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Session 1: Word List

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.

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.

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**.

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.

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.

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

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**.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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**.

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.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ra___e along a road | <i>v.</i> to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds |
| 2. 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 |
| 3. 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 |
| 4. sexual pr____ors | <i>n.</i> an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others |
| 5. 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 |
| 6. 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 |
| 7. 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 |
| 8. rat_____ke venom | <i>n.</i> a venomous snake with a distinctive rattle at the end of its tail, found in the Americas |
| 9. dr__p with disappointment | <i>v.</i> to sink, sag, or hang downward due to weight, exhaustion, or lack of support or vitality |

ANSWERS: 1. rattle, 2. venom, 3. fang, 4. predator, 5. fang, 6. tectum, 7. unfold, 8. rattlesnake, 9. droop

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| 10. the ve____us jellyfish's sting | <i>adj.</i> extremely poisonous or injurious; containing or producing venom; marked by deep ill will |
| 11. clogged no____l | <i>n.</i> either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed |
| 12. 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 |
| 13. ev__e an issue | <i>v.</i> to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something |
| 14. 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 |
| 15. have ve____us eyes | <i>adj.</i> extremely poisonous or injurious; containing or producing venom; marked by deep ill will |
| 16. ho____d animal | <i>adj.</i> having or bearing horns or hornlike projections; resembling the shape or appearance of a horn |
| 17. 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 |
| 18. pl____d demeanor | <i>adj.</i> calm, peaceful, undisturbed; not easily upset or agitated; showing little excitement, enthusiasm, or emotion |

ANSWERS: 10. venomous, 11. nostril, 12. camouflage, 13. evade, 14. diamondback, 15. venomous, 16. horned, 17. diamondback, 18. placid

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| 19. un___d the story | <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 |
| 20. int_____ing braid | <i>adj.</i> fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole |
| 21. 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 |
| 22. bleeding no_____l | <i>n.</i> either of the two openings in the nose through which air is breathed |
| 23. 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 |
| 24. ac_____ic skills | <i>adj.</i> relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful |
| 25. peep through a cr_____e | <i>n.</i> a long narrow depression or opening in a surface of rock or wall |
| 26. int_____ing mechanism | <i>adj.</i> fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole |
| 27. st__p on his foot | <i>v.</i> to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step |
| 28. cen_____er measurement | <i>n.</i> a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter |

ANSWERS: 19. unfold, 20. interlocking, 21. keratin, 22. nostril, 23. buttress, 24. acrobatic, 25. crevice, 26. interlocking, 27. stomp, 28. centimeter

29. ho___d beetle	<i>adj.</i> having or bearing horns or hornlike projections; resembling the shape or appearance of a horn
30. ra___e and bang at the door	<i>v.</i> to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds
31. rat_____ke bite	<i>n.</i> a venomous snake with a distinctive rattle at the end of its tail, found in the Americas
32. the feathered se_____t god	<i>n.</i> a large snake
33. ha__h a plan	<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
34. 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)
35. 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
36. bu_____s nose	<i>adj.</i> characterized by a rounded or swollen shape, often resembling a bulb or a bulge; bulb-shaped
37. 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
38. le__y model	<i>adj.</i> having long, slender legs, often used to describe a woman or animal with particularly attractive or distinctive legs

ANSWERS: 29. horned, 30. rattle, 31. rattlesnake, 32. serpent, 33. hatch, 34. viviparity, 35. rodent, 36. bulbous, 37. stomp, 38. leggy

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| 39. prevent ro___t damage | <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 |
| 40. ev___e capture | <i>v.</i> to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something |
| 41. l___e foreign investment | <i>v.</i> to tempt or persuade someone to do something |
| 42. small cr____es | <i>n.</i> a long narrow depression or opening in a surface of rock or wall |
| 43. rai____st destruction | <i>n.</i> a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall |
| 44. apex pr____or | <i>n.</i> an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others |
| 45. tropical rai____st | <i>n.</i> a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall |
| 46. 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 |
| 47. 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 |
| 48. 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: 39. rodent, 40. evade, 41. lure, 42. crevice, 43. rainforest, 44. predator, 45. rainforest, 46. hatch, 47. kangaroo, 48. tectum

