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Session 1: Word List

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
synonym : health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**

We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

mosquito

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

synonym : insect, bug, flea

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

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

inadvertently

adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent

synonym : unknowingly, unintentionally, accidentally

(1) **inadvertently** deleted, (2) **inadvertently** omitted

I **inadvertently** left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.

dengue

n. a viral disease transmitted by mosquitoes, characterized by fever, severe joint and muscle pain, and a rash

synonym : breakbone fever, infectious tropical disease

(1) **dengue** mosquito, (2) **dengue** outbreak

Many people in this region have contracted **dengue** fever from mosquito bites.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

pathogen

n. a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease

synonym: germ, microbe, bacterium

(1) plant **pathogen**, (2) the **pathogen** in the air
mRNA vaccines are approved faster because they do not contain inactivated **pathogens**.

nuisance

n. something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person

synonym: bother, annoyance, disturbance

(1) traffic **nuisance**, (2) **nuisance** call

The barking dog next door is becoming quite a **nuisance**.

barbecue

n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

synonym: grill, cookout, outdoor cooking

(1) **barbecue** sauce, (2) **barbecue** grill

The **barbecue** at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

opportune

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

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark
The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

slosh

v. to move the liquid around, usually inside a container, with a splashing or slapping sound; to move clumsily through water or mud

synonym: splash, swish, slop

(1) **slosh** through the mud, (2) **slosh** a drink

The water **sloshed** over the edge of the bucket and spilled onto the floor.

wrangle

n. a noisy or contentious dispute or argument, particularly one involving multiple parties; a physical altercation or brawl; (verb) to have a dispute or argument, often over a trivial matter

synonym: argument, dispute, quarrel

(1) **wrangle** over money, (2) political **wrangle**

The two politicians had a heated **wrangle** over the proposed tax reform.

sunburn

n. a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays

synonym: burn, tan, redness

(1) get a **sunburn**, (2) **sunburn** cream

I forgot to put on sunscreen, and now I have a painful **sunburn** on my back.

confession

n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

synonym: admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young
The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

oversea

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

synonym : foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

smolder

v. to burn slowly and without a flame, often with the production of smoke and heat; to exist or persist in a suppressed or hidden state, particularly anger or resentment

synonym : burn, smoke, simmer

(1) **smolder** in resentment for many years, (2) **smolder** beneath the surface

The fire continued to **smolder** long after the firefighters had left.

slap

v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

synonym : smack, hit, whack

(1) **slap** on the back, (2) **slap** a heavy fine

The politician tried to **slap** down the rumors about his personal life.

squash

v. to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully

synonym : smash, crush, compress

(1) **squash** a package, (2) **squash** a rebellion

I like to **squash** my grapes when making homemade wine.

snowmelt

n. the runoff of water resulting from the melting of snow and ice, usually in spring or early summer

synonym : melting, thawing

(1) **snowmelt** flooding, (2) **snowmelt** season

The town faced a flood threat due to rapid **snowmelt** in the mountains.

polluted

adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances

synonym: contaminated, poisoned, unclean

(1) **polluted** air, (2) cadmium- **polluted** area

The river was **polluted** with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.

pristine

adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination

synonym: chaste, pure, immaculate

(1) **pristine** beach, (2) maintain the **pristine** condition

It is terrific to camp in **pristine** nature.

puddle

n. a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance

synonym: pool, pond, small lake

(1) **puddle** of water, (2) step in a **puddle**

The rain had formed a large **puddle** on the sidewalk.

moss

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

synonym: plant, foliage, greenery

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

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

frail

adj. weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength

synonym: weak, delicate, fragile

(1) **frail** body, (2) **frail** condition

My grandfather's health has declined, and he is now quite **frail**.

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.

larva

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

synonym : caterpillar, grub, maggot

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

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

saucer

n. a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings

synonym : dish, plate, salver

(1) tea **saucer**, (2) flying **saucer**

She sipped her tea from a delicate **saucer**.

