure *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
39. in\_\_\_\_\_e a feeling of curiosity *v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative
40. make a pi\_\_\_h for a new product *n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something
41. pr\_\_\_\_\_ol breach *n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
42. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others
43. im\_\_\_\_\_l national security *v.* to put something or someone in danger or at risk; to threaten the safety or well-being of something or someone

ANSWERS: 33. quotation, 34. creature, 35. bloom, 36. brilliant, 37. grasp, 38. portrait, 39. inspire, 40. pitch, 41. protocol, 42. exclusive, 43. imperil

44. at\_\_\_\_\_t customers *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
45. de\_\_\_\_t a bad event *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
46. im\_\_\_\_\_l wildlife *v.* to put something or someone in danger or at risk; to threaten the safety or well-being of something or someone
47. the lowest def\_\_\_\_\_ion rate *n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area
48. Virginia op\_\_\_\_\_m *n.* a nocturnal marsupial with grayish-white fur, a long naked pink tail, and a head with a pointed snout and sharp teeth; also called "possum" in some regions
49. im\_\_\_\_\_ry pregnancy *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
50. am\_\_\_\_\_g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
51. tropical rai\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
52. the wan light of d\_\_n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
53. historical no\_\_l *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
54. ea\_\_r anticipation *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something

ANSWERS: 44. attract, 45. detect, 46. imperil, 47. deforestation, 48. opossum, 49. imaginary, 50. amazing, 51. rainforest, 52. dawn, 53. novel, 54. eager

55. a po\_\_\_\_it painter *n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
56. m\_\_t its feathers *v.* to shed feathers, skin, or hair, especially in the process of growing a new coat or plumage; to undergo a process of renewal or transformation, often by shedding the old or outdated
57. con\_\_\_\_\_ary leaders *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
58. the degree of pu\_\_\_\_y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
59. designed spe\_\_\_\_\_lly for men *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
60. env\_\_\_\_\_nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
61. ad\_\_\_\_\_e a cooperative relationship *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
62. a r\_w of cherry trees *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line
63. mo\_\_\_\_\_nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
64. a s\_\_t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

ANSWERS: 55. portrait, 56. molt, 57. contemporary, 58. purity, 59. specifically, 60. environment, 61. advance, 62. row, 63. movement, 64. spot

65. sp\_\_\_\_\_e from receiving light      *v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
66. jou\_\_\_\_\_st on a magazine      *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
67. ult\_\_\_\_\_et light      *adj.* relating to or occupying the part of the spectrum beyond the violet end, especially radiation
68. tra\_\_\_\_\_nt skin      *adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent
69. de\_\_h camera      *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
70. a China-based jou\_\_\_\_\_st      *n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media
71. p\_\_y of beast      *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
72. beauty s\_\_t      *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
73. hy\_\_\_\_\_ze them against negative minds      *v.* to put someone in a state of hypnosis (= the induction of a state of consciousness in which the mind readily acts on suggestions)

ANSWERS: 65. sparkle, 66. journalist, 67. ultraviolet, 68. translucent, 69. depth, 70. journalist, 71. prey, 72. spot, 73. hypnotize



74. th\_\_\_e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
75. pinch off a b\_d *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
76. id\_\_\_\_\_fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
77. def\_\_\_\_\_ion of the tropics *n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area
78. 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
79. ar\_\_r plates *n.* a protective covering made of metal or other durable materials, worn to guard against injury or damage
80. h\_\_t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
81. high pu\_\_\_y *n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature
82. sc\_\_\_\_\_ss candles *adj.* lacking a significant or noticeable scent or odor; odorless
83. de\_\_\_\_\_y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
84. inc\_\_\_\_\_le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 74. thrive, 75. bud, 76. identify, 77. deforestation, 78. stick, 79. armor, 80. hunt, 81. purity, 82. scentless, 83. destroy, 84. incredible

85. re\_\_t against his way of thinking      *v.* to take action in response to something
86. mo\_\_\_\_\_ng period      *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
87. 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
88. magical won\_\_\_\_\_nd      *n.* a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
89. courtroom sto\_\_\_\_\_ing      *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
90. colorless li\_\_\_\_d      *n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
91. uncomfortably hu\_\_d      *adj.* having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy
92. ma\_\_\_\_s predator      *n.* a type of predatory insect known for its distinctive front legs that are bent in a way that resembles a praying posture
93. protective ar\_\_r      *n.* a protective covering made of metal or other durable materials, worn to guard against injury or damage
94. al\_\_n fungi      *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

ANSWERS: 85. react, 86. mourning, 87. stick, 88. wonderland, 89. storytelling, 90. liquid, 91. humid, 92. mantis, 93. armor, 94. alien

95. chaotic env\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
96. em\_\_\_e as a butterfly *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
97. r\_\_y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
98. flu\_\_\_\_\_nce microscopy *n.* the property of certain substances to absorb light at one wavelength and emit light at a longer wavelength, often producing a visible glow or color change; the visible light or color change resulting from this process
99. da\_\_\_e all who see it *v.* to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.
100. history of hu\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
101. b\_d grafting *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
102. li\_\_\_\_\_me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
103. uni\_\_\_\_\_ble depths *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

ANSWERS: 95. environment, 96. emerge, 97. rely, 98. fluorescence, 99. dazzle, 100. humankind, 101. bud, 102. lifetime, 103. unimaginable

104. at\_\_\_\_\_t attention *v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones
105. in\_\_\_\_\_ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
106. rai\_\_\_\_\_st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
107. approaching fo\_\_\_\_\_eps *n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground
108. crack of d\_\_n *n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
109. with de\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
110. f\_\_e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
111. barren of cr\_\_\_\_\_ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
112. male pe\_\_\_\_\_k *n.* a large, colorful, and majestic bird of the pheasant family
113. a be\_\_\_e larva *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
114. in\_\_\_\_\_ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

ANSWERS: 104. attract, 105. intrigue, 106. rainforest, 107. footstep, 108. dawn, 109. delight, 110. flee, 111. creative, 112. peacock, 113. beetle, 114. intrigue

