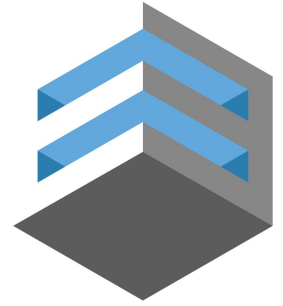


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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

*synonym*: meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

### incredible

*adj.* unbelievable; enormous

*synonym*: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

### intrepid

*adj.* courageous and not afraid of danger or difficulties

*synonym*: unfearing, courageous, dauntless

(1) **intrepid** personality, (2) **intrepid** travelers

There were still **intrepid** pioneers who planned to start their businesses

### viper

*n.* venomous snake

*synonym*: snake, serpent, adder

(1) brood of **vipers**, (2) **viper** poison

The pit **viper** coiled up, ready to strike at its prey.

## **viviparity**

*n.* a mode of reproduction in which the offspring develop inside the body of the parent and are born alive (as opposed to laying eggs)

*synonym*: live birth, placental birth

(1) mechanism of **viviparity**, (2) **viviparity** in reptiles

The process of **viviparity** involves an intricate nutrient exchange between the mother and her developing offspring.

## **hatch**

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

*synonym*: incubate, breed, produce

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

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

## **venomous**

*adj.* extremely poisonous or injurious; containing or producing venom; marked by deep ill will

*synonym*: poisonous, toxic, lethal

(1) the **venomous** jellyfish's sting, (2) have **venomous** eyes

The **venomous** snake bit him, causing him to go into shock.

## **hollow**

*adj.* having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface

*synonym*: cavity, depression, concavity

(1) have **hollow** legs, (2) **hollow** sound

The tree had a **hollow** trunk, which made it easy for animals to take shelter inside.

## **fang**

*n.* a long, pointed tooth, typically in the upper jaw, used for biting and chewing, as in snakes and some other animals

*synonym*: tooth, canine, tusk

(1) **fang** mark, (2) poison **fang**

The vampire bared its **fangs** and growled.

## unfold

- v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

*synonym*: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

## imposing

- adj. having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size

*synonym*: grand, impressive, majestic

(1) **imposing** figure, (2) **imposing** mansion

The **imposing** building stood tall amongst the others on the city skyline.

## strike

- v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

*synonym*: hit, impact, influence

(1) **strike** up a conversation, (2) **strike** a blow

We **strike** to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.

## statistics

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

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

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

## diamondback

- n. a venomous snake found in North and Central America, characterized by the diamond-shaped or diamond-like pattern on its skin, particularly on its back

*synonym*: rattlesnake, serpent, viper

(1) Eastern **diamondback**, (2) **diamondback's** venom

The **diamondback** rattlesnake is a common venomous snake in many parts of North America.

## rattlesnake

*n.* a venomous snake with a distinctive rattle at the end of its tail, found in the Americas

*synonym*: rattler, viper, cobra

(1) **rattlesnake** bite, (2) **rattlesnake** venom

Hikers are warned to watch out for **rattlesnakes** on the trail during the summer months.

## rattle

*v.* to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds

*synonym*: jolt, shake, babble

(1) **rattle** along a road, (2) **rattle** and bang at the door

The vast earthquake caused the house to **rattle**.

## warn

*v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

*synonym*: alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

## 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.

## consist

*v.* to be composed or made up of

*synonym*: lie in, comprise, exist

(1) **consist** mainly of cells, (2) **consist** only in knowing facts

This examination **consists** of five problems to solve.

## interlocking

*adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole

*synonym*: connected, linked, joined

(1) **interlocking** braid, (2) **interlocking** mechanism

The **interlocking** puzzle pieces were difficult to separate.

## segment

*n.* a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole

*synonym*: section, part, division

(1) **segment** analysis, (2) market **segment**

The report divided the data into **segments** based on age, gender, and income level.

## keratin

*n.* a fibrous protein that is the main structural component of hair, nails, and the outer layer of skin in mammals and birds; also found in horns, hooves, and feathers

*synonym*: ceratin

(1) **keratin** treatment, (2) **keratin** protein

Keratosis is a skin condition characterized by the formation of excess **keratin** on the skin's surface

## substance

*n.* the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug

*synonym*: essence, core, material

(1) an explosive **substance**, (2) **substance** abuse problem

The **substance** of the argument was well-presented.

## nail

*n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

*synonym*: pin, tack, fastener

(1) rusty **nail**, (2) **nail** clipper

He used a hammer and round **nail** to fix the loose board on the fence.

## shocking

*adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

*synonym*: startling, surprising, astounding

(1) **shocking** response, (2) **shocking** revelation

The news of the accident was **shocking** and left many in shock.

## spider

- n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing

*synonym*: arachnid, wanderer

- (1) **spider** venom, (2) web **spider**

The **spider** spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.

## crawl

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

*synonym*: creep, drag

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

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

## 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.

## horned

- adj.* having or bearing horns or hornlike projections; resembling the shape or appearance of a horn

*synonym*: antlered, antler-bearing, tusked

- (1) **horned** animal, (2) **horned** beetle

The ram stood proudly with its large, curved, **horned** head.

## 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**.

## invisible

- adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see

*synonym*: hidden, imperceptible, unseen

- (1) an **invisible** asset, (2) **invisible** stars

The phenomenon is **invisible** at optical wavelengths.

