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Session 1: Word List

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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**.

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**.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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**.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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**.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. sexual pr_____ors | <i>n.</i> an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others |
| 2. sto_____ing performance | <i>n.</i> the act or art of narrating or writing stories |
| 3. sp_____e like a gem | <i>v.</i> to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy |
| 4. a me_____se application | <i>n.</i> an imaginary immersive area that is facilitated by the use of virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) headsets |
| 5. sc_____ss candles | <i>adj.</i> lacking a significant or noticeable scent or odor; odorless |
| 6. ma____s predator | <i>n.</i> a type of predatory insect known for its distinctive front legs that are bent in a way that resembles a praying posture |
| 7. the speaker's dr__e | <i>n.</i> a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control |
| 8. in_____ue against his rival | <i>v.</i> to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone |
| 9. the muscle tissue of a ver_____te | <i>adj.</i> relating to animals that have a backbone or spinal column, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish |

ANSWERS: 1. predator, 2. storytelling, 3. sparkle, 4. metaverse, 5. scentless, 6. mantis, 7. drone, 8. intrigue, 9. vertebrate

10. apex pr____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
11. 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
12. terrestrial sal_____er *n.* any of various typically terrestrial amphibians that resemble lizards and that return to water only to breed
13. 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
14. syn_____ze our watches *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
15. giant ta__r *n.* a large, herbivorous mammal with a long snout and flexible snout, native to Central and South America and Southeast Asia
16. fla_____ht batteries *n.* a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off
17. 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
18. brown ci___a *n.* a large, loud insect with long wings that is known for the sound it makes

ANSWERS: 10. predator, 11. camouflage, 12. salamander, 13. mosquito, 14. synchronize, 15. tapir, 16. flashlight, 17. unicorn, 18. cicada

19. d__k sky *n.* the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight
20. 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
21. 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
22. tropical rai____st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
23. 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
24. ult____et light *adj.* relating to or occupying the part of the spectrum beyond the violet end, especially radiation
25. be___e brows *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
26. a be___e larva *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
27. unr____le destination *adj.* not able to be reached or accessed; beyond one's physical or logistical ability to contact or approach
28. ult____et protection *adj.* relating to or occupying the part of the spectrum beyond the violet end, especially radiation

ANSWERS: 19. dusk, 20. intrigue, 21. treetop, 22. rainforest, 23. opossum, 24. ultraviolet, 25. beetle, 26. beetle, 27. unreachable, 28. ultraviolet

29. 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
30. 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
31. 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
32. syn_____ze movements *v.* to happen or cause to happen at the same time or rate
33. male pe_____k *n.* a large, colorful, and majestic bird of the pheasant family
34. m__h larva *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
35. li____n families *n.* a composite organism consisting of a symbiotic relationship between a fungus and an alga or cyanobacterium
36. unr_____le goal *adj.* not able to be reached or accessed; beyond one's physical or logistical ability to contact or approach
37. 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: 29. mosquito, 30. camouflage, 31. drone, 32. synchronize, 33. peacock, 34. moth, 35. lichen, 36. unreachable, 37. treetop

38. m__s garden *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
39. 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
40. pinch off a b_d *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
41. ta__r habitat *n.* a large, herbivorous mammal with a long snout and flexible snout, native to Central and South America and Southeast Asia
42. hu__d climate *adj.* having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy
43. ep_____al materials *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
44. tra_____nt skin *adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent
45. keep ta_____las as pets *n.* a large, venomous spider with a round body and long, hairy legs
46. 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.

ANSWERS: 38. moss, 39. tweeze, 40. bud, 41. tapir, 42. humid, 43. ephemeral, 44. translucent, 45. tarantula, 46. dazzle

47. rai_____st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
48. ec_____ic characters *adj.* weird or unusual, sometimes in a funny way
49. 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
50. 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
51. semiaquatic sal_____er *n.* any of various typically terrestrial amphibians that resemble lizards and that return to water only to breed
52. financial cr____h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
53. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
54. display ec_____ic behavior *adj.* weird or unusual, sometimes in a funny way
55. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
56. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

ANSWERS: 47. rainforest, 48. eccentric, 49. shimmer, 50. wonderland, 51. salamander, 52. crunch, 53. moth, 54. eccentric, 55. storytelling, 56. flourish

57. 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
58. 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
59. fear a ta_____la *n.* a large, venomous spider with a round body and long, hairy legs
60. thirty cen_____ers tall *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
61. he_____e land *n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
62. uni_____ble depths *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
63. 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
64. 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)
65. 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

ANSWERS: 57. molt, 58. molt, 59. tarantula, 60. centimeter, 61. hectare, 62. unimaginable, 63. opossum, 64. hypnotize, 65. mantis

66. 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
67. 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
68. r__m the countryside *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
69. no_____al habits *adj.* relating to or occurring in the night; active or awake during the night
70. sc_____ss laundry detergent *adj.* lacking a significant or noticeable scent or odor; odorless
71. sp_____e from receiving light *v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy
72. 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
73. 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
74. a gas cr____h *n.* a loud, crackling noise made by something being crushed or broken; a difficult or critical situation
75. ci____a lifecycle *n.* a large, loud insect with long wings that is known for the sound it makes

ANSWERS: 66. labyrinth, 67. tweeze, 68. roam, 69. nocturnal, 70. scentless, 71. sparkle, 72. imperil, 73. unicorn, 74. crunch, 75. cicada

76. cat_____ar in a cocoon *n.* the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth
77. rev_____te in my head *v.* to be repeated several times as an echo
78. 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.
79. 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
80. housing per he_____e *n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
81. fla_____ht beam *n.* a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off
82. b_d grafting *n.* a small swelling on a plant stem or twig containing an undeveloped shoot
83. 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)
84. 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
85. 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

