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Session 1: Word List

harmony

n. the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

synonym: balance, accord, congruence

(1) a **harmony** of colors, (2) break a **harmony**

We worked in perfect **harmony**.

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.

paradise

n. a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth

synonym: heaven, Eden, utopia

(1) **paradise** island, (2) **paradise** for criminals

Hawaii is often referred to as an everlasting summer **paradise**.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's

environment.

coral

n. a rock-like substance created in the sea by groupings of specific types of small animals, commonly used in jewelry

(1) **coral** island, (2) **coral** ornament

She is wearing a **coral** necklace.

atoll

n. a ring-shaped coral reef or a chain of coral islands and reefs surrounding a central lagoon, typically formed by the subsidence of a volcanic island over time, leaving only the coral reefs visible above the water surface

synonym: coral reef, islet, cay

(1) coral **atoll**, (2) lagoon **atoll**

The tourists were excited to explore the remote **atoll**, which was uninhabited and untouched.

volcanic

adj. relating to or produced by or consisting of volcano

(1) effects of **volcanic** eruptions, (2) increase in **volcanic** activity

This study indicates **volcanic** activity affects global warming.

ancient

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

synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete

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

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

mangrove

n. a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

(1) **mangrove** forest, (2) **mangrove** swamp

The **mangrove** trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.

crystal

n. a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a

highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica

synonym : quartz

(1) liquid **crystal**, (2) **crystal** analyses

A vast **crystal** chandelier glittered brightly above us.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

marine

adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

synonym : sea-dwelling, maritime, aquatic

(1) **marine** insurance, (2) variety of **marine** life

Seals and whales are **marine** animals beloved by the people.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym : endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

pollution

n. the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

synonym: corrosion, deterioration, corruption

(1) environmental **pollution**, (2) high levels of air **pollution**

The **pollution** is endangering the local plants and animals.

shore

n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

synonym: coast, seaside, beach

(1) a sandy **shore**, (2) **shore** up demand

The waves are beating against the **shore**.

drift

v. to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction

synonym: float, wander, freewheel

(1) **drift** down the stream, (2) **drift** away on a raft

I **drifted** around for years in Europe before going to university.

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym: adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information

We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

soil

n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow

synonym: earth, ground, mud

(1) **soils** retentive of moisture, (2) parched **soil**

Soil moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.

drought

n. a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation

synonym : dryness, aridity, water shortage

(1) periods of **drought**, (2) **drought** conditions

The region has been experiencing a severe **drought**, leading to water shortages and crop failures.

fragile

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

synonym : delicate, brittle, breakable

(1) politically **fragile** nation, (2) **fragile** ecosystem

The vase was made of **fragile** ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

ecosystem

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

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

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

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym : conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage

They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native lands.

generation

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

synonym : cohort, age group, era

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

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

dam

n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy

synonym : barricade, barrier, embankment

(1) **dam-building** program, (2) **dam** collapsing

The break in the **dam** threatened the valley.

reef

n. a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface

(1) barrier **reef**, (2) coral **reefs**

The vessel ran aground on a **reef**.

regrow

v. to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation

synonym : regenerate

(1) **regrow** hair, (2) **regrow** vegetation

Lizards can **regrow** their tails if they are cut off.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym : cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym : initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

pledge

v. to make a formal promise to give or do something

synonym : promise, assure, guarantee

(1) **pledge** my fidelity, (2) **pledge** military assistance

At this ceremony, We will **pledge** allegiance to the country's flag.

passport

n. an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel

synonym : travel document, ID, identity

(1) **passport** renewal, (2) **passport** document

Carrying a valid **passport** is mandatory when traveling to most foreign countries.

visa

n. an endorsement or authorization placed in a passport or travel document that allows the holder to enter or leave a particular country for a specific period of time; the process of applying for and obtaining such authorization

synonym : permit, authorization

(1) work **visa**, (2) student **visa**

I must apply for a **visa** to travel to India for my friend's wedding.

heritage

n. the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations

synonym : legacy, tradition, inheritance

(1) **heritage** site, (2) historical **heritage**

The **heritage** of the city is reflected in its architecture.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym : collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving

dinner with all their relatives.

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym: hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

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.

vow

v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

synonym: promise, pledge, swear

(1) **vow** allegiance to the new king, (2) **vow** never to give up

They **vowed** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

tread

v. to step or walk on something

synonym: step, walk, pace

(1) **tread** water, (2) **tread** a similar path

He **treads** carefully on the slippery ice.

explore

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

synonym: analyze, delve into, examine

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

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

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a sandy sh__e | <i>n.</i> the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid |
| 2. a un___e teacher | <i>adj.</i> being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else |
| 3. effects of cl_____e change | <i>n.</i> the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period |
| 4. maintain the pr_____ne condition | <i>adj.</i> new and completely free from dirt or contamination |
| 5. tr__d a similar path | <i>v.</i> to step or walk on something |
| 6. re___w vegetation | <i>v.</i> to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation |
| 7. a ha_____y of colors | <i>n.</i> the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties |
| 8. th_____en a healthy relationship | <i>v.</i> to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone |
| 9. he_____ge site | <i>n.</i> the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations |
| 10. increase in vo_____ic activity | <i>adj.</i> relating to or produced by or consisting of volcano |
| 11. tr__d water | <i>v.</i> to step or walk on something |

ANSWERS: 1. shore, 2. unique, 3. climate, 4. pristine, 5. tread, 6. regrow, 7. harmony, 8. threaten, 9. heritage, 10. volcanic, 11. tread

12. pr____us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
13. pa____rt document *n.* an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel
14. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
15. liquid cr____l *n.* a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica
16. against tr____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
17. coral r__fs *n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
18. work v__a *n.* an endorsement or authorization placed in a passport or travel document that allows the holder to enter or leave a particular country for a specific period of time; the process of applying for and obtaining such authorization
19. co____al combination of funds *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

ANSWERS: 12. precious, 13. passport, 14. chant, 15. crystal, 16. tradition, 17. reef, 18. visa, 19. communal

20. a tr_____on of a culture
n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
21. inc_____le amount
adj. unbelievable; enormous
22. variety of ma___e life
adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
23. the gen_____on of electricity
n. all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
24. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization
n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
25. change the ec_____em
n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
26. dr_____t conditions
n. a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation
27. ex_____e our options
v. to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it
28. d_m-building program
n. a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
29. un___e design
adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

ANSWERS: 20. tradition, 21. incredible, 22. marine, 23. generation, 24. footprint, 25. ecosystem, 26. drought, 27. explore, 28. dam, 29. unique

30. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
31. pl___e military assistance *v.* to make a formal promise to give or do something
32. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
33. high levels of air po_____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
34. fr_____e ecosystem *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
35. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
36. barrier r___f *n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
37. dr__t away on a raft *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
38. price of pr_____us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
39. pr_____ve a country's heritage *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
40. ex_____e the world *v.* to travel to or penetrate an area or a country to learn about it; to thoroughly examine a subject or a possibility to learn more about it

ANSWERS: 30. environment, 31. pledge, 32. introduction, 33. pollution, 34. fragile, 35. inherit, 36. reef, 37. drift, 38. precious, 39. preserve, 40. explore

41. ma____ve forest *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
42. break a ha____y *n.* the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties
43. ch__t in the chapel *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
44. in____t estate *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
45. marine ec____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
46. s__ls retentive of moisture *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
47. pa____se island *n.* a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth
48. d_m collapsing *n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
49. gen____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity
50. dr__t down the stream *v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction

ANSWERS: 41. mangrove, 42. harmony, 43. chant, 44. inherit, 45. ecosystem, 46. soil, 47. paradise, 48. dam, 49. generation, 50. drift

51. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
52. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
53. pa_____rt renewal *n.* an official document issued by a government used to verify the identity and nationality of a person for international travel
54. ma____e insurance *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
55. pr_____ne beach *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
56. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
57. in_____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
58. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
59. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
60. cr_____l analyses *n.* a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica

ANSWERS: 51. environment, 52. crisis, 53. passport, 54. marine, 55. pristine, 56. introduction, 57. interact, 58. interact, 59. ancient, 60. crystal

61. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
62. v_w allegiance to the new king *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
63. pa_____se for criminals *n.* a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth
64. politically fr_____e nation *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
65. pr_____ve my strength *v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
66. sh__e up demand *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
67. lagoon at__l *n.* a ring-shaped coral reef or a chain of coral islands and reefs surrounding a central lagoon, typically formed by the subsidence of a volcanic island over time, leaving only the coral reefs visible above the water surface
68. re___w hair *v.* to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation
69. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
70. co__l island *n.* a rock-like substance created in the sea by groupings of specific types of small animals, commonly used in jewelry

ANSWERS: 61. footprint, 62. vow, 63. paradise, 64. fragile, 65. preserve, 66. shore, 67. atoll, 68. regrow, 69. ancestor, 70. coral

71. ma____ve swamp *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
72. pl___e my fidelity *v.* to make a formal promise to give or do something
73. v_w never to give up *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
74. th____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
75. cr___s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
76. periods of dr____t *n.* a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation
77. at inc____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
78. coral at__l *n.* a ring-shaped coral reef or a chain of coral islands and reefs surrounding a central lagoon, typically formed by the subsidence of a volcanic island over time, leaving only the coral reefs visible above the water surface
79. student v__a *n.* an endorsement or authorization placed in a passport or travel document that allows the holder to enter or leave a particular country for a specific period of time; the process of applying for and obtaining such authorization