## 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.

## bulbous

*adj.* characterized by a rounded or swollen shape, often resembling a bulb or a bulge; bulb-shaped

*synonym*: round, swollen, bulb-shaped

(1) **bulbous** nose, (2) **bulbous** plant

The **bulbous** growth on the plant made it difficult to remove from the pot.

## tip

*n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services

*synonym*: edge, advice, gratuity

(1) the **tip** of a paintbrush, (2) give the waiter a **tip** .

I will introduce some **tips** on learning English in this class.

## droop

*v.* to sink, sag, or hang downward due to weight, exhaustion, or lack of support or vitality

*synonym*: sag, slump, wilt

(1) **droop** with disappointment, (2) **droop** under their own weight

The flowers began to **droop** in the scorching heat.

## leggy

*adj.* having long, slender legs, often used to describe a woman or animal with particularly attractive or distinctive legs

*synonym*: tall, lanky, slender-legged

(1) **leggy** model, (2) **leggy** table

The runway model's **leggy** strides were the highlight of the fashion show.

## 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.

## lure

*v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something

*synonym*: tempt, entice, attract

(1) **lure** prey, (2) **lure** foreign investment

The salesperson used a special offer to **lure** customers into buying the product.

## striking

*adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

*synonym*: arresting, astonishing, exceptional

(1) **striking** innovation, (2) **striking** evidence

The two plays have many **striking** parallels.

## compromise

*v.* to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

*synonym*: agree, settle, negotiate

(1) **compromise** the matter, (2) cannot **compromise** anymore

They never **compromised** on development despite the lack of funds.

## squeeze

*v.* to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness

*synonym*: compress, crush, clamp

(1) **squeeze** a lemon, (2) **squeeze** a confession

She **squeezed** the toothpaste tube from the middle to get the last bit out.

## crevice

*n.* a long narrow depression or opening in a surface of rock or wall

*synonym*: crack, chink, slit



(1) small **crevices**, (2) peep through a **crevice**  
He wedged a knife into the **crevice**

## 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.

## elusive

*adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

*synonym*: mysterious, ambiguous, inapproachable

(1) an **elusive** criminal, (2) track down an **elusive** fact

The physicist who found the **elusive** particle won the Nobel Prize.

## bushmaster

*n.* a large, venomous snake found in Central and South America, characterized by its long, thin body and distinctive triangular head

*synonym*: pit viper, tropical viper, American viper

(1) **bushmaster** snake, (2) **bushmaster** habitat

The **bushmaster's** venom is highly potent and can cause respiratory failure.

## pit

*n.* a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit

*synonym*: hole, depression, indentation

(1) the bottomless **pit**, (2) the **pit** of the stomach

The **pit** of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.

## nostril

*n.* either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed

*synonym*: nose hole, nasal passage, naris

(1) bleeding **nostril**, (2) clogged **nostril**

She had a tissue ready to wipe her **nostril** after a sneeze.

## membrane

*n.* a soft, thin layer that forms animal or vegetable tissue  
*synonym*: tissue layer

(1) cell **membranes**, (2) nuclear **membrane**

Loud noises might harm the fragile ear **membrane**.

## sensitive

*adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do

*synonym*: exposed, susceptible, keen

(1) **sensitive** documents, (2) baby with **sensitive** skin

The teacher is very **sensitive** to children's feelings.

## receptor

*n.* an organ having nerve endings that respond to stimulation such as heat or cold and makes the body react in a particular way

(1) cellular **receptor**, (2) **receptor** for HIV in humans

Hay fever occurs when a substance called histamine binds to **receptors** in the nose and eyes.

## temperature

*n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place  
*synonym*: climate, warmth, degree

(1) extreme **temperatures**, (2) the atmospheric **temperature**

Cities around the world set records for highest **temperatures** this summer.

## infrared

*adj.* relating to or denoting electromagnetic radiation with a wavelength just longer than that of red light but shorter than that of microwave radiation, used for sensing heat and for remote control

*synonym*: thermal, warm, radiant

(1) an **infrared** lamp, (2) **infrared** radiation

The **infrared** camera revealed a hidden image on the surface.

## integrate

*v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for

members of all races and ethnic groups

*synonym*: mix, merge, combine

(1) **integrate** into the existing system, (2) **integrate** both businesses

He found that it is difficult to **integrate** socially.

## visual

*adj.* relating to seeing or sight

*synonym*: optical, graphical, visible

(1) **visual** navigation, (2) field of **visual** arts

The building makes a remarkable **visual** impact.

## optic

*adj.* relating to vision or the eyes; relating to or involving light or optics

*synonym*: visual, ocular, visualized

(1) **optic** fiber, (2) **optic** illusion

The campaign ad was designed with bright colors and bold fonts for maximum **optic** impact.

## tectum

*n.* a term used in anatomy to describe the roof or upper surface of a particular structure, such as the midbrain or the cerebral cortex

*synonym*: roof, covering, canopy

(1) **tectum** mesencephali, (2) optic **tectum**

The **tectum** of the midbrain is responsible for processing sensory information.

## decide

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

*synonym*: choose, determine, settle

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

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

## 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.

## handy

*adj.* valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use

*synonym*: clever, accessible, available

(1) a **handy-sized** bag, (2) **handy** tool

They found a **handy** place to play catch.