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.

itch

v. to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it

synonym : scratch, tingle, irritate

(1) **itch** constantly, (2) **itch** to speak

I can't stop **itching** my arm because of the mosquito bite.

droplet

n. a small drop of liquid

synonym : bead, drip, dewdrop

(1) **droplet** size, (2) **droplet** formation

A single **droplet** of water can reflect the entire world upside down.

syrinx

n. the vocal organ of a bird; a primitive wind instrument consisting of several parallel pipes bound together

synonym: panpipes

(1) dogs with a wide **syrinx**, (2) spinal **syrinx**

The shape of a bird's **syrinx** varies greatly depending on the environment in which it lives.

chikungunya

n. a viral infection carried by mosquitoes that causes fever and severe joint pain, often accompanied by a rash, headache, muscle pain, and fatigue

synonym: dengue fever, zika virus, malaria

(1) **chikungunya** fever, (2) **chikungunya** outbreak

The **chikungunya** virus is transmitted to humans by mosquitoes.

humid

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

synonym: damp, muggy, moist

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

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

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

stagnant

adj. not flowing or circulating; standing still; stagnant water

synonym: still, stagnant, unmoving

(1) **stagnant** car sales, (2) **stagnant** economy

The **stagnant** water in the pond is a breeding ground for mosquitoes.

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.

tantalize

v. to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable

synonym: tease, tempt, torment

(1) **tantalize** taste buds, (2) **tantalize** with promises

The smell of freshly baked cookies in the kitchen **tantalized** me.

munch

v. to chew or eat something noisily, often with the sound of crunching or crunching

synonym: chew, nibble, gnaw

(1) **munch** on an apple, (2) **munch** away on crisps

I love to **munch** on popcorn while I watch a movie.

stormwater

n. water that accumulates during and after rainfall or snowmelt, usually flowing into waterways, sewers, or drainage systems

synonym: rainwater, runoff, drainage

(1) **stormwater** management, (2) **stormwater** runoff

The **stormwater** drainage system must be improved to prevent flooding in the neighborhood.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

featherless

adj. devoid of feathers, or with few or inadequate feathers; often used metaphorically to describe something or someone that lacks the usual characteristics or qualities associated with it

synonym: bald, naked, unfeathered

(1) **featherless** bird, (2) **featherless** chicken

The bald eagle's **featherless** head distinguishes it from other birds of prey.

rainwater

n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

synonym: precipitation, drizzle, showers

(1) **rainwater** acidity, (2) **rainwater** drainage

The company installed a **rainwater** harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym: demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

gutter

n. a channel along the edge of a road or structure for carrying away rainwater

synonym: channel, trench, drain

(1) **gutter** system, (2) a building **gutter**

The **gutter** on the roof's edge was clogged with leaves, causing water to overflow.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym: in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

repellent

adj. serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust

synonym : disgusting, repulsive, offensive

(1) **repellent** odor, (2) **repellent** properties

She avoided the used car salesman because she found his pushy behavior **repellent**.

dab

v. to touch or apply something lightly, usually several times

synonym : apply, pat, daub

(1) **dab** my cheek with powder, (2) **dab** paint on the wall

She **dabbed** her face with a puff.

disperse

v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

synonym : dissipate, spread, scatter

(1) **disperse** false information, (2) **disperse** the protesters

Before authorities **dispersed** the protesters, they yelled slogans.

bloodsucker

n. a small animal that feeds on blood, like a leech or a mosquito; a person who is seen as exploiting or taking advantage of others

synonym : leech, tick, parasite

(1) **bloodsucker** mosquito, (2) political **bloodsucker**

The lobbyist was accused of being a **bloodsucker**, using his influence to push through policies that only benefited his clients.

Session 2: Spelling

1. fea_____ss bird
adj. devoid of feathers, or with few or inadequate feathers; often used metaphorically to describe something or someone that lacks the usual characteristics or qualities associated with it
2. hu__d climate
adj. having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy
3. get a su____n
n. a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays
4. sexual pr____ors
n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
5. mu__h on an apple
v. to chew or eat something noisily, often with the sound of crunching or crunching
6. di____se the protesters
v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
7. cadmium-po____ed area
adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
8. re____e the cardboard boxes
v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
9. green m__s
n. a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

ANSWERS: 1. featherless, 2. humid, 3. sunburn, 4. predator, 5. munch, 6. disperse, 7. polluted, 8. recycle, 9. moss