115. un\_\_\_\_\_n investors *n.* a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion
116. 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
117. unr\_\_\_\_\_le goal *adj.* not able to be reached or accessed; beyond one's physical or logistical ability to contact or approach
118. 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
119. bl\_\_d all the elements *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
120. cat\_\_\_\_\_ar in a cocoon *n.* the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth
121. tr\_\_\_\_\_al islands *adj.* originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics
122. su\_\_\_\_\_al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
123. expansion of the un\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
124. provide ac\_\_\_\_\_te information *adj.* correct and exact in all details
125. literature of pe\_\_\_\_\_nt value *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change

ANSWERS: 115. unicorn, 116. vegetarian, 117. unreachable, 118. branch, 119. blend, 120. caterpillar, 121. tropical, 122. survival, 123. universe, 124. accurate, 125. permanent

126. h\_\_t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
127. hu\_\_\_\_\_nd as a species *n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth
128. estimate pr\_\_\_\_\_e costs *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
129. mo\_\_\_\_\_to bite *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
130. brown ci\_\_\_\_a *n.* a large, loud insect with long wings that is known for the sound it makes
131. terrestrial sal\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* any of various typically terrestrial amphibians that resemble lizards and that return to water only to breed
132. criminal on death r\_w *n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line
133. achieve spe\_\_\_\_\_ar growth *adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
134. field of con\_\_\_\_\_ary art *adj.* belonging to the same or present time
135. tw\_\_\_\_e hairs *v.* to pluck or remove hairs, particularly from the face or other sensitive areas, using a pair of tweezers (= a small hand-held tool used for grasping and manipulating small objects with precision) or other specialized tools
136. ga\_\_\_\_\_y drug *n.* an entrance, door, or other openings that lead to a larger space, particularly one that serves as an entry point or access point to a larger area or system; a route, means, or method used to gain access to or acquire something

ANSWERS: 126. hunt, 127. humankind, 128. precise, 129. mosquito, 130. cicada, 131. salamander, 132. row, 133. spectacular, 134. contemporary, 135. tweeze, 136. gateway

137. no\_\_\_\_\_al insects *adj.* relating to or occurring in the night; active or awake during the night
138. dull si\_\_t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
139. hy\_\_\_\_\_ze a subject *v.* to put someone in a state of hypnosis (= the induction of a state of consciousness in which the mind readily acts on suggestions)
140. to sp\_\_e *n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something
141. flu\_\_\_\_\_nce labeling *n.* the property of certain substances to absorb light at one wavelength and emit light at a longer wavelength, often producing a visible glow or color change; the visible light or color change resulting from this process
142. tw\_\_t a wet towel *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
143. vi\_\_\_\_\_e stars *adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
144. the c\_\_e of an apple *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
145. give si\_\_t consent *adj.* without any or little sound
146. li\_\_\_n fungus *n.* a composite organism consisting of a symbiotic relationship between a fungus and an alga or cyanobacterium
147. a strict veg\_\_\_\_\_an *n.* a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons

ANSWERS: 137. nocturnal, 138. sight, 139. hypnotize, 140. spike, 141. fluorescence, 142. twist, 143. visible, 144. core, 145. silent, 146. lichen, 147. vegetarian

148. sh\_\_\_\_r in the moonlight  
*v.* to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten
149. aw\_\_\_\_e mental faculty  
*adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
150. a s\_\_e of long ago  
*n.* a very wise and experienced person; a small evergreen subshrub with flat and light green leaves that has a strong smell and are used as a culinary herb
151. syn\_\_\_\_ze our watches  
*v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
152. ma\_\_\_\_l powers  
*adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
153. unr\_\_\_\_le destination  
*adj.* not able to be reached or accessed; beyond one's physical or logistical ability to contact or approach
154. ca\_\_\_\_y layer  
*n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it
155. mo\_\_\_\_to repellent  
*n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
156. nutrient-de\_\_e foods  
*adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
157. tr\_\_\_\_al cyclones  
*adj.* originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics

ANSWERS: 148. shimmer, 149. awesome, 150. sage, 151. synchronize, 152. magical, 153. unreachable, 154. canopy, 155. mosquito, 156. dense, 157. tropical



158. the great di\_\_\_\_\_ry of the century     *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
159. recent su\_\_\_\_\_y     *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
160. ex\_\_\_\_\_ve authority     *adj.* not divided or shared with others
161. re\_\_\_\_\_e the right     *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
162. climb tr\_\_\_\_\_p     *n.* the uppermost part of a tree, where the leaves or branches grow out from the trunk; the highest point of elevation within a forested area
163. s\_p strength     *v.* to gradually weaken or drain strength, energy, or resources; to undermine or impair someone's confidence or morale
164. ac\_\_\_\_\_te measurements     *adj.* correct and exact in all details
165. sexual pr\_\_\_\_\_ors     *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
166. na\_\_\_e language     *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
167. fla\_\_\_\_\_ht batteries     *n.* a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off

ANSWERS: 158. discovery, 159. survey, 160. exclusive, 161. reserve, 162. treetop, 163. sap, 164. accurate, 165. predator, 166. native, 167. flashlight

168. a silk h\_\_d *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
169. p\_\_y devoutly *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
170. rev\_\_\_\_\_te through the hall *v.* to be repeated several times as an echo
171. a polar ex\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who travels to places where no one or few people have been before to find out what is there
172. th\_\_\_e on pressure *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
173. de\_\_e forests *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
174. housing per he\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
175. de\_\_\_t smuggling across borders *v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.
176. radioactive de\_\_y *n.* the process or state of rotting or decomposition by natural causes such as the action of bacteria and fungi; (verb) to rot or decompose through natural causes
177. m\_\_h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
178. ad\_\_t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

ANSWERS: 168. hood, 169. pray, 170. reverberate, 171. explorer, 172. thrive, 173. dense, 174. hectare, 175. detect, 176. decay, 177. moth, 178. adapt