## nest

*n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young

*synonym*: roost, perch, burrow

(1) bird's **nest**, (2) a **nest** of thieves

The female birds build a **nest** and lay their eggs in May.

## buttress

*n.* an architectural structure that supports or reinforces a wall or other building feature; (verb) to support or reinforce something

*synonym*: support, prop, reinforcement

(1) reinforce with a **buttress**, (2) **buttress** your thesis

Massive **buttresses** supported the ancient castle.

## burrow

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

*synonym*: tunnel, dig, excavate

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

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

## defend

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

*synonym*: protect, guard, support

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

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

## venom

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

*synonym*: poison, toxin, hating

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

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

## sub-Saharan

*adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

## chunky

*adj.* characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build

*synonym*: chubby, stocky, bulky

(1) **chunky** sweater, (2) a **chunky** necklace

I prefer **chunky** peanut butter over smooth peanut butter.

## 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**?

## reputation

*n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

*synonym*: fame, standing, esteem

(1) **reputation** risk, (2) cloud his **reputation**

She has a good **reputation** for being one of the best chefs in the city.

## moving

*adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

*synonym*: emotional, poignant, touching

(1) **moving** experience, (2) **moving** ceremony

His **moving** speech about his struggles with addiction

brought tears to the audience's eyes.

## placid

*adj.* calm, peaceful, undisturbed; not easily upset or agitated; showing little excitement, enthusiasm, or emotion

*synonym*: calm, serene, tranquil

(1) **placid** lake, (2) **placid** demeanor

The **placid** atmosphere of the park made it a great place to read or relax.

## 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.

## rodent

*n.* a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail

*synonym*: mouse, rat, hamster

(1) **rodent** repellent, (2) prevent **rodent** damage

He set up a trap to catch the **rodent**.

## swallow

*v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

*synonym*: consume, gulp, inhale

(1) **swallow** a handful of pills, (2) a **swallow** tail

I **swallowed** my anger and kept quiet.

## desert

*n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

## kangaroo

*n.* a large marsupial native to Australia with powerful hind legs for jumping and carrying young in a pouch on the

mother's belly

*synonym*: bouncy, marsupial, joey

(1) giant **kangaroo**, (2) red **kangaroo**

The female **kangaroo** carries and nurses her young, or joey, in a pouch on her belly.

## **evade**

*v.* to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something

*synonym*: dodge, avoid, bypass

(1) **evade** capture, (2) **evade** an issue

The jailbroken criminal is continuously attempting to **evade** the cops.

## **serpent**

*n.* a large snake

*synonym*: snake, viper, reptile

(1) the feathered **serpent** god, (2) **Serpent** Bearer

That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a **serpent's** tail.

## **stomp**

*v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step

*synonym*: trample, tread, dance

(1) **stomp** off to the room, (2) **stomp** on his foot

The children **stomped** their feet in time to the music.

## **sand**

*n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

*synonym*: grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle

The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

## **acrobatic**

*adj.* relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful

*synonym*: nimble, agile, flexible

(1) **acrobatic** leaps, (2) **acrobatic** skills

The **acrobatic** performance was breathtaking and left the audience in awe.

## **leap**

v. to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

*synonym*: jump, bound, hop

(1) **leap** to a conclusion, (2) **leap** of faith

The athlete was able to **leap** over the hurdle with ease.



## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ho___d beetle                   | <i>adj.</i> having or bearing horns or hornlike projections; resembling the shape or appearance of a horn  |
| 2. de___e a question               | <i>v.</i> to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options                                   |
| 3. the feathered se_____t god      | <i>n.</i> a large snake  |
| 4. en_____er a crisis              | <i>v.</i> to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly |
| 5. ac_____ic skills                | <i>adj.</i> relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful    |
| 6. bleeding no_____l               | <i>n.</i> either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed   |
| 7. co_____t mainly of cells        | <i>v.</i> to be composed or made up of   |
| 8. field of vi___l arts            | <i>adj.</i> relating to seeing or sight  |
| 9. tropical rai_____st             | <i>n.</i> a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall                                      |
| 10. an el_____e criminal           | <i>adj.</i> difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember  |
| 11. co_____t only in knowing facts | <i>v.</i> to be composed or made up of   |

ANSWERS: 1. horned, 2. decide, 3. serpent, 4. encounter, 5. acrobatic, 6. nostril, 7. consist, 8. visual, 9. rainforest, 10. elusive, 11. consist

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| 12. an explosive su_____ce  | <i>n.</i> the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug  |
| 13. bu_____ss your thesis   | <i>n.</i> an architectural structure that supports or reinforces a wall or other building feature; (verb) to support or reinforce something   |
| 14. in_____le stars         | <i>adj.</i> impossible or nearly impossible to see  |
| 15. sp____r venom           | <i>n.</i> a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing                                       |
| 16. clogged no_____l        | <i>n.</i> either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed  |
| 17. sh_____ng response      | <i>adj.</i> extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust   |
| 18. sexual pr_____ors       | <i>n.</i> an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others   |
| 19. ch____y sweater         | <i>adj.</i> characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build  |
| 20. thirty cen_____ers tall | <i>n.</i> a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter  |
| 21. s__d castle             | <i>n.</i> finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action |

ANSWERS: 12. substance, 13. buttress, 14. invisible, 15. spider, 16. nostril, 17. shocking, 18. predator, 19. chunky, 20. centimeter, 21. sand