10. blo_____er mosquito *n.* a small animal that feeds on blood, like a leech or a mosquito; a person who is seen as exploiting or taking advantage of others
11. giant ka_____oo *n.* a large marsupial native to Australia with powerful hind legs for jumping and carrying young in a pouch on the mother's belly
12. dogs with a wide sy____x *n.* the vocal organ of a bird; a primitive wind instrument consisting of several parallel pipes bound together
13. pr_____ne beach *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
14. ba_____ue sauce *n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
15. sq____h a rebellion *v.* to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully
16. fr__l condition *adj.* weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength
17. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
18. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

ANSWERS: 10. bloodsucker, 11. kangaroo, 12. syrinx, 13. pristine, 14. barbecue, 15. squash, 16. frail, 17. well-being, 18. secondly

19. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
20. se_____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
21. re_____nt odor *adj.* serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust
22. tea sa____r *n.* a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings
23. dr_____t formation *n.* a small drop of liquid
24. s__p on the back *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
25. flying sa____r *n.* a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings
26. chi_____ya fever *n.* a viral infection carried by mosquitoes that causes fever and severe joint pain, often accompanied by a rash, headache, muscle pain, and fatigue

ANSWERS: 19. fascinate, 20. secondly, 21. repellent, 22. saucer, 23. droplet, 24. slap, 25. saucer, 26. chikungunya

27. mo_____to bite *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
28. sto_____er management *n.* water that accumulates during and after rainfall or snowmelt, usually flowing into waterways, sewers, or drainage systems
29. d_b my cheek with powder *v.* to touch or apply something lightly, usually several times
30. the wel_____ng of a nation *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
31. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
32. red ka_____oo *n.* a large marsupial native to Australia with powerful hind legs for jumping and carrying young in a pouch on the mother's belly
33. ina_____tly deleted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
34. m__s garden *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
35. sm_____r beneath the surface *v.* to burn slowly and without a flame, often with the production of smoke and heat; to exist or persist in a suppressed or hidden state, particularly anger or resentment
36. re_____e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

ANSWERS: 27. mosquito, 28. stormwater, 29. dab, 30. well-being, 31. predator, 32. kangaroo, 33. inadvertently, 34. moss, 35. smolder, 36. recycle

37. fea_____ss chicken *adj.* devoid of feathers, or with few or inadequate feathers; often used metaphorically to describe something or someone that lacks the usual characteristics or qualities associated with it
38. maintain the pr_____ne condition *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
39. ra_____er acidity *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
40. 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
41. the pa_____en in the air *n.* a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
42. sl__h through the mud *v.* to move the liquid around, usually inside a container, with a splashing or slapping sound; to move clumsily through water or mud
43. di_____se false information *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
44. ta_____ze with promises *v.* to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable
45. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

ANSWERS: 37. featherless, 38. pristine, 39. rainwater, 40. hatch, 41. pathogen, 42. slosh, 43. disperse, 44. tantalize, 45. disrupt

46. de____e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
47. ov____a shipments *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
48. sm____r in resentment for many years *v.* to burn slowly and without a flame, often with the production of smoke and heat; to exist or persist in a suppressed or hidden state, particularly anger or resentment
49. de____e outbreak *n.* a viral disease transmitted by mosquitoes, characterized by fever, severe joint and muscle pain, and a rash
50. in____t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
51. gu____r system *n.* a channel along the edge of a road or structure for carrying away rainwater
52. s__p a heavy fine *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
53. sn____lt season *n.* the runoff of water resulting from the melting of snow and ice, usually in spring or early summer
54. de____e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

ANSWERS: 46. degrade, 47. oversea, 48. smolder, 49. dengue, 50. infect, 51. gutter, 52. slap, 53. snowmelt, 54. degrade

55. ta_____ze taste buds *v.* to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable
56. mu__h away on crisps *v.* to chew or eat something noisily, often with the sound of crunching or crunching
57. ra_____er drainage *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
58. sto_____er runoff *n.* water that accumulates during and after rainfall or snowmelt, usually flowing into waterways, sewers, or drainage systems
59. a moth la__a *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
60. spinal sy___x *n.* the vocal organ of a bird; a primitive wind instrument consisting of several parallel pipes bound together
61. traffic nu_____ce *n.* something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person
62. sl__h a drink *v.* to move the liquid around, usually inside a container, with a splashing or slapping sound; to move clumsily through water or mud
63. in___t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

ANSWERS: 55. tantalize, 56. munch, 57. rainwater, 58. stormwater, 59. larva, 60. syrx, 61. nuisance, 62. slosh, 63. infect