ANSWERS: 76. caterpillar, 77. reverberate, 78. dazzle, 79. sage, 80. hectare, 81. flashlight, 82. bud, 83. hypnotize, 84. wonderland, 85. veil

86. sw_____r onto the field *v.* to walk or behave in a very confident and typically arrogant or aggressive way
87. uncomfortably hu__d *adj.* having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy
88. 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
89. 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
90. 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
91. 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
92. as proud as a pe_____k *n.* a large, colorful, and majestic bird of the pheasant family
93. rev_____te through the hall *v.* to be repeated several times as an echo
94. uni_____ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
95. me_____se technologies *n.* an imaginary immersive area that is facilitated by the use of virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) headsets
96. 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

ANSWERS: 86. swagger, 87. humid, 88. imperil, 89. mourning, 90. labyrinth, 91. veil, 92. peacock, 93. reverberate, 94. unimaginable, 95. metaverse, 96. shimmer

97. no_____al insects *adj.* relating to or occurring in the night; active or awake during the night
98. tra_____nt glass *adj.* allowing light to pass through but scattering it so that objects behind cannot be seen clearly; partially transparent
99. 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
100. li____n fungus *n.* a composite organism consisting of a symbiotic relationship between a fungus and an alga or cyanobacterium
101. cen_____er measurement *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
102. have a r__t expression *adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed
103. d__k falls *n.* the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight
104. sw_____r down the street *v.* to walk or behave in a very confident and typically arrogant or aggressive way
105. r__m freely *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
106. r__t audience *adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed

ANSWERS: 97. nocturnal, 98. translucent, 99. sage, 100. lichen, 101. centimeter, 102. rapt, 103. dusk, 104. swagger, 105. roam, 106. rapt

107. 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
108. s_p flow *v.* to gradually weaken or drain strength, energy, or resources; to undermine or impair someone's confidence or morale
109. cat_____ar of a butterfly *n.* the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth
110. s_p strength *v.* to gradually weaken or drain strength, energy, or resources; to undermine or impair someone's confidence or morale
111. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
112. ep_____al joys *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
113. green m__s *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
114. ver_____te biology *adj.* relating to animals that have a backbone or spinal column, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish

ANSWERS: 107. mourning, 108. sap, 109. caterpillar, 110. sap, 111. flourish, 112. ephemeral, 113. moss, 114. vertebrate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
 - n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

2. 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

3. The woolly bear _____ munched on leaves all day.
 - n.* the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth

4. The diamond _____ in the sunlight.
 - v.* to emit or reflect bright flashes of light, especially with animation and joy

5. 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

6. 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

7. The effects might _____ across the oceans in unexpected ways.
 - v.* to be repeated several times as an echo

ANSWERS: 1. predator's, 2. unicorn, 3. caterpillar, 4. sparkled, 5. tapir's, 6. salamander, 7. reverberate

8. 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
9. 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
10. 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
11. 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.
12. 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
13. 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
14. 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

ANSWERS: 8. centimeter, 9. translucent, 10. mosquitos, 11. dazzled, 12. labyrinth, 13. flashlight, 14. camouflage

15. 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
16. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
17. The farm spans over 100 _____ of land.
n. a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
18. _____ 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
19. 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
20. Some flowers may be beautiful but are _____ reducing their appeal to others.
adj. lacking a significant or noticeable scent or odor; odorless
21. The complexity of scientific theories was _____ for most people.
adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
22. _____ animals, such as owls and bats, are active at night.
adj. relating to or occurring in the night; active or awake during the night

ANSWERS: 15. opossum's, 16. storytelling, 17. hectares, 18. Ultraviolet, 19. bud, 20. scentless, 21. unimaginable, 22. Nocturnal

23. 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
24. The furry _____ crawled across the floor, causing some to scream.
- n. a large, venomous spider with a round body and long, hairy legs
25. In ancient civilizations, the scarab _____ was worshiped as a sacred creature.
- n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
26. 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
27. 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
28. 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
29. I love to _____ around the city and discover new neighborhoods.
- v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
30. 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
31. 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)

ANSWERS: 23. imperil, 24. tarantula, 25. beetle, 26. cicadas', 27. veil, 28. treetops, 29. roam, 30. sapped, 31. hypnotize

32. 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
33. 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
34. 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
35. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
- v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
36. 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
37. 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
38. 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
39. _____ 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

ANSWERS: 32. moth, 33. shimmer, 34. drone, 35. flourished, 36. mourning, 37. unreachable, 38. swaggered, 39. Moss

40. 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

41. 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

42. His success as a famous actor was _____.

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

43. He was _____ but he was also a genius.

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

44. 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

45. 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

46. 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

47. The air was so _____ that my clothes felt damp.

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

ANSWERS: 40. intrigues, 41. mantis, 42. ephemeral, 43. eccentric, 44. synchronized, 45. dusk, 46. metaverse, 47. humid

48. 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
49. 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
50. 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
51. 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
52. 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
53. She was _____ in concentration as she listened to the lecture.
- adj.* deeply engrossed or absorbed in something; completely attentive or absorbed
54. 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

ANSWERS: 48. rainforest, 49. lichen, 50. sage, 51. tweezed, 52. molted, 53. rapt, 54. vertebrate

55. 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
56. 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*
57. The vibrant feathers of the _____ made it stand out in the garden.
- n.* a large, colorful, and majestic bird of the pheasant family

ANSWERS: 55. crunch, 56. wonderland, 57. peacock