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| 22. de___d against a threat      | v.   | to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.  |
| 23. ha__h a plan                 | v.   | to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage               |
| 24. cannot com_____se anymore    | v.   | to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession  |
| 25. track down an el_____e fact  | adj. | difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember   |
| 26. prevent ro___t damage        | n.   | a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail               |
| 27. de___e on a course of action | v.   | to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options                              |
| 28. sq_____e a lemon             | v.   | to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness                    |
| 29. mo___g experience            | adj. | causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy   |
| 30. un___d the story             | v.   | to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown |
| 31. cr___l away from a car       | v.   | to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground  |

ANSWERS: 22. defend, 23. hatch, 24. compromise, 25. elusive, 26. rodent, 27. decide, 28. squeeze, 29. moving, 30. unfold, 31. crawl

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| 32. ev__e an issue             | <i>v.</i> to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something  |
| 33. have ho___w legs           | <i>adj.</i> having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface  |
| 34. sw____w a handful of pills | <i>v.</i> to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach;<br>(noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations |
| 35. web sp___r                 | <i>n.</i> a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing               |
| 36. g__m amount                | <i>n.</i> a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram   |
| 37. baby with se_____ve skin   | <i>adj.</i> able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do  |
| 38. l__e prey                  | <i>v.</i> to tempt or persuade someone to do something  |
| 39. bu___w into a mystery      | <i>v.</i> to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal  |
| 40. ac____te measurements      | <i>adj.</i> correct and exact in all details  |
| 41. sh____ng revelation        | <i>adj.</i> extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust   |

ANSWERS: 32. evade, 33. hollow, 34. swallow, 35. spider, 36. gram, 37. sensitive, 38. lure, 39. burrow, 40. accurate, 41. shocking

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| 42. ha__h a baby chick            | <i>v.</i> to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage             |
| 43. mechanism of viv_____ty       | <i>n.</i> a mode of reproduction in which the offspring develop inside the body of the parent and are born alive (as opposed to laying eggs)  |
| 44. provide ac_____te information | <i>adj.</i> correct and exact in all details  |
| 45. pl___d demeanor               | <i>adj.</i> calm, peaceful, undisturbed; not easily upset or agitated; showing little excitement, enthusiasm, or emotion                      |
| 46. st___e a blow                 | <i>v.</i> to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon                       |
| 47. rai_____st destruction        | <i>n.</i> a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall                               |
| 48. p__y of beast                 | <i>n.</i> the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating  |
| 49. optic te___m                  | <i>n.</i> a term used in anatomy to describe the roof or upper surface of a particular structure, such as the midbrain or the cerebral cortex |
| 50. ra___e and bang at the door   | <i>v.</i> to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds  |
| 51. te___m mesencephali           | <i>n.</i> a term used in anatomy to describe the roof or upper surface of a particular structure, such as the midbrain or the cerebral cortex |

ANSWERS: 42. hatch, 43. viviparity, 44. accurate, 45. placid, 46. strike, 47. rainforest, 48. prey, 49. tectum, 50. rattle, 51. tectum

52. oasis in the de___t	<i>n.</i> arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
53. dia_____ck's venom	<i>n.</i> a venomous snake found in North and Central America, characterized by the diamond-shaped or diamond-like pattern on its skin, particularly on its back
54. ho___w sound	<i>adj.</i> having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface
55. brood of vi___rs	<i>n.</i> venomous snake
56. vi___l navigation	<i>adj.</i> relating to seeing or sight
57. the atmospheric tem_____re	<i>n.</i> the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
58. in_____id personality	<i>adj.</i> courageous and not afraid of danger or difficulties
59. ho___d animal	<i>adj.</i> having or bearing horns or hornlike projections; resembling the shape or appearance of a horn
60. small cr_____es	<i>n.</i> a long narrow depression or opening in a surface of rock or wall
61. st__p on his foot	<i>v.</i> to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
62. st_____ng innovation	<i>adj.</i> attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner
63. sq_____e a confession	<i>v.</i> to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness

ANSWERS: 52. desert, 53. diamondback, 54. hollow, 55. viper, 56. visual, 57. temperature, 58. intrepid, 59. horned, 60. crevice, 61. stomp, 62. striking, 63. squeeze

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| 64. have ve____us eyes     | <i>adj.</i> extremely poisonous or injurious; containing or producing venom; marked by deep ill will  |
| 65. ke____n treatment      | <i>n.</i> a fibrous protein that is the main structural component of hair, nails, and the outer layer of skin in mammals and birds; also found in horns, hooves, and feathers |
| 66. de____t basin          | <i>n.</i> arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks   |
| 67. en____er a storm       | <i>v.</i> to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly                          |
| 68. un____e design         | <i>adj.</i> being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else  |
| 69. inc____le amount       | <i>adj.</i> unbelievable; enormous  |
| 70. le__y model            | <i>adj.</i> having long, slender legs, often used to describe a woman or animal with particularly attractive or distinctive legs  |
| 71. the p_t of the stomach | <i>n.</i> a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit                |
| 72. ra____e along a road   | <i>v.</i> to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds  |
| 73. giant ka____oo         | <i>n.</i> a large marsupial native to Australia with powerful hind legs for jumping and carrying young in a pouch on the mother's belly                                       |