64. sn_____lt flooding *n.* the runoff of water resulting from the melting of snow and ice, usually in spring or early summer
65. uncomfortably hu__d *adj.* having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy
66. fr__l body *adj.* weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength
67. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
68. st_____nt economy *adj.* not flowing or circulating; standing still; stagnant water
69. pu___e of water *n.* a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance
70. for ov_____a use *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
71. ba_____ue grill *n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
72. nu_____ce call *n.* something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person
73. d_b paint on the wall *v.* to touch or apply something lightly, usually several times

ANSWERS: 64. snowmelt, 65. humid, 66. frail, 67. fascinate, 68. stagnant, 69. puddle, 70. oversea, 71. barbecue, 72. nuisance, 73. dab

74. dr_____t size *n.* a small drop of liquid
75. i__h to speak *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
76. po_____ed air *adj.* contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
77. mo_____to repellent *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
78. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
79. la__a of a butterfly *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
80. su_____n cream *n.* a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays
81. re_____nt properties *adj.* serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust
82. political blo_____er *n.* a small animal that feeds on blood, like a leech or a mosquito; a person who is seen as exploiting or taking advantage of others
83. a con_____on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

ANSWERS: 74. droplet, 75. itch, 76. polluted, 77. mosquito, 78. opportune, 79. larva, 80. sunburn, 81. repellent, 82. bloodsucker, 83. confession

84. de___e mosquito *n.* a viral disease transmitted by mosquitoes, characterized by fever, severe joint and muscle pain, and a rash
85. a con_____on of guilt *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
86. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
87. i__h constantly *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
88. wr_____e over money *n.* a noisy or contentious dispute or argument, particularly one involving multiple parties; a physical altercation or brawl; (verb) to have a dispute or argument, often over a trivial matter
89. ina_____tly omitted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
90. plant pa_____en *n.* a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
91. political wr_____e *n.* a noisy or contentious dispute or argument, particularly one involving multiple parties; a physical altercation or brawl; (verb) to have a dispute or argument, often over a trivial matter
92. ha__h a baby chick *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

ANSWERS: 84. dengue, 85. confession, 86. disrupt, 87. itch, 88. wrangle, 89. inadvertently, 90. pathogen, 91. wrangle, 92. hatch

93. chi_____ya outbreak *n.* a viral infection carried by mosquitoes that causes fever and severe joint pain, often accompanied by a rash, headache, muscle pain, and fatigue
94. sq___h a package *v.* to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully
95. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
96. st_____nt car sales *adj.* not flowing or circulating; standing still; stagnant water
97. a building gu___r *n.* a channel along the edge of a road or structure for carrying away rainwater
98. step in a pu___e *n.* a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance

ANSWERS: 93. chikungunya, 94. squash, 95. opportune, 96. stagnant, 97. gutter, 98. puddle

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. A stagnant water area are breeding ground for _____.
n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

2. The smell of freshly baked cookies in the kitchen _____ me.
v. to tease or torment by presenting something desirable but out of reach or unattainable; to tempt or lure with the promise of something desirable

3. I forgot to put on sunscreen, and now I have a painful _____ on my back.
n. a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays

4. She avoided the used car salesman because she found his pushy behavior _____.
adj. serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust

5. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

6. The river was _____ with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.
adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances

7. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; _____ we will go over the schedule.
adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. mosquitos, 2. tantalized, 3. sunburn, 4. repellent, 5. disrupt, 6. polluted, 7. secondly,

8. Many people in this region have contracted _____ fever from mosquito bites.
- n.* a viral disease transmitted by mosquitoes, characterized by fever, severe joint and muscle pain, and a rash
9. The _____ on the roof's edge was clogged with leaves, causing water to overflow.
- n.* a channel along the edge of a road or structure for carrying away rainwater
10. We largely _____ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.
- v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
11. The _____ drainage system must be improved to prevent flooding in the neighborhood.
- n.* water that accumulates during and after rainfall or snowmelt, usually flowing into waterways, sewers, or drainage systems
12. The two politicians had a heated _____ over the proposed tax reform.
- n.* a noisy or contentious dispute or argument, particularly one involving multiple parties; a physical altercation or brawl; (verb) to have a dispute or argument, often over a trivial matter
13. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
14. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
- n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

ANSWERS: 8. dengue, 9. gutter, 10. recycle, 11. stormwater, 12. wrangle, 13. opportune, 14. predator's