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| 49. 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 |
| 50. Se_____t Bearer | <i>n.</i> a large snake |
| 51. brood of vi____rs | <i>n.</i> venomous snake |
| 52. ch____y sweater | <i>adj.</i> characterized by being thick and heavy; containing or consisting of large, solid pieces; having a stocky, muscular build |
| 53. le____y table | <i>adj.</i> having long, slender legs, often used to describe a woman or animal with particularly attractive or distinctive legs |
| 54. thirty cen_____ers tall | <i>n.</i> a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter |
| 55. vi____r poison | <i>n.</i> venomous snake |
| 56. reinforce with a bu_____ss | <i>n.</i> an architectural structure that supports or reinforces a wall or other building feature; (verb) to support or reinforce something |
| 57. 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 |
| 58. 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 |
| 59. track down an el_____e fact | <i>adj.</i> difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember |

ANSWERS: 49. bushmaster, 50. serpent, 51. viper, 52. chunky, 53. leggy, 54. centimeter, 55. viper, 56. buttress, 57. burrow, 58. kangaroo, 59. elusive

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| 60. 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) |
| 61. ac_____ic leaps | <i>adj.</i> relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful |
| 62. 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 |
| 63. in_____id travelers | <i>adj.</i> courageous and not afraid of danger or difficulties |
| 64. bu_____s plant | <i>adj.</i> characterized by a rounded or swollen shape, often resembling a bulb or a bulge; bulb-shaped |
| 65. an el_____e criminal | <i>adj.</i> difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember |
| 66. sub_____an Africa | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert |
| 67. 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 |
| 68. pl___d lake | <i>adj.</i> calm, peaceful, undisturbed; not easily upset or agitated; showing little excitement, enthusiasm, or emotion |
| 69. 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 |

ANSWERS: 60. viviparity, 61. acrobatic, 62. venom, 63. intrepid, 64. bulbous, 65. elusive, 66. sub-Saharan, 67. chunky, 68. placid, 69. droop

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| 70. sub_____an countries | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert |
| 71. 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 |
| 72. 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 |
| 73. l__e prey | <i>v.</i> to tempt or persuade someone to do something |
| 74. in_____id personality | <i>adj.</i> courageous and not afraid of danger or difficulties |
| 75. 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 |
| 76. 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: 70. sub-Saharan, 71. camouflage, 72. bushmaster, 73. lure, 74. intrepid, 75. burrow, 76. keratin

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
2. 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
3. The pit _____ coiled up, ready to strike at its prey.
n. venomous snake
4. 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
5. 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)
6. The _____ snake bit him, causing him to go into shock.
adj. extremely poisonous or injurious; containing or producing venom; marked by deep ill will
7. The _____ puzzle pieces were difficult to separate.
adj. fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole

ANSWERS: 1. horned, 2. venom, 3. viper, 4. hatch, 5. viviparity, 6. venomous, 7. interlocking

8. There were still _____ pioneers who planned to start their businesses
adj. courageous and not afraid of danger or difficulties
9. 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
10. 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
11. 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
12. 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
13. 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
14. 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
15. The physicist who found the _____ particle won the Nobel Prize.
adj. difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

ANSWERS: 8. intrepid, 9. chunky, 10. camouflage, 11. buttresses, 12. burrow, 13. rodent, 14. placid, 15. elusive

16. 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
17. He wedged a knife into the _____.
n. a long narrow depression or opening in a surface of rock or wall
18. 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
19. The salesperson used a special offer to _____ customers into buying the product.
v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something
20. 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
21. The jailbroken criminal is continuously attempting to _____ the cops.
v. to escape from or avoid meeting someone or something
22. 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
23. 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

ANSWERS: 16. tectum, 17. crevice, 18. stomped, 19. lure, 20. droop, 21. evade, 22. rattlesnakes, 23. diamondback

24. 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
25. 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
26. 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
27. 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
28. That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a _____ tail.
n. a large snake
29. 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
30. 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
31. 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

ANSWERS: 24. bulbous, 25. kangaroo, 26. rainforest, 27. sub-Saharan, 28. serpent's, 29. nostril, 30. unfolded, 31. acrobatic

32. 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
33. The vast earthquake caused the house to _____.
v. to make or cause to make short, successive, sharp, and loud sounds
34. 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
35. 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
36. 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
37. 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
38. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

ANSWERS: 32. centimeter, 33. rattle, 34. leggy, 35. fangs, 36. keratin, 37. bushmaster's, 38. predator's