179. double qu\_\_\_\_\_on marks *n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker
180. cognitive com\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
181. a mixed ch\_\_\_\_s *n.* a group of singers or speakers who perform together, typically in a musical or dramatic production; the part of a song where a soloist is joined by a group of singers
182. work as cam\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment
183. keep ta\_\_\_\_\_las as pets *n.* a large, venomous spider with a round body and long, hairy legs
184. ult\_\_\_\_\_et protection *adj.* relating to or occupying the part of the spectrum beyond the violet end, especially radiation
185. em\_\_\_e from poverty *v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
186. the gen\_\_\_\_\_on of electricity *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
187. financial cr\_\_\_\_h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
188. st\_\_\_\_\_th of the economy *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

ANSWERS: 179. quotation, 180. complexity, 181. chorus, 182. camouflage, 183. tarantula, 184. ultraviolet, 185. emerge, 186. generation, 187. crunch, 188. strength

189. d\_\_e off a cliff *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
190. a teacher's p\_t *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
191. ex\_\_\_\_\_e our options *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
192. a scientific di\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
193. su\_\_\_\_\_nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
194. hu\_\_d climate *adj.* having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy
195. be\_\_\_e brows *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
196. theory of the un\_\_\_\_\_se *n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
197. fa\_\_\_\_\_y novel *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
198. ex\_\_\_c species *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

ANSWERS: 189. dive, 190. pet, 191. explore, 192. discovery, 193. surround, 194. humid, 195. beetle, 196. universe, 197. fantasy, 198. exotic

199. giant ta\_\_r *n.* a large, herbivorous mammal with a long snout and flexible snout, native to Central and South America and Southeast Asia
200. a tremor of de\_\_\_\_\_t *n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness
201. resident al\_\_ns *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
202. in\_\_\_t antenna *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
203. br\_\_\_\_\_nt idea *adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive
204. ex\_\_\_e a crime *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
205. ev\_\_\_\_\_on theory *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
206. absolutely fa\_\_\_\_\_ic event *adj.* extremely good; excellent
207. le\_\_\_l weapon *adj.* causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous
208. establish his ki\_\_\_\_\_m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
209. fl\_\_\_\_\_sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
210. pe\_\_\_\_\_nt life insurance *adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
211. a quintet ch\_\_\_s *n.* a group of singers or speakers who perform together, typically in a musical or dramatic production; the part of a song where a soloist is joined by a group of singers

ANSWERS: 199. tapir, 200. delight, 201. alien, 202. insect, 203. brilliant, 204. expose, 205. evolution, 206. fantastic, 207. lethal, 208. kingdom, 209. flourish, 210. permanent, 211. chorus

212. im\_\_\_\_\_ry number *adj.* existing only in someone's mind
213. m\_\_s garden *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
214. th\_\_\_\_\_en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
215. struck a mi\_\_\_y blow *adj.* very large, powerful, or strong
216. prevent tooth de\_\_\_y *n.* the process or state of rotting or decomposition by natural causes such as the action of bacteria and fungi; (verb) to rot or decompose through natural causes
217. the cy\_\_\_e of the seasons *n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle
218. a un\_\_\_e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
219. telescopic vi\_\_\_n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
220. sc\_\_\_\_\_ss laundry detergent *adj.* lacking a significant or noticeable scent or odor; odorless
221. m\_\_t at regular intervals *v.* to shed feathers, skin, or hair, especially in the process of growing a new coat or plumage; to undergo a process of renewal or transformation, often by shedding the old or outdated
222. centimeter-g\_\_m-second system *n.* a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram

ANSWERS: 212. imaginary, 213. moss, 214. threaten, 215. mighty, 216. decay, 217. cycle, 218. unique, 219. vision, 220. scentless, 221. molt, 222. gram

223. ver\_\_\_\_\_te biology *adj.* relating to animals that have a backbone or spinal column, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish
224. have an aw\_\_\_\_\_e birthday *adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.
225. a polar exp\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose
226. a p\_t bird *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
227. narrow-winged ma\_\_\_\_s *n.* a type of predatory insect known for its distinctive front legs that are bent in a way that resembles a praying posture
228. as proud as a pe\_\_\_\_\_k *n.* a large, colorful, and majestic bird of the pheasant family
229. a gas cr\_\_\_\_h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
230. a fi\_\_\_\_e animal *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
231. airport ga\_\_\_\_\_y *n.* an entrance, door, or other openings that lead to a larger space, particularly one that serves as an entry point or access point to a larger area or system; a route, means, or method used to gain access to or acquire something
232. ci\_\_\_\_a lifecycle *n.* a large, loud insect with long wings that is known for the sound it makes
233. cen\_\_\_\_\_er measurement *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter

ANSWERS: 223. vertebrate, 224. awesome, 225. expedition, 226. pet, 227. mantis, 228. peacock, 229. crunch, 230. fierce, 231. gateway, 232. cicada, 233. centimeter

234. dr\_\_\_n fruit *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
235. a s\_\_\_e counselor *n.* a very wise and experienced person; a small evergreen subshrub with flat and light green leaves that has a strong smell and are used as a culinary herb
236. en\_\_\_\_\_s hours *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
237. sh\_\_\_\_\_r with tears *v.* to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten
238. a warm tr\_\_\_l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
239. sp\_\_\_\_\_e like a gem *v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
240. li\_\_\_\_\_me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
241. c\_\_\_e business activity *n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
242. answer co\_\_\_\_\_ss questions *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
243. d\_\_\_k sky *n.* the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight
244. a stone wall su\_\_\_\_\_nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody

ANSWERS: 234. dragon, 235. sage, 236. endless, 237. shimmer, 238. trail, 239. sparkle, 240. lifetime, 241. core, 242. countless, 243. dusk, 244. surround



245. fiscal st\_\_\_\_\_ty pact *n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
246. v\_\_l her face *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
247. id\_\_\_\_\_fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
248. with ea\_\_r eyes *adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
249. follow the tr\_\_l *n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind
250. the most am\_\_\_\_\_g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
251. t\_\_p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
252. h\_\_d ornament *n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment
253. feel un\_\_\_e of me *adj.* not certain or having doubts
254. rev\_\_\_\_\_te in my head *v.* to be repeated several times as an echo
255. an Arctic exp\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
256. set a t\_\_p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