ANSWERS: 64. venomous, 65. keratin, 66. desert, 67. encounter, 68. unique, 69. incredible, 70. leggy, 71. pit, 72. rattle, 73. kangaroo

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| 74. nuclear me____ne              | <i>n.</i> a soft, thin layer that forms animal or vegetable tissue   |
| 75. rat_____ke venom              | <i>n.</i> a venomous snake with a distinctive rattle at the end of its tail, found in the Americas                                       |
| 76. bu___w through the forest     | <i>v.</i> to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal                     |
| 77. red ka_____oo                 | <i>n.</i> a large marsupial native to Australia with powerful hind legs for jumping and carrying young in a pouch on the mother's belly  |
| 78. in_____id travelers           | <i>adj.</i> courageous and not afraid of danger or difficulties  |
| 79. le___y table                  | <i>adj.</i> having long, slender legs, often used to describe a woman or animal with particularly attractive or distinctive legs         |
| 80. f___g mark                    | <i>n.</i> a long, pointed tooth, typically in the upper jaw, used for biting and chewing, as in snakes and some other animals            |
| 81. dr___p under their own weight | <i>v.</i> to sink, sag, or hang downward due to weight, exhaustion, or lack of support or vitality                                       |
| 82. injected ve___m               | <i>n.</i> a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging |
| 83. int_____ing braid             | <i>adj.</i> fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole  |

ANSWERS: 74. membrane, 75. rattlesnake, 76. burrow, 77. kangaroo, 78. intrepid, 79. leggy, 80. fang, 81. droop, 82. venom, 83. interlocking



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| 84. in____ed radiation             | <i>adj.</i> relating to or denoting electromagnetic radiation with a wavelength just longer than that of red light but shorter than that of microwave radiation, used for sensing heat and for remote control |
| 85. bus_____er snake               | <i>n.</i> a large, venomous snake found in Central and South America, characterized by its long, thin body and distinctive triangular head  |
| 86. ev__e capture                  | <i>v.</i> to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something  |
| 87. im____ng figure                | <i>adj.</i> having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size   |
| 88. sta_____cs for cancer          | <i>n.</i> the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data   |
| 89. a un____e teacher              | <i>adj.</i> being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else  |
| 90. the ve____us jellyfish's sting | <i>adj.</i> extremely poisonous or injurious; containing or producing venom; marked by deep ill will  |
| 91. op__c illusion                 | <i>adj.</i> relating to vision or the eyes; relating to or involving light or optics  |
| 92. bu____s plant                  | <i>adj.</i> characterized by a rounded or swollen shape, often resembling a bulb or a bulge; bulb-shaped  |
| 93. l__p of faith                  | <i>v.</i> to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward   |

ANSWERS: 84. infrared, 85. bushmaster, 86. evade, 87. imposing, 88. statistics, 89. unique, 90. venomous, 91. optic, 92. bulbous, 93. leap

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| 94. rep_____on risk                    | <i>n.</i> the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors   |
| 95. se_____ve documents                | <i>adj.</i> able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do  |
| 96. mo____g ceremony                   | <i>adj.</i> causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy   |
| 97. in_____te both businesses          | <i>v.</i> to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups  |
| 98. in_____te into the existing system | <i>v.</i> to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups  |
| 99. im_____ng mansion                  | <i>adj.</i> having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size   |
| 100. cr__l across the floor            | <i>v.</i> to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground  |
| 101. official sta_____cs               | <i>n.</i> the discipline that concerns the collection, organization, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data   |
| 102. s__d dunes                        | <i>n.</i> finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action |

ANSWERS: 94. reputation, 95. sensitive, 96. moving, 97. integrate, 98. integrate, 99. imposing, 100. crawl, 101. statistics, 102. sand

103. w__ned me of the plan	<i>v.</i> to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
104. at inc_____le speed	<i>adj.</i> unbelievable; enormous
105. extreme tem_____res	<i>n.</i> the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
106. se_____t analysis	<i>n.</i> a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole
107. ro____t repellent	<i>n.</i> a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail
108. the bottomless p_t	<i>n.</i> a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
109. int_____ing mechanism	<i>adj.</i> fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole
110. give the waiter a t_p.	<i>n.</i> the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
111. sub_____an Africa	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
112. un____d the stroller	<i>v.</i> to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
113. a n__t of thieves	<i>n.</i> a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young

ANSWERS: 103. warn, 104. incredible, 105. temperature, 106. segment, 107. rodent, 108. pit, 109. interlocking, 110. tip, 111. sub-Saharan, 112. unfold, 113. nest

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| 114. l__p to a conclusion     | <i>v.</i> to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward   |
| 115. rat_____ke bite          | <i>n.</i> a venomous snake with a distinctive rattle at the end of its tail, found in the Americas  |
| 116. market se_____t          | <i>n.</i> a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole  |
| 117. st___e up a conversation | <i>v.</i> to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon   |
| 118. poison f__g              | <i>n.</i> a long, pointed tooth, typically in the upper jaw, used for biting and chewing, as in snakes and some other animals   |
| 119. w__n a reckless driver   | <i>v.</i> to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future  |
| 120. rusty n__l               | <i>n.</i> a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes                                |
| 121. an in_____ed lamp        | <i>adj.</i> relating to or denoting electromagnetic radiation with a wavelength just longer than that of red light but shorter than that of microwave radiation, used for sensing heat and for remote control |
| 122. vi__r poison             | <i>n.</i> venomous snake  |