ANSWERS: 71. mangrove, 72. pledge, 73. vow, 74. threaten, 75. crisis, 76. drought, 77. incredible, 78. atoll, 79. visa

80. historical he____ge *n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
81. co__l ornament *n.* a rock-like substance created in the sea by groupings of specific types of small animals, commonly used in jewelry
82. co____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
83. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
84. parched s__l *n.* the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
85. environmental po____on *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
86. an____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
87. effects of vo____ic eruptions *adj.* relating to or produced by or consisting of volcano
88. a cold cl____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

ANSWERS: 80. heritage, 81. coral, 82. communal, 83. ancestor, 84. soil, 85. pollution, 86. ancient, 87. volcanic, 88. climate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Hawaii is often referred to as an everlasting summer _____.
n. a place or state of perfect happiness; a heaven on earth
2. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
3. The painting is _____ and there is no other like it.
adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
4. _____ moisture is another significant component controlling soil respiration.
n. the top layer of Earth in which plants grow
5. The _____ trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.
n. a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
6. The waves are beating against the _____.
n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water;
(verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
7. The vessel ran aground on a _____.
n. a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
8. Seals and whales are _____ animals beloved by the people.
adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

ANSWERS: 1. paradise, 2. environment, 3. unique, 4. Soil, 5. mangrove, 6. shore, 7. reef, 8. marine

9. A vast _____ chandelier glittered brightly above us.

n. a solid material with many even sides that is formed naturally when the substance becomes solid and has a highly regular atomic structure; clear and colorless glass made of almost pure silica

10. After his death, his sons _____ his business.

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

11. They have been living near water since _____ times.

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

12. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

13. We worked in perfect _____.

n. the combination of simultaneous musical notes to produce a pleasing effect; an attractive combination of related things and their properties

14. The vase was made of _____ ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

adj. delicate or easily broken or damaged

15. This study indicates _____ activity affects global warming.

adj. relating to or produced by or consisting of volcano

16. Lizards can _____ their tails if they are cut off.

v. to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation

ANSWERS: 9. crystal, 10. inherited, 11. ancient, 12. introduction, 13. harmony, 14. fragile, 15. volcanic, 16. regrow

17. They worked hard to _____ the nature of their native lands.
- v.* to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
18. The soccer game crowd broke into a _____ of "Go, team, go!"
- n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
19. It is terrific to camp in _____ nature.
- adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
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21. Carrying a valid _____ is mandatory when traveling to most foreign countries.
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22. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
23. The _____ of the city is reflected in its architecture.
- n.* the culture and traditions that are passed down from previous generations
24. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.
- n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

ANSWERS: 17. preserve, 18. chant, 19. pristine, 20. visa, 21. passport, 22. crisis, 23. heritage, 24. footprint

25. The region has been experiencing a severe _____ leading to water shortages and crop failures.
- n.* a long period of time during which there is very little or no rain, leading to a shortage of water and often causing damage to crops and other vegetation
26. The break in the ____ threatened the valley.
- n.* a wall constructed over a river to block the flow of water, mainly used to generate energy
27. I _____ around for years in Europe before going to university.
- v.* to move smoothly and slowly in water or air, especially as a result of outside forces, with no control over the direction
28. The _____ is endangering the local plants and animals.
- n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
29. At this ceremony, We will _____ allegiance to the country's flag.
- v.* to make a formal promise to give or do something
30. The tourists were excited to explore the remote _____ which was uninhabited and untouched.
- n.* a ring-shaped coral reef or a chain of coral islands and reefs surrounding a central lagoon, typically formed by the subsidence of a volcanic island over time, leaving only the coral reefs visible above the water surface
31. The younger _____ has different values and beliefs than the older one.
- n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

ANSWERS: 25. drought, 26. dam, 27. drifted, 28. pollution, 29. pledge, 30. atoll, 31. generation

32. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

33. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

34. The management must _____ strategies to increase office security.

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

35. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

36. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

37. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

38. _____ elections were held in several European countries.

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

39. He _____ carefully on the slippery ice.

v. to step or walk on something

40. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.

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

ANSWERS: 32. incredible, 33. ancestor, 34. explore, 35. tradition, 36. precious, 37. Climate, 38. Communal, 39. treads, 40. ecosystem

41. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
42. She is wearing a _____ necklace.
n. a rock-like substance created in the sea by groupings of specific types of small animals, commonly used in jewelry
43. They _____ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.
v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
44. He should _____ more with his colleagues.
v. to communicate or react with somebody

ANSWERS: 41. threatening, 42. coral, 43. vowed, 44. interact