ANSWERS: 245. stability, 246. veil, 247. identify, 248. eager, 249. trail, 250. amazing, 251. trap, 252. hood, 253. unsure, 254. reverberate, 255. exploration, 256. trap

257. we\_\_h heavily on stock prices      *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
258. the crosswise di\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length
259. r\_\_m freely      *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
260. ep\_\_\_\_\_al joys      *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
261. loss of bio\_\_\_\_\_ity      *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
262. na\_\_\_e to Africa      *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
263. tw\_\_\_e unwanted hair      *v.* to pluck or remove hairs, particularly from the face or other sensitive areas, using a pair of tweezers (= a small hand-held tool used for grasping and manipulating small objects with precision) or other specialized tools
264. hazardous li\_\_\_d      *n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
265. sw\_\_\_\_\_r onto the field      *v.* to walk or behave in a very confident and typically arrogant or aggressive way
266. un\_\_\_e design      *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

ANSWERS: 257. weigh, 258. dimension, 259. roam, 260. ephemeral, 261. biodiversity, 262. native, 263. tweeze, 264. liquid, 265. swagger, 266. unique

267. a circular mo\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
268. he\_\_\_\_\_e land *n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
269. cr\_\_\_\_\_re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
270. change the ec\_\_\_\_\_em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
271. avid sc\_\_\_\_i fan *n.* (informal for science fiction) a genre of speculative fiction typically deals with space travel, life on other planets, time travel, etc.
272. future of space exp\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
273. tw\_\_t around to the left *v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
274. thirty cen\_\_\_\_\_ers tall *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
275. cat\_\_\_\_\_ar of a butterfly *n.* the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth
276. a comprehensive su\_\_\_\_y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
277. an unexpected si\_\_t *n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen

ANSWERS: 267. movement, 268. hectare, 269. creature, 270. ecosystem, 271. sci-fi, 272. exploration, 273. twist, 274. centimeter, 275. caterpillar, 276. survey, 277. sight

278. we\_\_h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
279. end\_\_\_\_\_ed species *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
280. a me\_\_\_\_\_se application *n.* an imaginary immersive area that is facilitated by the use of virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) headsets
281. v\_\_l of mystery *n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure
282. 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
283. team of ex\_\_\_\_\_ers *n.* a person who travels to places where no one or few people have been before to find out what is there
284. no\_\_\_\_\_al habits *adj.* relating to or occurring in the night; active or awake during the night
285. com\_\_\_\_\_te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
286. the de\_\_h of the water *n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
287. st\_\_\_\_\_ty pact *n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast

ANSWERS: 278. weigh, 279. endangered, 280. metaverse, 281. veil, 282. branch, 283. explorer, 284. nocturnal, 285. communicate, 286. depth, 287. stability

288. un\_\_\_\_\_n beetle *n.* a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion
289. r\_\_m the countryside *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
290. for spe\_\_\_\_\_lly American customers *adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
291. un\_\_\_e how to deal with *adj.* not certain or having doubts
292. marine ec\_\_\_\_\_em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
293. pr\_\_\_\_\_e analyses *adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited
294. ju\_\_\_e exploration *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
295. draft a pr\_\_\_\_\_ol *n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement
296. m\_\_h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
297. human ev\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things
298. no\_\_l effect *n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before

ANSWERS: 288. unicorn, 289. roam, 290. specifically, 291. unsure, 292. ecosystem, 293. precise, 294. jungle, 295. protocol, 296. moth, 297. evolution, 298. novel

299. fear a ta\_\_\_\_\_la *n.* a large, venomous spider with a round body and long, hairy legs
300. ad\_\_t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
301. uni\_\_\_\_\_ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
302. a fa\_\_\_\_\_ic dress *adj.* extremely good; excellent
303. confuse fa\_\_\_\_\_y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
304. cam\_\_\_\_\_ge clothing *n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment
305. bio\_\_\_\_\_ity conservation *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
306. com\_\_\_\_\_ty theory *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
307. the muscle tissue of a ver\_\_\_\_\_te *adj.* relating to animals that have a backbone or spinal column, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish
308. gr\_\_p his hand *v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

ANSWERS: 299. tarantula, 300. adapt, 301. unimaginable, 302. fantastic, 303. fantasy, 304. camouflage, 305. biodiversity, 306. complexity, 307. vertebrate, 308. grasp

309. black-and-white bl\_\_ms *n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
310. en\_\_\_\_s possibilities *adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
311. apex pr\_\_\_\_or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
312. semiaquatic sal\_\_\_\_er *n.* any of various typically terrestrial amphibians that resemble lizards and that return to water only to breed
313. sw\_\_\_\_r down the street *v.* to walk or behave in a very confident and typically arrogant or aggressive way
314. the speaker's dr\_\_e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
315. ta\_\_r habitat *n.* a large, herbivorous mammal with a long snout and flexible snout, native to Central and South America and Southeast Asia
316. ec\_\_\_\_ic characters *adj.* weird or unusual, sometimes in a funny way
317. become p\_\_y to terrorists *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
318. r\_\_t audience *adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed
319. th\_\_\_\_en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

ANSWERS: 309. bloom, 310. endless, 311. predator, 312. salamander, 313. swagger, 314. drone, 315. tapir, 316. eccentric, 317. prey, 318. rapt, 319. threaten

320. ex\_\_\_\_\_e the world *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
321. fi\_\_\_e competition *adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening
322. Alice's won\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
323. 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
324. bl\_\_d milk and cream *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
325. p\_\_y for rain *v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request
326. ad\_\_\_\_\_e the technology *v.* to go or move forward; to develop in a positive way
327. dr\_\_e flight *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
328. sto\_\_\_\_\_ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

ANSWERS: 320. explore, 321. fierce, 322. wonderland, 323. planet, 324. blend, 325. pray, 326. advance, 327. drone, 328. storytelling



329. green m\_\_s *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
330. take sw\_\_t action *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
331. gen\_\_\_\_\_on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
332. re\_\_\_\_\_e a concert ticket *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
333. ex\_\_\_c vacation *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
334. co\_\_\_\_\_ss hours *adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many
335. d\_\_e into anime communities *v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
336. a prodigious vi\_\_\_n *n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see
337. mi\_\_o bubble *n.* extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth
338. la\_\_\_\_\_thine pathways *n.* a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out
339. re\_\_t at a high temperature *v.* to take action in response to something

ANSWERS: 329. moss, 330. swift, 331. generation, 332. reserve, 333. exotic, 334. countless, 335. dive, 336. vision, 337. micro, 338. labyrinth, 339. react

340. fl\_\_\_\_sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
341. mo\_\_\_\_ng ritual *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
342. g\_\_m amount *n.* a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram
343. an\_\_\_\_t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
344. have a r\_\_t expression *adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed
345. le\_\_\_\_l injection *adj.* causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous
346. a sw\_\_t current of a river *adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly
347. r\_\_y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
348. at inc\_\_\_\_le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
349. in\_\_\_\_t biology *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
350. a la\_\_\_\_th of relationships *n.* a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out
351. dr\_\_\_\_n wing *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous

ANSWERS: 340. flourish, 341. mourning, 342. gram, 343. ancient, 344. rapt, 345. lethal, 346. swift, 347. rely, 348. incredible, 349. insect, 350. labyrinth, 351. dragon

352. fla\_\_\_\_\_ht beam *n.* a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off
353. tra\_\_\_\_\_nt glass *adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent
354. under a ca\_\_\_\_y of smoke *n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it
355. ex\_\_\_\_e a person to risks *v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
356. cr\_\_\_\_\_ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
357. syn\_\_\_\_\_ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
358. muscular st\_\_\_\_th *n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong

ANSWERS: 352. flashlight, 353. translucent, 354. canopy, 355. expose, 356. creative, 357. synchronize, 358. strength

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. You can easily \_\_\_\_\_ seats over the telephone.  
*v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
2. The golfer recorded an \_\_\_\_\_ distance.  
*adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
3. The sunlight shone through the \_\_\_\_\_ curtains, casting a warm glow in the room.  
*adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.  
*n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
5. By remaining neutral, this \_\_\_\_\_ continued to exist.  
*n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
6. The children were \_\_\_\_\_ to start the treasure hunt.  
*adj.* showing enthusiasm and a strong desire or interest to do something
7. The sponge takes up the \_\_\_\_\_ well.  
*n.* a substance, such as water or oil that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

ANSWERS: 1. reserve, 2. amazing, 3. translucent, 4. movement, 5. kingdom, 6. eager, 7. liquid

8. Many famous \_\_\_\_\_ are within walking distance.  
*n.* the ability to see; anything that is seen
9. The country was instrumental in promoting the \_\_\_\_\_ treaty.  
*n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
10. He \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of rope out of straw.  
*v.* to bend or turn something into a certain shape
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ fireworks display was the highlight of the festival.  
*adj.* striking or impressive to look at or in performance or achievement
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the green dye made it easy to see the bacteria under the microscope.  
*n.* the property of certain substances to absorb light at one wavelength and emit light at a longer wavelength, often producing a visible glow or color change; the visible light or color change resulting from this process
13. The furry \_\_\_\_\_ crawled across the floor, causing some to scream.  
*n.* a large, venomous spider with a round body and long, hairy legs
14. The dead body was in an advanced state of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the process or state of rotting or decomposition by natural causes such as the action of bacteria and fungi; (verb) to rot or decompose through natural causes
15. The colorful garden was a \_\_\_\_\_ of various plants and flowers.  
*n.* a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

ANSWERS: 8. sights, 9. biodiversity, 10. twisted, 11. spectacular, 12. fluorescence, 13. tarantula, 14. decay, 15. wonderland

16. The \_\_\_\_\_ has largely gotten positive feedback.
- n.* an extended fictional work in prose; usually in the form of a story; (adjective) original and of a kind not seen before
17. The enemy fell right into the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
18. The sky turned a beautiful orange hue at \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight
19. Babies heavily \_\_\_\_\_ on others for food.
- v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
20. The praying \_\_\_\_\_ was an exciting subject for the biology class.
- n.* a type of predatory insect known for its distinctive front legs that are bent in a way that resembles a praying posture
21. Various artificially induced causes are \_\_\_\_\_ our ecosystem.
- v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
22. The snake \_\_\_\_\_ its skin to grow bigger.
- v.* to shed feathers, skin, or hair, especially in the process of growing a new coat or plumage; to undergo a process of renewal or transformation, often by shedding the old or outdated
23. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the city was a beautiful archway made of stone.
- n.* an entrance, door, or other openings that lead to a larger space, particularly one that serves as an entry point or access point to a larger area or system; a route, means, or method used to gain access to or acquire something

ANSWERS: 16. novel, 17. trap, 18. dusk, 19. rely, 20. mantis, 21. threatening, 22. molted, 23. gateway

24. He called for a careful \_\_\_\_\_ of the consequences.  
*n.* the activity of searching and finding out about something through a place
25. The official transcript contains \_\_\_\_\_ academic records.  
*adj.* correct and exact in all details
26. During colonial eras, new migratory patterns \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to move out of or away from something and become visible
27. That newspaper \_\_\_\_\_ a political scandal in a big way.  
*v.* to show something by uncovering it; to make something accessible to some action or influence
28. Health and \_\_\_\_\_ are, above all, gold.  
*n.* the quality or state of being physically, or sometimes mentally, strong
29. The \_\_\_\_\_ is about 13.8 billion years old.  
*n.* everything that exists, especially all physical matter, including planets, stars, galaxies, and all other forms of matter and energy
30. 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
31. Ongoing pollution and deforestation \_\_\_\_\_ the survival of many species.  
*v.* to put something or someone in danger or at risk; to threaten the safety or well-being of something or someone
32. He was famous for his \_\_\_\_\_ advice to younger entrepreneurs.  
*n.* a very wise and experienced person; a small evergreen subshrub with flat and light green leaves that has a strong smell and are used as a culinary herb

ANSWERS: 24. exploration, 25. accurate, 26. emerged, 27. exposed, 28. strength, 29. universe, 30. branch, 31. imperil, 32. sage