ANSWERS: 114. leap, 115. rattlesnake, 116. segment, 117. strike, 118. fang, 119. warn, 120. nail, 121. infrared, 122. viper

123. op__c fiber	<i>adj.</i> relating to vision or the eyes; relating to or involving light or optics
124. cam_____ge clothing	<i>n.</i> 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
125. st__p off to the room	<i>v.</i> to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
126. viv_____ty in reptiles	<i>n.</i> a mode of reproduction in which the offspring develop inside the body of the parent and are born alive (as opposed to laying eggs)
127. the ve__m of a lizard	<i>n.</i> a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
128. peep through a cr_____e	<i>n.</i> a long narrow depression or opening in a surface of rock or wall
129. dr__p with disappointment	<i>v.</i> to sink, sag, or hang downward due to weight, exhaustion, or lack of support or vitality
130. an in_____le asset	<i>adj.</i> impossible or nearly impossible to see
131. a ch___y necklace	<i>adj.</i> characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build
132. ke_____n protein	<i>n.</i> a fibrous protein that is the main structural component of hair, nails, and the outer layer of skin in mammals and birds; also found in horns, hooves, and feathers

ANSWERS: 123. optic, 124. camouflage, 125. stomp, 126. viviparity, 127. venom, 128. crevice, 129. droop, 130. invisible, 131. chunky, 132. keratin

133. re\_\_\_\_or for HIV in humans      *n.* an organ having nerve endings that respond to stimulation such as heat or cold and makes the body react in a particular way
134. the t\_p of a paintbrush      *n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
135. pl\_\_\_\_d lake      *adj.* calm, peaceful, undisturbed; not easily upset or agitated; showing little excitement, enthusiasm, or emotion
136. cr\_\_\_\_re of habit      *n.* a living being, especially an animal
137. cell me\_\_\_\_nes      *n.* a soft, thin layer that forms animal or vegetable tissue
138. a sw\_\_\_\_w tail      *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
139. Se\_\_\_\_t Bearer      *n.* a large snake
140. bird's n\_\_t      *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
141. bu\_\_\_\_s nose      *adj.* characterized by a rounded or swollen shape, often resembling a bulb or a bulge; bulb-shaped
142. reinforce with a bu\_\_\_\_ss      *n.* an architectural structure that supports or reinforces a wall or other building feature; (verb) to support or reinforce something

ANSWERS: 133. receptor, 134. tip, 135. placid, 136. creature, 137. membrane, 138. swallow, 139. serpent, 140. nest, 141. bulbous, 142. buttress

143. l__e foreign investment	<i>v.</i> to tempt or persuade someone to do something
144. com_____se the matter	<i>v.</i> to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession
145. su_____ce abuse problem	<i>n.</i> the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
146. cellular re_____or	<i>n.</i> an organ having nerve endings that respond to stimulation such as heat or cold and makes the body react in a particular way
147. ac_____ic leaps	<i>adj.</i> relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful
148. ha__y tool	<i>adj.</i> valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use
149. a ha__y-sized bag	<i>adj.</i> valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use
150. de___d my country	<i>v.</i> to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
151. sub_____an countries	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
152. centimeter-g__m-second system	<i>n.</i> a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram
153. bus_____er habitat	<i>n.</i> a large, venomous snake found in Central and South America, characterized by its long, thin body and distinctive triangular head

ANSWERS: 143. lure, 144. compromise, 145. substance, 146. receptor, 147. acrobatic, 148. handy, 149. handy, 150. defend, 151. sub-Saharan, 152. gram, 153. bushmaster

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| 154. cloud his rep_____on      | <i>n.</i> the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors  |
| 155. apex pr_____or            | <i>n.</i> an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others  |
| 156. Eastern dia_____ck        | <i>n.</i> a venomous snake found in North and Central America, characterized by the diamond-shaped or diamond-like pattern on its skin, particularly on its back                                 |
| 157. n__l clipper              | <i>n.</i> a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes                   |
| 158. work as cam_____ge        | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 159. st_____ng evidence        | <i>adj.</i> attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner   |
| 160. cen_____er measurement    | <i>n.</i> a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter   |
| 161. artificial cr_____re      | <i>n.</i> a living being, especially an animal   |
| 162. become p__y to terrorists | <i>n.</i> the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating   |

ANSWERS: 154. reputation, 155. predator, 156. diamondback, 157. nail, 158. camouflage, 159. striking, 160. centimeter, 161. creature, 162. prey



ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The majority of snakes swallow their \_\_\_\_\_ whole.  
*n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
2. The \_\_\_\_\_ puzzle pieces were difficult to separate.  
*adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ performance was breathtaking and left the audience in awe.  
*adj.* relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful
4. She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.  
*v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
5. The flowers began to \_\_\_\_\_ in the scorching heat.  
*v.* to sink, sag, or hang downward due to weight, exhaustion, or lack of support or vitality
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ building stood tall amongst the others on the city skyline.  
*adj.* having an appearance that commands respect and admiration; impressive or grand in scale or size
7. The snake's \_\_\_\_\_ is highly toxic and can be fatal to humans.  
*n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
8. The female \_\_\_\_\_ carries and nurses her young, or joey, in a pouch on her belly.  
*n.* a large marsupial native to Australia with powerful hind legs for jumping and carrying young in a pouch on the mother's belly