15. The lobbyist was accused of being a _____ using his influence to push through policies that only benefited his clients.
- n.* a small animal that feeds on blood, like a leech or a mosquito; a person who is seen as exploiting or taking advantage of others
16. She sipped her tea from a delicate _____.
- n.* a small, shallow dish with a slightly raised edge or rim used for holding a cup or as a decorative object; a flying object that is often associated with UFO sightings
17. I can't stop _____ my arm because of the mosquito bite.
- v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
18. The company enhanced _____ operations to tap into new markets.
- adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
19. I love to _____ on popcorn while I watch a movie.
- v.* to chew or eat something noisily, often with the sound of crunching or crunching
20. The _____ water in the pond is a breeding ground for mosquitoes.
- adj.* not flowing or circulating; standing still; stagnant water
21. 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
22. She _____ her face with a puff.
- v.* to touch or apply something lightly, usually several times

ANSWERS: 15. bloodsucker, 16. saucer, 17. itching, 18. oversea, 19. munch, 20. stagnant, 21. hatch, 22. dabbed

23. The bald eagle's _____ head distinguishes it from other birds of prey.
adj. devoid of feathers, or with few or inadequate feathers; often used metaphorically to describe something or someone that lacks the usual characteristics or qualities associated with it
24. Before authorities _____ the protesters, they yelled slogans.
v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
25. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.
v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
26. The butterfly emerged from its _____ stage.
n. the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
27. 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
28. The company installed a _____ harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.
n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
29. The fire continued to _____ long after the firefighters had left.
v. to burn slowly and without a flame, often with the production of smoke and heat; to exist or persist in a suppressed or hidden state, particularly anger or resentment

ANSWERS: 23. featherless, 24. dispersed, 25. degrade, 26. larva, 27. kangaroo, 28. rainwater, 29. smolder

30. The town faced a flood threat due to rapid _____ in the mountains.
n. the runoff of water resulting from the melting of snow and ice, usually in spring or early summer
31. _____ grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.
n. a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
32. The rain had formed a large _____ on the sidewalk.
n. a small pool of water, especially on a flat surface; a small and usually shallow accumulation of any liquid substance
33. mRNA vaccines are approved faster because they do not contain inactivated _____.
n. a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
34. The prisoner made a full _____ and admitted to his crime.
n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
35. The air was so _____ that my clothes felt damp.
adj. having a high amount of moisture or water vapor in the air; damp; muggy
36. It is terrific to camp in _____ nature.
adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination
37. The shape of a bird's _____ varies greatly depending on the environment in which it lives.
n. the vocal organ of a bird; a primitive wind instrument consisting of several parallel pipes bound together

ANSWERS: 30. snowmelt, 31. Moss, 32. puddle, 33. pathogens, 34. confession, 35. humid, 36. pristine, 37. syrinx

38. I like to _____ my grapes when making homemade wine.
- v. to forcefully crush or flatten something; to suppress, stifle, or defeat an idea or opposition forcefully
39. The politician tried to _____ down the rumors about his personal life.
- v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
40. The magic tricks _____ the children.
- v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
41. The barking dog next door is becoming quite a _____.
- n. something or someone that causes annoyance, inconvenience, or discomfort; an unpleasant or irritating thing or person
42. The water _____ over the edge of the bucket and spilled onto the floor.
- v. to move the liquid around, usually inside a container, with a splashing or slapping sound; to move clumsily through water or mud
43. A single _____ of water can reflect the entire world upside down.
- n. a small drop of liquid
44. The _____ virus is transmitted to humans by mosquitoes.
- n. a viral infection carried by mosquitoes that causes fever and severe joint pain, often accompanied by a rash, headache, muscle pain, and fatigue
45. Children often _____ parents with this head cold.
- v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

ANSWERS: 38. squash, 39. slap, 40. fascinated, 41. nuisance, 42. sloshed, 43. droplet, 44. chikungunya, 45. infect

46. We are responsible for the care and _____ of all our employees.

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous

47. I _____ left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.

adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent

48. My grandfather's health has declined, and he is now quite _____.

adj. weak, delicate, and easily broken or worn out; lacking physical, mental, or emotional strength

49. The _____ at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

ANSWERS: 46. well-being, 47. inadvertently, 48. frail, 49. barbecue