33. Large-scale \_\_\_\_\_ also has a significant impact on marine ecosystems in the area.

*n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area

34. The effects might \_\_\_\_\_ across the oceans in unexpected ways.

*v.* to be repeated several times as an echo

35. The \_\_\_\_\_ loud chirping can be heard throughout the forest in the summer.

*n.* a large, loud insect with long wings that is known for the sound it makes

36. The sunlight made the water in the pool \_\_\_\_\_ like diamonds.

*v.* to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten

37. She was \_\_\_\_\_ in concentration as she listened to the lecture.

*adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed

38. 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

39. He \_\_\_\_\_ into the room as if he owned the place.

*v.* to walk or behave in a very confident and typically arrogant or aggressive way

40. The condo offers \_\_\_\_\_ access to the beach.

*adj.* not divided or shared with others

41. This remote \_\_\_\_\_ is rarely visited.

*n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

ANSWERS: 33. deforestation, 34. reverberate, 35. cicadas', 36. shimmer, 37. rapt, 38. identify, 39. swaggered, 40. exclusive, 41. spot



42. 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

43. I have a parrot as a \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

44. In ancient civilizations, the scarab \_\_\_\_\_ was worshiped as a sacred creature.

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

45. Dolphins use sound to \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.

- v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

46. The complexity of scientific theories was \_\_\_\_\_ for most people.

- adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

47. I love trying \_\_\_\_\_ foods from different cultures.

- adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

48. The audience was \_\_\_\_\_ by her realistic acting.

- v.* to cause someone to lose clear vision temporarily, especially from bright light; to amaze or bewilder somebody with your brilliant wit, intellect, beauty, skill, etc.

49. The unique style of this martial arts \_\_\_\_\_ many action film producers.

- v.* to make somebody fill with the desire, confidence, or enthusiasm, especially to do something creative

ANSWERS: 42. planet, 43. pet, 44. beetle, 45. communicate, 46. unimaginable, 47. exotic, 48. dazzled, 49. inspired

50. He evaluated his chances for \_\_\_\_\_ rather pessimistically.

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

51. They spent a lot of time trying to \_\_\_\_\_ the current situation.

- v.* to take hold of something or someone quickly and firmly

52. The vegetation here is almost wholly \_\_\_\_\_.

- adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

53. 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

54. Her voice gradually increased in \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* the property of sound that varies with variation in the frequency of vibration; the degree of a slope, especially of a roof; short presentation for selling or sharing something

55. The food chain causes a material \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* an interval during which a recurring sequence of events occurs; a bicycle or motorcycle

56. I love to \_\_\_\_\_ around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

- v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

57. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

ANSWERS: 50. survival, 51. grasp, 52. native, 53. vegetarian, 54. pitch, 55. cycle, 56. roam, 57. ecosystem

58. She was skilled in \_\_\_\_\_ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

*n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

59. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

60. Her research team made an important \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

61. The storm left a \_\_\_\_\_ of destruction behind it.

*n.* a path or track roughly through a countryside, mountain, or forest area, often made or used for a particular purpose; (verb) to lag or linger behind

62. Without investment, a business cannot \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

63. The government is eager to \_\_\_\_\_ international investment.

*v.* to draw or entice someone or something towards them through the qualities they have, especially positive ones

64. He included a \_\_\_\_\_ from the book in his essay.

*n.* a group of words taken from a text or speech and repeated by someone other than the original author or speaker

65. The room was only one \_\_\_\_\_ wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.

*n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter

ANSWERS: 58. storytelling, 59. creative, 60. discovery, 61. trail, 62. thrive, 63. attract, 64. quotation, 65. centimeter

66. The policy should increase the country's monetary \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the quality or attribute of being firm and steadfast
67. The wooly bear \_\_\_\_\_ munched on leaves all day.
- n.* the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth
68. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the old tree bark was thick and lush, a sign of a healthy ecosystem.
- n.* a composite organism consisting of a symbiotic relationship between a fungus and an alga or cyanobacterium
69. The pond's \_\_\_\_\_ was around five feet.
- n.* the distance between the top and bottom of something; between the top surface and a distance below it
70. She carefully \_\_\_\_\_ the stray eyebrow hairs.
- v.* to pluck or remove hairs, particularly from the face or other sensitive areas, using a pair of tweezers (= a small hand-held tool used for grasping and manipulating small objects with precision) or other specialized tools
71. The diamond \_\_\_\_\_ in the sunlight.
- v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
72. The toad altered its appearance to better \_\_\_\_\_ in with its new environments.
- v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
73. She closed her eyes and \_\_\_\_\_ for strength to overcome difficult times.
- v.* to make a request or petition to a higher power, especially in the form of a respectful or humble request

ANSWERS: 66. stability, 67. caterpillar, 68. lichen, 69. depth, 70. tweezed, 71. sparkled, 72. blend, 73. prayed

74. That \_\_\_\_\_ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.  
*n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
75. They have been living near water since \_\_\_\_\_ times.  
*adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
76. The farm spans over 100 \_\_\_\_\_ of land.  
*n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
77. Missile assaults on the capital continued around \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky
78. She wore black clothing as a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_ for her grandmother.  
*n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
79. He looked out the window at the \_\_\_\_\_ stream of people.  
*adj.* having no end or conclusion; infinitely very large in size or amount
80. Little children tend to have \_\_\_\_\_ friends.  
*adj.* existing only in someone's mind
81. She is searching for a \_\_\_\_\_ residence.  
*adj.* lasting for a long time without essential change
82. The company has a strict \_\_\_\_\_ for handling sensitive information to ensure security.  
*n.* a set of rules or procedures for transmitting data or conducting a process or activity, especially in computer networks or scientific experiments; the initial or original version of an agreement

ANSWERS: 74. survey, 75. ancient, 76. hectares, 77. dawn, 78. mourning, 79. endless, 80. imaginary, 81. permanent, 82. protocol

83. The security camera has \_\_\_\_\_ four intruders.

*v.* to find or recognize something, especially something difficult to see, hear, etc.