ANSWERS: 1. prey, 2. interlocking, 3. acrobatic, 4. decide, 5. droop, 6. imposing, 7. venom, 8. kangaroo

9. That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a \_\_\_\_\_ tail.  
*n.* a large snake
10. The vampire bared its \_\_\_\_\_ and growled.  
*n.* a long, pointed tooth, typically in the upper jaw, used for biting and chewing, as in snakes and some other animals
11. The teacher is very \_\_\_\_\_ to children's feelings.  
*adj.* able to notice slight changes, signals, or influences; able to feel or perceive other's feelings; susceptible to the things people say or do
12. The \_\_\_\_\_ growth on the plant made it difficult to remove from the pot.  
*adj.* characterized by a rounded or swollen shape, often resembling a bulb or a bulge; bulb-shaped
13. I will introduce some \_\_\_\_\_ on learning English in this class.  
*n.* the top or extreme point of something slender or tapering, usually a mountain or hill; a piece of advice about something practical; a small amount of money given for services
14. I prefer \_\_\_\_\_ peanut butter over smooth peanut butter.  
*adj.* characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build
15. The \_\_\_\_\_ rattlesnake is a common venomous snake in many parts of North America.  
*n.* a venomous snake found in North and Central America, characterized by the diamond-shaped or diamond-like pattern on its skin, particularly on its back
16. The runway model's \_\_\_\_\_ strides were the highlight of the fashion show.  
*adj.* having long, slender legs, often used to describe a woman or animal with particularly attractive or distinctive legs

ANSWERS: 9. serpent's, 10. fangs, 11. sensitive, 12. bulbous, 13. tips, 14. chunky, 15. diamondback, 16. leggy

17. She \_\_\_\_\_ the toothpaste tube from the middle to get the last bit out.

- v. to apply pressure from two or more sides; to hold someone or something tightly in your arms, usually with fondness

18. His \_\_\_\_\_ speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

- adj. causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

19. Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses \_\_\_\_\_.

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

20. I attempted to \_\_\_\_\_ him, but he ignored me.

- v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

21. The vast earthquake caused the house to \_\_\_\_\_.

- v. to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds

22. The coffee producers in \_\_\_\_\_ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

- adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

23. They never \_\_\_\_\_ on development despite the lack of funds.

- v. to settle a problem or disagreement by mutual concession

24. They found a \_\_\_\_\_ place to play catch.

- adj. valuable and convenient; easy or ready to reach or use

25. Her response revealed \_\_\_\_\_ idiocy.

- adj. unbelievable; enormous

ANSWERS: 17. squeezed, 18. moving, 19. crawl, 20. warn, 21. rattle, 22. sub-Saharan, 23. compromised, 24. handy, 25. incredible

26. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the beach was warm and golden.

- n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

27. The female birds build a \_\_\_\_\_ and lay their eggs in May.

- n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young

28. The ram stood proudly with its large, curved, \_\_\_\_\_ head.

- adj.* having or bearing horns or hornlike projections; resembling the shape or appearance of a horn

29. The phenomenon is \_\_\_\_\_ at optical wavelengths.

- adj.* impossible or nearly impossible to see

30. I'm prepared to \_\_\_\_\_ challenges throughout this adventure.

- v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

31. Hay fever occurs when a substance called histamine binds to \_\_\_\_\_ in the nose and eyes.

- n.* an organ having nerve endings that respond to stimulation such as heat or cold and makes the body react in a particular way

32. The tree had a \_\_\_\_\_ trunk, which made it easy for animals to take shelter inside.

- adj.* having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface

33. The official transcript contains \_\_\_\_\_ academic records.

- adj.* correct and exact in all details

ANSWERS: 26. sand, 27. nest, 28. horned, 29. invisible, 30. encounter, 31. receptors, 32. hollow, 33. accurate

34. We \_\_\_\_\_ to achieve more wages and safer working conditions.
- v. to wallop somebody or something with the hand, fist, or weapon; to have an emotional or cognitive impact upon
35. The mystery \_\_\_\_\_ as the detectives gathered more clues.
- v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
36. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the argument was well-presented.
- n. the real physical material of which a thing or person consist; the most important or main part of some idea or experience; an illegal drug
37. You can't \_\_\_\_\_ through solid metal.
- v. to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal
38. The \_\_\_\_\_ venom is highly potent and can cause respiratory failure.
- n. a large, venomous snake found in Central and South America, characterized by its long, thin body and distinctive triangular head
39. The \_\_\_\_ of the avocado can be removed by gently wedging a spoon around it.
- n. a hole in the ground or a cavity in a surface; a place for storing or holding something; a section of a theater or sports arena where people can sit
40. 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
41. Keratosis is a skin condition characterized by the formation of excess \_\_\_\_\_ on the skin's surface
- n. a fibrous protein that is the main structural component of hair, nails, and the outer layer of skin in mammals and birds; also found in horns, hooves, and feathers

ANSWERS: 34. strike, 35. unfolded, 36. substance, 37. burrow, 38. bushmaster's, 39. pit, 40. rainforest, 41. keratin

42. This examination \_\_\_\_\_ of five problems to solve.

*v.* to be composed or made up of

43. She has a good \_\_\_\_\_ for being one of the best chefs in the city.

*n.* the general opinion that people have about someone or something, especially when this is based on their previous experiences or behaviors