84. The more \_\_\_\_\_ you are, the more people around you look at you with envy and jealousy.

*adj.* extremely clever, skilled, or impressive

85. How did he \_\_\_\_\_ to your idea?

*v.* to take action in response to something

86. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the leaves underfoot was heard as they walked through the park.

*n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation

87. The deep sea \_\_\_\_\_ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

*n.* a living being, especially an animal

88. They utilized branches of trees as \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment

89. He heard a \_\_\_\_\_ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

*n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

90. The recent \_\_\_\_\_ in grain prices is partly due to the war in the producing countries.

*n.* a narrow, thin, pointed piece of metal, wood, etc.; a sudden large increase in the magnitude or concentration of something

ANSWERS: 83. detected, 84. brilliant, 85. react, 86. crunch, 87. creature, 88. camouflage, 89. drone, 90. spike

91. The cherry blossoms in the park were in full \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a flower, especially one having showy or colorful parts; the best time of youth
92. This ad campaign is aimed \_\_\_\_\_ at young women.
- adv.* only associated with or meant for one thing
93. How much is it per one hundred \_\_\_\_\_
- n.* a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram
94. 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
95. The knights wore heavy \_\_\_\_\_ for protection during battle.
- n.* a protective covering made of metal or other durable materials, worn to guard against injury or damage
96. The majority of snakes swallow their \_\_\_\_\_ whole.
- n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
97. The sperm whale can \_\_\_\_\_ to 1,000 meters.
- v.* to jump into the water with your head and arms going in first, or to move down to a deeper level underwater
98. A well-known artist painted this lovely lady's \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a painting, picture; the likeness of a person, especially one showing the face
99. The native South American animals were in danger because of the \_\_\_\_\_ arrival.
- n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

ANSWERS: 91. bloom, 92. specifically, 93. grams?, 94. environment, 95. armor, 96. prey, 97. dive, 98. portrait, 99. predator's

100. The forest's \_\_\_\_\_ provides shade and protection for the plants and animals below.

*n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

101. The management must \_\_\_\_\_ strategies to increase office security.

*v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

102. It was easy to get lost in the \_\_\_\_\_ of narrow alleyways in the old city.

*n.* a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out

103. He was \_\_\_\_\_ if the recent economic turmoil affected his company's sales decline.

*adj.* not certain or having doubts

104. \_\_\_\_\_ grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.

*n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

105. These \_\_\_\_\_ are more prevalent above a certain latitude.

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

106. The drone captured breathtaking footage of the forest \_\_\_\_\_ from above.

*n.* the uppermost part of a tree, where the leaves or branches grow out from the trunk; the highest point of elevation within a forested area

107. The painting is \_\_\_\_\_ and there is no other like it.

*adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

ANSWERS: 100. canopy, 101. explore, 102. labyrinth, 103. unsure, 104. Moss, 105. insects, 106. treetops, 107. unique,



108. The project's \_\_\_\_\_ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.  
*n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
109. The lost hikers were stranded and \_\_\_\_\_ by phone.  
*adj.* not able to be reached or accessed; beyond one's physical or logistical ability to contact or approach
110. The ball speed will increase when the lower body movements are perfectly \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
111. The local sorcerer insists that he can \_\_\_\_\_ him into a deep trance.  
*v.* to put someone in a state of hypnosis (= the induction of a state of consciousness in which the mind readily acts on suggestions)
112. My home is easily \_\_\_\_\_ from the shore.  
*adj.* capable of being seen; or open to easy view
113. 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
114. The sound of oncoming \_\_\_\_\_ grew louder, closer.  
*n.* a step, or the sound generated by a person walking when their foot hits the ground
115. An \_\_\_\_\_ tail is prehensile, which helps it climb and maintain balance.  
*n.* a nocturnal marsupial with grayish-white fur, a long naked pink tail, and a head with a pointed snout and sharp teeth; also called "possum" in some regions

ANSWERS: 108. complexity, 109. unreachable, 110. synchronized, 111. hypnotize, 112. visible, 113. stick, 114. footsteps, 115. opossum's

116. The air was so \_\_\_\_\_ that my clothes felt damp.

*adj.* having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy

117. The \_\_\_\_\_ thunders echoed across the plain.

*adj.* severe and violent in a way that is frightening

118. On three sides, mountains \_\_\_\_\_ the settlement.

*v.* to be all around something or somebody

119. The entire mountain is covered in \_\_\_\_\_ rainforest.

*adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

120. \_\_\_\_\_ radiation can cause skin damage if one is exposed for too long.

*adj.* relating to or occupying the part of the spectrum beyond the violet end, especially radiation

121. They study the \_\_\_\_\_ of the universe.

*n.* a gradual process of transformation of living things

122. Aboriginal people killed the \_\_\_\_\_ who entered the sacred land for them.

*n.* a person who travels to places where no one or few people have been before to find out what is there

123. The artist's innovative style of work \_\_\_\_\_ me.

*v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

124. Some flowers may be beautiful but are \_\_\_\_\_ reducing their appeal to others.

*adj.* lacking a significant or noticeable scent or odor; odorless

ANSWERS: 116. humid, 117. fierce, 118. surround, 119. dense, 120. Ultraviolet, 121. evolution, 122. explorer, 123. intrigues, 124. scentless,

125. \_\_\_\_\_ species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

*n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

126. Her response revealed \_\_\_\_\_ idiocy.

*adj.* unbelievable; enormous

127. In medieval times, people believed that the \_\_\_\_\_ horn had magical powers that could cure diseases.

*n.* a mythical horse-like creature with a single horn on its forehead; a privately held startup company that reached a valuation of \$1 billion

128. The content is \_\_\_\_\_ and informative for me.

*adj.* sharply exact or accurate or delimited

129. Driving is difficult for me because of my poor \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the ability to think about or see the future with imagination and intelligence; the faculty of being able to see

130. The disease has \_\_\_\_\_ all his energy, and he can barely get out of bed.

*v.* to gradually weaken or drain strength, energy, or resources; to undermine or impair someone's confidence or morale

131. Higher \_\_\_\_\_ requires additional equipment and energy.

*n.* the state of being undiluted or unmixed with anything else; the state of being free from immorality, especially of a sexual nature

132. Overall \_\_\_\_\_ are approximately 400x200mm.

*n.* a measurable extent of a particular kind, such as width, height, or length

ANSWERS: 125. Alien, 126. incredible, 127. unicorn, 128. precise, 129. vision, 130. sapped, 131. purity, 132. dimensions

133. Only the \_\_\_\_\_ God has the power to brighten this dark land.

*adj.* very large, powerful, or strong

134. Foreign TV crews and \_\_\_\_\_ can go as they please in various locations during the Olympics.

*n.* a person who collects and writes news stories or articles for newspapers, magazines, radio, television, or other online media

135. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the song was catchy and easily memorized.

*n.* a group of singers or speakers who perform together, typically in a musical or dramatic production; the part of a song where a soloist is joined by a group of singers

136. The politician remained \_\_\_\_\_ despite intense media scrutiny.

*adj.* without any or little sound

137. He was \_\_\_\_\_ but he was also a genius.

*adj.* weird or unusual, sometimes in a funny way

138. I advised him to \_\_\_\_\_ to his new surroundings.

*v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

139. There is a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ nature and food in Hawaii.

*adj.* inspiring fear, admiration, or respect; very good, nice, fun, etc.

140. Anonymous, brilliant artists create content on any platform in the \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* an imaginary immersive area that is facilitated by the use of virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) headsets

ANSWERS: 133. mighty, 134. journalists, 135. chorus, 136. silent, 137. eccentric, 138. adapt, 139. awesome, 140. metaverse

141. He is a gadget buff and \_\_\_\_\_ enthusiast.

*n.* (informal for science fiction) a genre of speculative fiction typically deals with space travel, life on other planets, time travel, etc.

142. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

143. Her voice was \_\_\_\_\_ yet ever the last words fell lingeringly.

*adj.* happening, moving, or capable of moving quickly

144. One of the \_\_\_\_\_ main predators is the jaguar, which sometimes attacks and kills them.

*n.* a large, herbivorous mammal with a long snout and flexible snout, native to Central and South America and Southeast Asia

145. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ 1 pound 3 oz.

*v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

146. When I was a child, my mother often cast \_\_\_\_\_ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

*adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers

147. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the Amazon jungle was both exciting and challenging.

*n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose

148. He used a backup \_\_\_\_\_ to find his way through the dark cave.

*n.* a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off

ANSWERS: 141. sci-fi, 142. fantasy, 143. swift, 144. tapir's, 145. weighs, 146. magical, 147. expedition, 148. flashlight

149. The Ottoman Empire \_\_\_\_\_ for over five centuries.  
*v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
150. The presence of a backbone is a defining characteristic of \_\_\_\_\_ animals.  
*adj.* relating to animals that have a backbone or spinal column, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish
151. This approach employs both \_\_\_\_\_ and macro analysis methods.  
*n.* extremely small in scale or scope; one millionth
152. She had lived through two world wars in her \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
153. A stagnant water area are breeding ground for \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
154. These gas nebulas are merely newborn galactic \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the most essential or fundamental part of something
155. The building was \_\_\_\_\_ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.  
*v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
156. He was the leader of the demonstrators and spoke out against the war in the front \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an arrangement of objects or people side by side in a line
157. 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

ANSWERS: 149. flourished, 150. vertebrate, 151. micro, 152. lifetime, 153. mosquitos, 154. cores, 155. destroyed, 156. row, 157. moth

158. \_\_\_\_\_ music has gained different followers from existing music.

*adj.* belonging to the same or present time

159. \_\_\_\_\_ storm Marco is making his way along the coast of Florida.

*adj.* originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics

160. There are \_\_\_\_\_ methods for dealing with stress.

*adj.* too numerous to be counted or very many

161. It is a basic instinct to \_\_\_\_\_ from a dangerous situation.

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

162. His success as a famous actor was \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* lasting or used for only a short time

163. The vibrant feathers of the \_\_\_\_\_ made it stand out in the garden.

*n.* a large, colorful, and majestic bird of the pheasant family

164. The new amusement park ride was \_\_\_\_\_ with twists, turns, and drops that left riders screaming with excitement.

*adj.* extremely good; excellent

165. The flower was starting to show its \_\_\_\_\_ and would soon bloom into a beautiful blossom.

*n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot

166. He lifted her \_\_\_\_\_ with both hands.

*n.* a piece of fine cloth worn by women to cover or conceal the face; (verb) to cover, conceal, or obscure

ANSWERS: 158. Contemporary, 159. Tropical, 160. countless, 161. flee, 162. ephemeral, 163. peacock, 164. fantastic, 165. bud, 166. veil

167. In Chinese mythology, \_\_\_\_\_ are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.

- n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous

168. The destruction of the \_\_\_\_\_ is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

- n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

169. Scientific knowledge will \_\_\_\_\_ significantly with the power of AI.

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

170. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the child's faces when they received the toy was priceless.

- n.* a feeling of great pleasure or happiness

171. He pulled his waterproof \_\_\_\_\_ up to protect himself from the rain.

- n.* a covering for the head and neck, especially one attached to a garment

172. The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of \_\_\_\_\_ animals.

- adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats

173. The younger \_\_\_\_\_ has different values and beliefs than the older one.

- n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

174. We plan to raise a giant \_\_\_\_\_ as a pet.

- n.* any of various typically terrestrial amphibians that resemble lizards and that return to water only to breed

ANSWERS: 167. dragons, 168. rainforest, 169. advance, 170. delight, 171. hood, 172. endangered, 173. generation, 174. salamander



175. \_\_\_\_\_ animals, such as owls and bats, are active at night.

*adj.* relating to or occurring in the night; active or awake during the night

176. Hounds \_\_\_\_\_ their prey by using their keen scent.

*v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

177. Malignant hypertension is the most \_\_\_\_\_ form of hypertension.

*adj.* causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous

178. This village is still in a dense \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly

179. On the geological time scale, \_\_\_\_\_ has existed for a brief moment.

*n.* the whole of the living human inhabitants of the earth

ANSWERS: 175. Nocturnal, 176. hunt, 177. lethal, 178. jungle, 179. humankind