44. The \_\_\_\_\_ snake bit him, causing him to go into shock.

*adj.* extremely poisonous or injurious; containing or producing venom; marked by deep ill will

45. Cities around the world set records for highest \_\_\_\_\_ this summer.

*n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place

46. I \_\_\_\_\_ my anger and kept quiet.

*v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

47. 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

48. Massive \_\_\_\_\_ supported the ancient castle.

*n.* an architectural structure that supports or reinforces a wall or other building feature; (verb) to support or reinforce something

49. The news of the accident was \_\_\_\_\_ and left many in shock.

*adj.* extremely or surprisingly bad, or causing a strong emotional response such as surprise or disgust

ANSWERS: 42. consists, 43. reputation, 44. venomous, 45. temperatures, 46. swallowed, 47. camouflage, 48. buttresses, 49. shocking

50. The \_\_\_\_\_ camera revealed a hidden image on the surface.

*adj.* relating to or denoting electromagnetic radiation with a wavelength just longer than that of red light but shorter than that of microwave radiation, used for sensing heat and for remote control

51. International law allows each nation to \_\_\_\_\_ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

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

52. The athlete was able to \_\_\_\_\_ over the hurdle with ease.

*v.* to jump or spring into the air, often with the feet leaving the ground or a surface below; to move quickly or suddenly, often forward or upward

53. He found that it is difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ socially.

*v.* to combine one thing with another so that they form a whole or work together; to accept equal participation for members of all races and ethnic groups

54. The pit \_\_\_\_\_ coiled up, ready to strike at its prey.

*n.* venomous snake

55. The native South American animals were in danger because of the \_\_\_\_\_ arrival.

*n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

56. The physicist who found the \_\_\_\_\_ particle won the Nobel Prize.

*adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

57. He used a hammer and round \_\_\_\_\_ to fix the loose board on the fence.

*n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes

ANSWERS: 50. infrared, 51. defend, 52. leap, 53. integrate, 54. viper, 55. predator's, 56. elusive, 57. nail



58. The \_\_\_\_\_ atmosphere of the park made it a great place to read or relax.

*adj.* calm, peaceful, undisturbed; not easily upset or agitated; showing little excitement, enthusiasm, or emotion

59. Loud noises might harm the fragile ear \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a soft, thin layer that forms animal or vegetable tissue

60. The building makes a remarkable \_\_\_\_\_ impact.

*adj.* relating to seeing or sight

61. There were still \_\_\_\_\_ pioneers who planned to start their businesses

*adj.* courageous and not afraid of danger or difficulties

62. The \_\_\_\_\_ spun an intricate web in the corner of the room.

*n.* a small, eight-legged creature that spins webs to catch insects as food; a computer program that systematically browses the World Wide Web for purposes of web indexing

63. The report divided the data into \_\_\_\_\_ based on age, gender, and income level.

*n.* a part or section of something; a distinct group within a larger whole

64. The \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrate that poverty and unemployment are genuine problems.

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

65. The two plays have many \_\_\_\_\_ parallels.

*adj.* attractive and distinctive enough to draw notice; exceedingly appealing, frequently in an odd manner

ANSWERS: 58. placid, 59. membrane, 60. visual, 61. intrepid, 62. spider, 63. segments, 64. statistics, 65. striking

66. Hikers are warned to watch out for \_\_\_\_\_ on the trail during the summer months.

- n.* a venomous snake with a distinctive rattle at the end of its tail, found in the Americas

67. He set up a trap to catch the \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail

68. The eggs began to \_\_\_\_\_ and the small chicks emerged.

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

69. How much is it per one hundred \_\_\_\_\_

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

70. The salesperson used a special offer to \_\_\_\_\_ customers into buying the product.

- v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something

71. The children \_\_\_\_\_ their feet in time to the music.

- v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step

72. He wedged a knife into the \_\_\_\_\_

- n.* a long narrow depression or opening in a surface of rock or wall

73. This region is predominantly \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

ANSWERS: 66. rattlesnakes, 67. rodent, 68. hatch, 69. grams?, 70. lure, 71. stomped, 72. crevice, 73. desert

74. She had a tissue ready to wipe her \_\_\_\_\_ after a sneeze.  
*n.* either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed
75. The campaign ad was designed with bright colors and bold fonts for maximum \_\_\_\_\_ impact.  
*adj.* relating to vision or the eyes; relating to or involving light or optics
76. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the midbrain is responsible for processing sensory information.  
*n.* a term used in anatomy to describe the roof or upper surface of a particular structure, such as the midbrain or the cerebral cortex
77. The process of \_\_\_\_\_ involves an intricate nutrient exchange between the mother and her developing offspring.  
*n.* a mode of reproduction in which the offspring develop inside the body of the parent and are born alive (as opposed to laying eggs)
78. 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
79. The jailbroken criminal is continuously attempting to \_\_\_\_\_ the cops.  
*v.* to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something
80. The painting is \_\_\_\_\_ and there is no other like it.  
*adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
81. The deep sea \_\_\_\_\_ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.  
*n.* a living being, especially an animal

ANSWERS: 74. nostril, 75. optic, 76. tectum, 77. viviparity, 78. centimeter, 79. evade, 80. unique, 81. creature

ANSWERS: