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Session 1: Word List

shark

n. a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest

synonym : swindler, con artist, crook

(1) a man-eating **shark**, (2) card **shark**

He borrowed money from a loan **shark**.

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.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

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.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

thicket

n. a dense group of trees, shrubs, or other plants, often forming an impenetrable barrier; a tangle or cluster of something that obstructs or impedes progress or movement

synonym: thorn patch, bramble, copse

(1) dense **thicket**, (2) **thicket** of bushes

The hikers had to cut through the **thicket** to descend the mountain.

underwater

adv. below or under the surface of the water

synonym: submerged, undersea, submarine

(1) hold my breath **underwater**, (2) seals sleep **underwater**

He is good at swimming **underwater**.

refuge

n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

synonym: shelter, fortress, hide-out

(1) **refuge** camp, (2) a harbor of **refuge**

Some of the emigres sought **refuge** in this country.

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.

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.

roughly

adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

synonym : approximately, more or less, around

(1) **roughly** explain my idea, (2) **roughly** speaking

Five miles is **roughly** similar to eight kilometers.

planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

synonym : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

shelter

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:

synonym : refuge, hideout, lair

(1) rainproof **shelter**, (2) anti-air raid **shelter**

They need food and **shelter**.

deadly

adj. likely to cause or capable of causing death

synonym : fatal, lethal, harmful

(1) fight against the **deadly** disease, (2) a **deadly** weapon

The members of religious organizations released **deadly** poisonous gas on a subway train.

blend

v. to mix or combine two or more substances

synonym : combine, mix, intermingle

(1) **blend** all the elements, (2) **blend** milk and cream

The toad altered its appearance to better **blend** in with its new environments.

seagrass

n. a type of grass that grows in shallow salty or brackish water along coasts

synonym :

seaweed, eelgrass, ocean-plant

(1) **seagrass** habitat, (2) **seagrass** bed

Seagrass meadows help reduce coastal erosion by stabilizing sediments and acting as a buffer against waves and storms.

meadow

n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

synonym : pasture, field, lawn

(1) graze in the **meadow**, (2) lowland **meadow**

The lush **meadow** was covered in wildflowers.

pounce

v. to spring or jump on suddenly and aggressively, often to capture or attack; to seize an opportunity quickly and eagerly

synonym : swoop, leap, jump

(1) **pounce** on an opportunity, (2) **pounce** on prey

The cat silently waited to **pounce** on the mouse.

cow

n. a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

synonym : bovine, cattle, kine

(1) **cow** herd, (2) dairy **cow**

The farmer milked the **cows** every morning before breakfast.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

seal

v. to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed

synonym : enclose, shut, close

(1) **seal** a hole, (2) a fur **seal**
He **sealed** the letter with hot wax.

kelp

n. a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters
synonym: seaweed, marine algae

(1) **kelp** forest, (2) giant **kelp**
The coast was lined with beds of **kelp** swaying in the tide.

towering

adj. very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature
synonym: lofty, tall, excessive

(1) **towering** trees, (2) **towering** mountain
The **towering** skyscraper blocked out the sun on the street below.

stalk

v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

synonym: follow, creep up on, (noun) stem

(1) **stalk** of celery, (2) **stalk** from the room
The hunter quietly **stalked** the deer for hours before taking the shot

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**.

quirk

n. a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group

synonym: eccentricity, idiosyncrasy, peculiarity

(1) personality **quirk**, (2) a **quirk** of fate
One of her **quirks** is that she always wears mismatched

socks.

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.

harbor

n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession

synonym : port, dock, pier

(1) a sheltered **harbor**, (2) **harbor** a resentment

The tsunami swamped every boat in the **harbor**.

crown

n. a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones

synonym : tiara, headdress, royalty

(1) the imperial **crown**, (2) the **crown** and throne

The bishop bestowed the golden **crown** on the king.

function

n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

synonym : purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**

The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym : critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life

Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

adaptation

n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions

synonym: adaption, adjustment, transformation

(1) **adaptation** ability, (2) language **adaptation**

The company's **adaptation** approach has been highly effective.

resident

n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

synonym: dweller, inhabitant, inhabitant

(1) a **resident** of the city, (2) **resident** tax

Visa renewal for **resident** foreigners in this country is once every five years.

unstable

adj. lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions

synonym: shaky, unbalanced, inconsistent

(1) mentally **unstable**, (2) **unstable** weather

The tower proved to be **unstable** in the high wind.

mud

n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

synonym: muck, sludge, ooze

(1) **mud** wall, (2) **mud** volcano

The **mud** of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the

field.

seedling

n. a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots

synonym : sapling, sprout, shoot

(1) a green **seedling**, (2) **seedling** tray

The **seedlings** in the garden needed to be thinned out to have enough space to grow.

germinate

v. to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts

synonym : sprout, grow, develop

(1) days to **germinate**, (2) **germinate** the idea

The seeds **germinated** quickly in the warm soil.

attach

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

synonym : fix, fasten, bind

(1) **attach** firmly, (2) **attach** a file to an e-mail

He does not **attach** importance to these rumors.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym : evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

settle

v. to reach an agreement of disagreement

synonym : inhabit, occupy, decide

(1) **settle** a dispute, (2) **settle** down in the town

I don't want to **settle** for second best.

deploy

v. to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

synonym : set up, expand, launch

(1) **deploy** troops for battle, (2) **deploy** safety measures
This country **deployed** its weapons in the east region.

skinny

adj. having a very thin or slim body; referring to clothing that is tightly fitting and reveals the shape of the body; referring to information or details that are kept secret or confidential

synonym : slender, lean, thin

(1) **skinny** jeans, (2) **skinny** finger

His mom was always concerned about his **skinny** frame and encouraged him to eat more

stilt

n. a tall, narrow pole used as a support for a building, bridge, or other structure; a pair of long, slender poles with footrests used to elevate someone above the ground

synonym : pole, post, long-legs

(1) **stilt** grass, (2) **stilt** walking

The archeologists found ancient **stilt** houses that were preserved under the water.

crutch

n. a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility

synonym : brace, support, prop

(1) **crutch** support, (2) emotional **crutch**

He walked with the aid of a **crutch** after breaking his leg in a skiing accident.

prop

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

synonym : support, buttress, column

(1) emotional **prop**, (2) **prop** stick

We have finally lost our last **prop**.

wavy

adj. characterized by a series of curves, undulations, or bends that create a rippled or serpentine appearance; not straight or flat

synonym: curly, undulating, rippled

(1) **wavy** pattern, (2) **wavy** sea

The model's hair was long and **wavy**, cascading down her back in soft waves.

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.

steady

adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

synonym: stable, solid, secure

(1) **steady** increase, (2) take a **steady** job

The patient's vital signs are **steady**, indicating a stable condition.

terrain

n. the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests

synonym: land, geography, topography

(1) **terrain** map, (2) permafrost **terrain**

The mountainous **terrain** was rough and rocky.

contend

v. to struggle to win or surmount something

synonym: compete, oppose, argue

(1) **contend** that tobacco is nonaddictive, (2) **contend** for a championship

Tobacco companies have long **contended** that their product is not addictive.

addition

n. the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

synonym: accumulation, expansion, addendum

(1) chemical **addition**, (2) **addition** of vectors

In **addition**, private corporations provide healthcare services.

seawater

n. water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals

synonym: saltwater, brine, ocean water

(1) **seawater** pollution, (2) **seawater** bacteria

The desalination plant turned **seawater** into drinking water through a complex process.

dehydrate

v. to remove moisture or water from something; to become dried out or deprived of water or liquid

synonym: desiccate, dry out, parch

(1) **dehydrate** alcohol, (2) **dehydrate** meat

I need to **dehydrate** these bananas to make banana chips.

toxic

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous

synonym: poisonous, harmful, contaminated

(1) **toxic** molecule, (2) exposure to **toxic** chemicals

This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more **toxic**.

oxygen

n. the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live

(1) the hydrogen binds the **oxygen**, (2) lack of **oxygen**

The passenger grabbed for the **oxygen** mask.

combination

n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities

synonym: blend, hybrid, compounding

(1) genic **combinations**, (2) **combination** number

The **combination** to the safe was a secret.

lethal

adj. causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous

synonym: destructive, fatal, brutal

(1) **lethal** injection, (2) **lethal** weapon

Malignant hypertension is the most **lethal** form of hypertension.

marshy

adj. characterized by the presence of low-lying, waterlogged areas of land that are often covered by tall grasses or other vegetation; of or relating to areas near wetlands, swamps, or estuaries

synonym: boggy, soggy, swampy

(1) **marshy** ground, (2) **marshy** soil

The **marshy** terrain made building a solid foundation for the house difficult.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym: encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym: entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym: mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

microscopic

adj. tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy

synonym: infinitesimal, tiny, atomic

(1) **microscopic** inquiry, (2) **microscopic** analysis

Inspectors noticed **microscopic** cracks in the submarine's

hull.

pore

n. a tiny hole in the skin of people or other animals that sweat can pass through; (verb) to read carefully or study attentively

synonym : stoma, foramen

(1) woody **pore** fungi, (2) **pore** over reference books
I was sweating at every **pore**.

tide

n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

synonym : ripple, surge, swell

(1) **tide** cycle, (2) ride the **tide** of change
Red **tide** is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

waterproof

adj. not permitting the passage of water

synonym : watertight, impervious, rainproof

(1) the **waterproof** coat, (2) **waterproof** packing
My mother gave me a **waterproof** watch.

snorkel

n. a tube-like device used for breathing underwater, with one end in the mouth and the other above the surface of the water

synonym : tube, breather

(1) **snorkel** gear, (2) scuba **snorkel**

The **snorkel** rental shop provided us with a map of the nearby snorkel sites.

mechanism

n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

synonym : means, method, system

(1) the **mechanism** for DNA replication, (2) defense **mechanism**

He discovered unique **mechanisms** for photochemical reactions.

photosynthesis

n. the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.

(1) oxygenic **photosynthesis**, (2) process of **photosynthesis**

In **photosynthesis**, plants use carbon dioxide to feed themselves.

incredibly

adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly** insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

filter

n. any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light

synonym: strainer

(1) gas **filter**, (2) clogged **filter**

Ozone is a primary **filter** to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.

concentration

n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

synonym: attention, engagement, assiduity

(1) **concentration** of armaments, (2) his research area of **concentration**

This exam requires excellent **concentration** to pass.

cellular

adj. of or connected with the cells of animals or plants; of or connected with a mobile telephone system that uses several short-range radio stations instead of wires

synonym: organic, biological, nuclear

(1) **cellular** and molecular biology, (2) a **cellular** phone

handset

This factory employs a **cellular** manufacturing system.

compartment

n. a separate section or part of a larger enclosed space, such as a train carriage or a ship's cabin

synonym : section, part, subdivision

(1) **compartment** door, (2) a watertight **compartment**

The train's **compartment** was small but comfortable.

bark

n. the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals

synonym : skin, husk, crust

(1) trees with rough **bark**, (2) **bark** at the moon

He removed the **bark** from the tree.

excrete

v. to discharge waste matter, such as urine or feces, from the body or a cell or gland

synonym : eliminate, expel, secrete

(1) **excrete** a sticky liquid, (2) **excrete** waste products

The body **excretes** excess salt through urine to maintain proper electrolyte balance.

excess

n. an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable

synonym : exuberance, glut, surplus

(1) lose **excess** weight, (2) an **excess** of exports

The road of **excess** leads to the palace of wisdom.

mineral

n. a solid inorganic substance occurring in nature having a definite chemical composition

(1) vitamin and **minerals**, (2) **mineral** rights

The robust economy of the country is based on its **mineral** resources.

adapt

v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

synonym : adjust, acclimate, accustom

(1) **adapt** fully to the environment, (2) **adapt** as needed
I advised him to **adapt** to his new surroundings.

gland

n. a group of cells in an animal's body that produce substances needed by the body and release them through ducts or directly into the bloodstream

synonym: secretor

(1) the function of the thyroid **gland**, (2) a mammary **gland**
The adrenal **glands** produce steroids.

process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

synonym: procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**
The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

saltiness

n. the quality or state of being salty

(1) the taste of **saltiness**, (2) enhance the **saltiness**
She tasted the dish and detected a slight **saltiness**.

deter

v. to discourage or prevent someone from doing something

synonym: prevent, discourage, forestall

(1) **deter** aggression, (2) **deter** crime

The high fence was meant to **deter** intruders from entering the property.

nook

n. a small corner, alcove, or recess, especially one in a room or garden providing a seat or space for quiet

synonym: niche, corner, alcove

(1) every **nook** and cranny, (2) breakfast **nook**

The kitchen **nook** was perfect for coffee and chatting with friends.

cranny

n. a small, narrow opening or crack, especially in a wall or rock

synonym: crevice, nook, niche

(1) a **cranny** in the corner, (2) look in every nook and **cranny**

The mouse squeezed into the tiniest **cranny** of the wall to avoid being caught by the cat.

nest

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

synonym: roost, perch, burrow

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

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

branch

n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization

synonym: limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

sprawl

v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

synonym: drape, spread out

(1) **sprawl** out luxuriously on the sofa, (2) **sprawl** for acres

The lush vegetation **sprawls** across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.

complexity

n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

synonym: intricacy, sophistication, elaboration

(1) cognitive **complexity**, (2) **complexity** theory

The project's **complexity** made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.

symbiotic

adj. involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist

(1) **symbiotic** economy, (2) **symbiotic** bacteria

We have a mutually **symbiotic** connection with them.

sponge

n. a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

(1) sea **sponge**, (2) metallic **sponge**

The tiny marine **sponge** has existed for more than 500 million years.

squirt

v. to eject or discharge with force in a fast stream or jet; to spray or sprinkle with a liquid or substance

synonym: spray, eject, spurt

(1) **squirt** water, (2) **squirt** oil

She **squirted** the ketchup onto her fries before taking a bite.

boring

adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull

synonym: dull, tedious, monotonous

(1) **boring** work, (2) **boring** day

The lecture was so **boring** that many people fell asleep.

crustacean

n. a type of arthropod, such as a crab, lobster, or shrimp, that has a hard outer shell or exoskeleton

synonym: lobster, crab, shrimp

(1) **crustacean** dish, (2) **crustacean** shell

A lobster is a type of **crustacean** found in the ocean.

snail

n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body

synonym: escargot, slug, whelk

(1) **snail** mail, (2) **snail** pace

The gardener found a **snail** slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.

shrimp

n. a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs

synonym: prawn, langoustine, scampi

(1) **shrimp** cocktail, (2) **shrimp** farming

The seafood restaurant had a variety of dishes featuring **shrimp**.

algae

n. A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots

(1) **algae** biofuel, (2) blue **algae**

Algae has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.

mussel

n. a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible

synonym : clam, oyster, bivalve

(1) **mussel** shells, (2) **mussel** cultivation

I ordered the **mussels** in a white wine sauce for dinner.

barnacle

n. a type of crustacean that attaches itself to hard surfaces underwater, such as rocks, ships, or docks; a metaphorical term used to describe a person or object that is difficult to remove or separate from another person or object

synonym : cirripede, shellfish, crustacean

(1) **barnacle** growth, (2) **barnacle** removal

The bottom of the boat was covered in **barnacles**, slowing its speed in the water.

detritus

n. waste or debris of any kind, particularly organic matter that has decayed or broken off from larger organisms; figuratively, a collection of disorganized or discarded material or ideas

synonym : debris, waste, garbage

(1) **detritus** pile, (2) **detritus** removal

The beach was littered with **detritus** and trash left behind by careless visitors.

devour

v. to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

synonym : consume, swallow, destroy

(1) **devour** a meal, (2) **devour** my way

She **devoured** the mystery novel in one sitting.

pup

n. a young dog, seal, or other animals

synonym : puppy, whelp, cub

(1) **pup** company, (2) playful **pup**

The little **pup** was so cute, with big, floppy ears and a wagging tail.

roam

v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

synonym : wander, ramble, meander

(1) **roam** freely, (2) **roam** the countryside

I love to **roam** around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

occasional

adj. happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular

synonym : infrequent, sporadic, irregular

(1) **occasional** visitor, (2) **occasional** assistance

She only visited her grandparents on **occasional** weekends.

vegetarian

n. a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons

(1) eat a **vegetarian** diet, (2) a strict **vegetarian**

This restaurant has **vegetarian** dishes as well.

beneficiary

n. a person who receives benefits or advantage from something, especially a financial trust or a will

synonym : recipient, heir, inheritor

(1) the **beneficiary** of a trust, (2) primary **beneficiary**

She was the sole **beneficiary** of her grandfather's estate.

glue

n. a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials

synonym : adhesive, paste, gum

(1) **glue** stick, (2) epoxy **glue**

The carpenter applied **glue** to the cabinet joints before nailing them together.

abundance

n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something

synonym: plenty, affluence, plentitude

(1) an age of **abundance**, (2) an **abundance** of examples

A healthy farm provides an **abundance** of food.

graze

v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

synonym: nibble, feed, scrape

(1) turn cattle out to **graze**, (2) **graze** the left shoulder

The sheep **graze** on the green grass in the meadow.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body

Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

unfortunately

adv. by bad luck; unluckily

synonym: regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

overfishing

n. the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem

synonym: overharvesting, over-exploitation, depletion

(1) **overfishing** crisis, (2) **overfishing** ban

The ocean's ecosystem is being threatened by **overfishing**, causing many species to become endangered.

decimate

v. to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number

synonym: devastate, destroy, annihilate

(1) **decimate** population, (2) **decimate** economy

The hurricane **decimated** the small town, leaving behind destruction and devastation.

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.

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

synonym: devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

mitigate

v. to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something

synonym: alleviate, relieve, reduce

(1) **mitigate** risk, (2) **mitigate** a natural disaster

Efforts to **mitigate** the effects of climate change require a coordinated and sustained effort by governments, businesses, and individuals.

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.

trap

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym: catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

carbon

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

(1) **carbon** dioxide, (2) **carbon** emission

Trees absorb **carbon** dioxide and give off oxygen.

export

v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

synonym: ship, send, transfer

(1) **export** goods, (2) **export** the data

The country **exports** a large amount of agricultural products.

vast

adj. enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity

synonym: expansive, extended, boundless

(1) **vast** majority, (2) **vast** desert

A **vast** audience viewed the broadcast.

sequester

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

synonym: isolate, set apart, segregate

(1) **sequester** ten percent of the annual carbon emissions,

(2) **sequester** myself from the world

He approved their requests to **sequester** the jury.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

emission

n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.

synonym: emanation, radiation, discharge

(1) global **emissions** of greenhouse gases, (2) the **emission** of light

There are five distinct **emissions** at five unique wavelengths.

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym: settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach

I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

nail

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

synonym: pin, tack, fastener

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. po___e on prey
v. to spring or jump on suddenly and aggressively, often to capture or attack; to seize an opportunity quickly and eagerly
2. cadmium-po____ed area
adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
3. st__k of celery
v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
4. sp___l for acres
v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
5. se____ss habitat
n. a type of grass that grows in shallow salty or brackish water along coasts
6. n__l clipper
n. a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
7. m_d wall
n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
8. com____ty theory
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand

ANSWERS: 1. pounce, 2. polluted, 3. stalk, 4. sprawl, 5. seagrass, 6. nail, 7. mud, 8. complexity

9. sn____l gear *n.* a tube-like device used for breathing underwater, with one end in the mouth and the other above the surface of the water
10. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
11. t__e cycle *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
12. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
13. unf_____ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
14. enhance the sa_____ss *n.* the quality or state of being salty
15. w__y sea *adj.* characterized by a series of curves, undulations, or bends that create a rippled or serpentine appearance; not straight or flat
16. epoxy g__e *n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials
17. a fur s__l *v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed
18. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
19. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

ANSWERS: 9. snorkel, 10. hunt, 11. tide, 12. capture, 13. unfortunately, 14. saltiness, 15. wavy, 16. glue, 17. seal, 18. evolve, 19. survive

20. sn__l pace *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
21. immune fu____on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
22. ba____le removal *n.* a type of crustacean that attaches itself to hard surfaces underwater, such as rocks, ships, or docks; a metaphorical term used to describe a person or object that is difficult to remove or separate from another person or object
23. to____ng mountain *adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature
24. mu__l shells *n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
25. bo____g work *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
26. sexual pr____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
27. vul____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
28. di____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible

ANSWERS: 20. snail, 21. function, 22. barnacle, 23. towering, 24. mussel, 25. boring, 26. predator, 27. vulnerable, 28. disappear

29. his research area of
con_____ion
30. de_____te economy
31. sk____y finger
32. the em_____on of light
33. de_____te population
34. have a si_____g quarrel
35. lose ex____s weight
36. language ada_____on
37. ex_____e waste products
- n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
- v.* to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
- adj.* having a very thin or slim body; referring to clothing that is tightly fitting and reveals the shape of the body; referring to information or details that are kept secret or confidential
- n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
- v.* to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
- n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
- n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
- n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
- v.* to discharge waste matter, such as urine or feces, from the body or a cell or gland

ANSWERS: 29. concentration, 30. decimate, 31. skinny, 32. emission, 33. decimate, 34. sibling, 35. excess, 36. adaptation, 37. excrete

38. st__k from the room *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
39. mic_____ic inquiry *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
40. playful p_p *n.* a young dog, seal, or other animals
41. in_____t a cave *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
42. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
43. look in every nook and cr___y *n.* a small, narrow opening or crack, especially in a wall or rock
44. de___r a meal *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
45. se_____er ten percent of the annual carbon emissions *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
46. eat a veg_____an diet *n.* a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons
47. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
48. de_____us pile *n.* waste or debris of any kind, particularly organic matter that has decayed or broken off from larger organisms; figuratively, a collection of disorganized or discarded material or ideas

ANSWERS: 38. stalk, 39. microscopic, 40. pup, 41. inhabit, 42. predator, 43. cranny, 44. devour, 45. sequester, 46. vegetarian, 47. surround, 48. detritus

49. permafrost te____n *n.* the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests
50. the cr__n and throne *n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
51. ex____t goods *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
52. w__y pattern *adj.* characterized by a series of curves, undulations, or bends that create a rippled or serpentine appearance; not straight or flat
53. at____h firmly *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
54. un____e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
55. blue al__e *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
56. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
57. po____ed air *adj.* contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances

ANSWERS: 49. terrain, 50. crown, 51. export, 52. wavy, 53. attach, 54. unique, 55. algae, 56. threat, 57. polluted

58. ada_____on ability *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
59. bl__d milk and cream *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances
60. ce_____ar and molecular biology *adj.* of or connected with the cells of animals or plants; of or connected with a mobile telephone system that uses several short-range radio stations instead of wires
61. v__t majority *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
62. ca_____n emission *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
63. sq____t water *v.* to eject or discharge with force in a fast stream or jet; to spray or sprinkle with a liquid or substance
64. personality qu__k *n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
65. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
66. a man-eating sh__k *n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
67. bl__d all the elements *v.* to mix or combine two or more substances

ANSWERS: 58. adaptation, 59. blend, 60. cellular, 61. vast, 62. carbon, 63. squirt, 64. quirk, 65. bury, 66. shark, 67. blend

68. genic com_____ons *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
69. po___e on an opportunity *v.* to spring or jump on suddenly and aggressively, often to capture or attack; to seize an opportunity quickly and eagerly
70. mi_____te risk *v.* to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something
71. save the pl___t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
72. a ce_____ar phone handset *adj.* of or connected with the cells of animals or plants; of or connected with a mobile telephone system that uses several short-range radio stations instead of wires
73. bo___g day *adj.* lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
74. r__m freely *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
75. st__t walking *n.* a tall, narrow pole used as a support for a building, bridge, or other structure; a pair of long, slender poles with footrests used to elevate someone above the ground
76. ove_____ng crisis *n.* the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem

ANSWERS: 68. combination, 69. pounce, 70. mitigate, 71. planet, 72. cellular, 73. boring, 74. roam, 75. stilt, 76. overfishing

77. b__k at the moon *n.* the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals
78. anti-air raid sh____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
79. even more unf_____ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
80. mic_____ic analysis *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
81. decision-making pr____s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
82. cyclonic des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
83. a strict veg_____an *n.* a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons
84. the me_____sm for DNA replication *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
85. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 77. bark, 78. shelter, 79. unfortunately, 80. microscopic, 81. process, 82. destruction, 83. vegetarian, 84. mechanism, 85. develop

86. the taste of sa_____ss *n.* the quality or state of being salty
87. an ex___s of exports *n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
88. vitamin and mi_____ls *n.* a solid inorganic substance occurring in nature having a definite chemical composition
89. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
90. a green se_____ng *n.* a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots
91. p__p stick *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
92. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
93. metallic sp___e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
94. de___y safety measures *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way
95. to__c molecule *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
96. ge_____te the idea *v.* to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts

ANSWERS: 86. saltiness, 87. excess, 88. mineral, 89. disappear, 90. seedling, 91. prop, 92. largely, 93. sponge, 94. deploy, 95. toxic, 96. germinate

97. mentally un_____le *adj.* lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions
98. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
99. to_____ng trees *adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature
100. ex_____e a sticky liquid *v.* to discharge waste matter, such as urine or feces, from the body or a cell or gland
101. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
102. ad__t fully to the environment *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
103. a br____h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
104. scuba sn_____l *n.* a tube-like device used for breathing underwater, with one end in the mouth and the other above the surface of the water
105. r__m the countryside *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
106. gen_____on gap *n.* all the people born and living at about the same time, regarded collectively; the production of heat or electricity

ANSWERS: 97. unstable, 98. destruction, 99. towering, 100. excrete, 101. climate, 102. adapt, 103. branch, 104. snorkel, 105. roam, 106. generation

107. es_____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
108. take a st___y job *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
109. woody p__e fungi *n.* a tiny hole in the skin of people or other animals that sweat can pass through; (verb) to read carefully or study attentively
110. a cr___y in the corner *n.* a small, narrow opening or crack, especially in a wall or rock
111. s__l a hole *v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed
112. p_p company *n.* a young dog, seal, or other animals
113. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
114. fu_____on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
115. days to ge_____te *v.* to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts
116. se_____er bacteria *n.* water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals

ANSWERS: 107. essential, 108. steady, 109. pore, 110. cranny, 111. seal, 112. pup, 113. incredibly, 114. function, 115. germinate, 116. seawater

117. a watertight com_____nt *n.* a separate section or part of a larger enclosed space, such as a train carriage or a ship's cabin
118. emotional cr____h *n.* a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility
119. sp____l out luxuriously on the sofa *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
120. ba_____le growth *n.* a type of crustacean that attaches itself to hard surfaces underwater, such as rocks, ships, or docks; a metaphorical term used to describe a person or object that is difficult to remove or separate from another person or object
121. rusty n__l *n.* a thin, pointed piece of metal with a flat head used for fastening things together; the thin hard layer covering and protecting the outer tip of the fingers or toes
122. mi_____l rights *n.* a solid inorganic substance occurring in nature having a definite chemical composition
123. turn cattle out to gr__e *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
124. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

ANSWERS: 117. compartment, 118. crutch, 119. sprawl, 120. barnacle, 121. nail, 122. mineral, 123. graze, 124. climate

125. m_d volcano *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
126. lowland me__w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
127. un____le weather *adj.* lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions
128. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
129. cr____h support *n.* a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility
130. dense th____t *n.* a dense group of trees, shrubs, or other plants, often forming an impenetrable barrier; a tangle or cluster of something that obstructs or impedes progress or movement
131. cru_____an dish *n.* a type of arthropod, such as a crab, lobster, or shrimp, that has a hard outer shell or exoskeleton
132. ro____y explain my idea *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
133. ro____y speaking *adv.* approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner

ANSWERS: 125. mud, 126. meadow, 127. unstable, 128. trap, 129. crutch, 130. thicket, 131. crustacean, 132. roughly, 133. roughly

134. sn__l mail *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
135. sq___t oil *v.* to eject or discharge with force in a fast stream or jet; to spray or sprinkle with a liquid or substance
136. global em_____ons of greenhouse gases *n.* the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
137. breakfast n__k *n.* a small corner, alcove, or recess, especially one in a room or garden providing a seat or space for quiet
138. the function of the thyroid gl__d *n.* a group of cells in an animal's body that produce substances needed by the body and release them through ducts or directly into the bloodstream
139. mu___l cultivation *n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
140. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
141. a un___e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
142. de_____us removal *n.* waste or debris of any kind, particularly organic matter that has decayed or broken off from larger organisms; figuratively, a collection of disorganized or discarded material or ideas
143. defense me_____sm *n.* a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction

ANSWERS: 134. snail, 135. squirt, 136. emission, 137. nook, 138. gland, 139. mussel, 140. ecosystem, 141. unique, 142. detritus, 143. mechanism

144. a mammary gl__d *n.* a group of cells in an animal's body that produce substances needed by the body and release them through ducts or directly into the bloodstream
145. giant k__p *n.* a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters
146. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
147. reinforce with a bu_____ss *n.* an architectural structure that supports or reinforces a wall or other building feature; (verb) to support or reinforce something
148. le___l injection *adj.* causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous
149. sea sp___e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
150. emotional p__p *n.* a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something
151. le___l weapon *adj.* causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous
152. st__t grass *n.* a tall, narrow pole used as a support for a building, bridge, or other structure; a pair of long, slender poles with footrests used to elevate someone above the ground

ANSWERS: 144. gland, 145. kelp, 146. survive, 147. buttress, 148. lethal, 149. sponge, 150. prop, 151. lethal, 152. stilt

153. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
154. ad_____on of vectors *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
155. se_____er pollution *n.* water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals
156. ma___y soil *adj.* characterized by the presence of low-lying, waterlogged areas of land that are often covered by tall grasses or other vegetation; of or relating to areas near wetlands, swamps, or estuaries
157. a sheltered ha___r *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
158. k__p forest *n.* a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters
159. sy_____ic bacteria *adj.* involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist
160. a de___y weapon *adj.* likely to cause or capable of causing death
161. se_____er myself from the world *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
162. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

ANSWERS: 153. evolve, 154. addition, 155. seawater, 156. marshy, 157. harbor, 158. kelp, 159. symbiotic, 160. deadly, 161. sequester, 162. ecosystem

163. oxygenic pho_____sis *n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.
164. su_____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
165. variety of ma_____e life *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
166. cru_____an shell *n.* a type of arthropod, such as a crab, lobster, or shrimp, that has a hard outer shell or exoskeleton
167. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
168. the ba_____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
169. te_____n map *n.* the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests
170. a qu__k of fate *n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
171. se_____ng tray *n.* a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots
172. card sh__k *n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest

ANSWERS: 163. photosynthesis, 164. surround, 165. marine, 166. crustacean, 167. hunt, 168. balance, 169. terrain, 170. quirk, 171. seedling, 172. shark

173. ad__t as needed *v.* to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment
174. v__t desert *adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
175. gr__e the left shoulder *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
176. dairy c_w *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
177. g__e stick *n.* a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials
178. ma_____ve forest *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
179. de___r my way *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
180. ex___t the data *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
181. con_____ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
182. de_____te meat *v.* to remove moisture or water from something; to become dried out or deprived of water or liquid

ANSWERS: 173. adapt, 174. vast, 175. graze, 176. cow, 177. glue, 178. mangrove, 179. devour, 180. export, 181. concentration, 182. dehydrate

183. se___e a dispute *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
184. ha___r a resentment *n.* an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
185. a harbor of re___e *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
186. gas fi___r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
187. com_____on number *n.* a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
188. de__r aggression *v.* to discourage or prevent someone from doing something
189. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
190. ma_____ve swamp *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
191. p__e over reference books *n.* a tiny hole in the skin of people or other animals that sweat can pass through; (verb) to read carefully or study attentively
192. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

ANSWERS: 183. settle, 184. harbor, 185. refuge, 186. filter, 187. combination, 188. deter, 189. incredibly, 190. mangrove, 191. pore, 192. bury

193. 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
194. every n__k and cranny *n.* a small corner, alcove, or recess, especially one in a room or garden providing a seat or space for quiet
195. co_____d that tobacco is nonaddictive *v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
196. an ab_____ce of examples *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
197. com_____nt door *n.* a separate section or part of a larger enclosed space, such as a train carriage or a ship's cabin
198. pl____t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
199. sk____y jeans *adj.* having a very thin or slim body; referring to clothing that is tightly fitting and reveals the shape of the body; referring to information or details that are kept secret or confidential
200. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
201. an age of ab_____ce *n.* a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
202. economic th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 193. generation, 194. nook, 195. contend, 196. abundance, 197. compartment, 198. planet, 199. skinny, 200. vulnerable, 201. abundance, 202. threat

203. co____d for a championship *v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
204. cognitive com_____ty *n.* the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
205. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
206. exposure to to__c chemicals *adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
207. ride the t__e of change *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
208. seals sleep und_____er *adv.* below or under the surface of the water
209. wat_____of packing *adj.* not permitting the passage of water
210. br___h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
211. occ_____al assistance *adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular
212. bu_____ss your thesis *n.* an architectural structure that supports or reinforces a wall or other building feature; (verb) to support or reinforce something
213. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
214. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
215. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

ANSWERS: 203. contend, 204. complexity, 205. essential, 206. toxic, 207. tide, 208. underwater, 209. waterproof, 210. branch, 211. occasional, 212. buttress, 213. largely, 214. capture, 215. trap

216. process of pho_____sis *n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.
217. rainproof sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
218. de_____te alcohol *v.* to remove moisture or water from something; to become dried out or deprived of water or liquid
219. re_____nt tax *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
220. lack of ox____n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
221. st____y increase *adj.* firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving
222. bird's n__t *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
223. graze in the me____w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
224. in_____t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
225. ma____e insurance *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
226. occ_____al visitor *adj.* happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular
227. al__e biofuel *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots

ANSWERS: 216. photosynthesis, 217. shelter, 218. dehydrate, 219. resident, 220. oxygen, 221. steady, 222. nest, 223. meadow, 224. inhabit, 225. marine, 226. occasional, 227. algae

228. c_w herd *n.* a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat
229. clogged fi___r *n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
230. chemical ad_____on *n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers
231. de__r crime *v.* to discourage or prevent someone from doing something
232. hold my breath und_____er *adv.* below or under the surface of the water
233. sh___p farming *n.* a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs
234. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
235. the imperial cr__n *n.* a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
236. a n__t of thieves *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
237. a re_____nt of the city *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
238. sy_____ic economy *adj.* involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist

ANSWERS: 228. cow, 229. filter, 230. addition, 231. deter, 232. underwater, 233. shrimp, 234. sibling, 235. crown, 236. nest, 237. resident, 238. symbiotic

239. de____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
240. re____e camp *n.* the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them
241. se____ss bed *n.* a type of grass that grows in shallow salty or brackish water along coasts
242. th____t of bushes *n.* a dense group of trees, shrubs, or other plants, often forming an impenetrable barrier; a tangle or cluster of something that obstructs or impedes progress or movement
243. the wat_____of coat *adj.* not permitting the passage of water
244. ca____n dioxide *n.* a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals
245. the hydrogen binds the ox____n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
246. de____y troops for battle *v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

ANSWERS: 239. develop, 240. refuge, 241. seagrass, 242. thicket, 243. waterproof, 244. carbon, 245. oxygen, 246. deploy

247. se___e down in the town *v.* to reach an agreement of disagreement
248. mi_____te a natural disaster *v.* to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something
249. sh___p cocktail *n.* a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs
250. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
251. pr_____s improvement *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
252. fight against the de___y disease *adj.* likely to cause or capable of causing death
253. primary ben_____ry *n.* a person who receives benefits or advantage from something, especially a financial trust or a will
254. ma___y ground *adj.* characterized by the presence of low-lying, waterlogged areas of land that are often covered by tall grasses or other vegetation; of or relating to areas near wetlands, swamps, or estuaries
255. at___h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

ANSWERS: 247. settle, 248. mitigate, 249. shrimp, 250. balance, 251. process, 252. deadly, 253. beneficiary, 254. marshy, 255. attach

256. ove_____ng ban *n.* the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem
257. trees with rough b__k *n.* the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals
258. the ben_____ry of a trust *n.* a person who receives benefits or advantage from something, especially a financial trust or a will

ANSWERS: 256. overfishing, 257. bark, 258. beneficiary

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This exam requires excellent _____ to pass.
n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
2. I don't want to _____ for second best.
v. to reach an agreement of disagreement
3. The lush _____ was covered in wildflowers.
n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
4. The bottom of the boat was covered in _____ slowing its speed in the water.
n. a type of crustacean that attaches itself to hard surfaces underwater, such as rocks, ships, or docks; a metaphorical term used to describe a person or object that is difficult to remove or separate from another person or object
5. The coast was lined with beds of _____ swaying in the tide.
n. a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters
6. 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
7. The patient's vital signs are _____ indicating a stable condition.
adj. firmly fixed, supported, or balanced; not shaking or moving

ANSWERS: 1. concentration, 2. settle, 3. meadow, 4. barnacles, 5. kelp, 6. ecosystem, 7. steady,

8. The kitchen _____ was perfect for coffee and chatting with friends.
n. a small corner, alcove, or recess, especially one in a room or garden providing a seat or space for quiet
9. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
10. The mountainous _____ was rough and rocky.
n. the physical features of a piece of land, including hills, valleys, rivers, and forests
11. The mouse squeezed into the tiniest _____ of the wall to avoid being caught by the cat.
n. a small, narrow opening or crack, especially in a wall or rock
12. I need to _____ these bananas to make banana chips.
v. to remove moisture or water from something; to become dried out or deprived of water or liquid
13. The lecture was so _____ that many people fell asleep.
adj. lacking interest or excitement; tedious or dull
14. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.
v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
15. They need food and _____.
n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:

ANSWERS: 8. nook, 9. threat, 10. terrain, 11. cranny, 12. dehydrate, 13. boring, 14. evolved, 15. shelter

16. He walked with the aid of a _____ after breaking his leg in a skiing accident.
n. a device used to provide support or stability to a person with limited mobility or strength, such as a cane, walker, or pair of crutches; anything that is relied upon excessively or used as a way of avoiding difficulty or responsibility
17. The project's _____ made it difficult for the team to complete it on time.
n. the state or quality of being complicated or intricate and difficult to understand
18. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.
v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
19. The female birds build a _____ and lay their eggs in May.
n. a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
20. The tsunami swamped every boat in the _____.
n. an area of water next to the coast where ships and boats are protected from rough water by piers, jetties, and other artificial structures; (verb) keep in one's possession
21. The robust economy of the country is based on its _____ resources.
n. a solid inorganic substance occurring in nature having a definite chemical composition
22. Tobacco companies have long _____ that their product is not addictive.
v. to struggle to win or surmount something
23. This factory employs a _____ manufacturing system.
adj. of or connected with the cells of animals or plants; of or connected with a mobile telephone system that uses several short-range radio stations instead of wires

ANSWERS: 16. crutch, 17. complexity, 18. attach, 19. nest, 20. harbor, 21. mineral, 22. contended, 23. cellular

24. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
- n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
25. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
26. The lush vegetation _____ across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.
- v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
27. The enemy fell right into the _____.
- n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
28. He _____ the letter with hot wax.
- v.* to close or fasten an envelope, etc. securely; (noun) a large marine mammal that chiefly lives in cold regions and comes on shore to breed
29. The gardener found a _____ slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.
- n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
30. Malignant hypertension is the most _____ form of hypertension.
- adj.* causing or capable of causing death; extremely dangerous
31. The hikers had to cut through the _____ to descend the mountain.
- n.* a dense group of trees, shrubs, or other plants, often forming an impenetrable barrier; a tangle or cluster of something that obstructs or impedes progress or movement

ANSWERS: 24. predator's, 25. planet, 26. sprawls, 27. trap, 28. sealed, 29. snail, 30. lethal, 31. thicket

32. The treatments were done but, _____ were unsuccessful.
adv. by bad luck; unluckily
33. She tasted the dish and detected a slight _____.
n. the quality or state of being salty
34. Five miles is _____ similar to eight kilometers.
adv. approximately but not precisely; with a violent manner
35. The _____ in the garden needed to be thinned out to have enough space to grow.
n. a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots
36. She was the sole _____ of her grandfather's estate.
n. a person who receives benefits or advantage from something, especially a financial trust or a will
37. The _____ to the safe was a secret.
n. a collection of things that have been combined; an assemblage of separate parts or qualities
38. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.
n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
39. The body _____ excess salt through urine to maintain proper electrolyte balance.
v. to discharge waste matter, such as urine or feces, from the body or a cell or gland

ANSWERS: 32. unfortunately, 33. saltiness, 34. roughly, 35. seedlings, 36. beneficiary, 37. combination, 38. branch, 39. excretes

40. The ocean's ecosystem is being threatened by _____ causing many species to become endangered.
- n.* the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem
41. The seeds _____ quickly in the warm soil.
- v.* to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts
42. The adrenal _____ produce steroids.
- n.* a group of cells in an animal's body that produce substances needed by the body and release them through ducts or directly into the bloodstream
43. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
- v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
44. The tiny marine _____ has existed for more than 500 million years.
- n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
45. One of her _____ is that she always wears mismatched socks.
- n.* a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
46. A _____ audience viewed the broadcast.
- adj.* enormous in size, number, amount, or quantity
47. 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

ANSWERS: 40. overfishing, 41. germinated, 42. glands, 43. bury, 44. sponge, 45. quirks, 46. vast, 47. buttresses

48. Red _____ is often harmful to the local ecosystem.
- n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
49. The beach was littered with _____ and trash left behind by careless visitors.
- n.* waste or debris of any kind, particularly organic matter that has decayed or broken off from larger organisms; figuratively, a collection of disorganized or discarded material or ideas
50. The little ____ was so cute, with big, floppy ears and a wagging tail.
- n.* a young dog, seal, or other animals
51. This restaurant has _____ dishes as well.
- n.* a person who does not eat meat or fish, or often any animal products, for health or religious reasons
52. A lobster is a type of _____ found in the ocean.
- n.* a type of arthropod, such as a crab, lobster, or shrimp, that has a hard outer shell or exoskeleton
53. The country _____ a large amount of agricultural products.
- v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
54. He removed the _____ from the tree.
- n.* the hard outer layer of a tree; a sound made by dogs or some other animals
55. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
- v.* to cease to exist or be visible

ANSWERS: 48. tide, 49. detritus, 50. pup, 51. vegetarian, 52. crustacean, 53. exports, 54. bark, 55. disappear

56. The _____ skyscraper blocked out the sun on the street below.

adj. very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature

57. Some of the emigres sought _____ in this country.

n. the state of being safe or protected from danger, trouble, or difficulty, or a place providing shelter or protection from them

58. Trees absorb _____ dioxide and give off oxygen.

n. a chemical element that can be found in pure form as diamond or graphite, and it is also an essential part of coal and oil and is found in all plants and animals

59. We have finally lost our last _____.

n. a piece of wood, metal, etc., placed beneath or against something to support it or keep it in position; a system, institution, or person that gives help or support to someone or something

60. Inspectors noticed _____ cracks in the submarine's hull.

adj. tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy

61. The tower proved to be _____ in the high wind.

adj. lacking solidity, persistence, or firmness and therefore not strong, safe, or likely to continue; lacking control of one's emotions

62. The members of religious organizations released _____ poisonous gas on a subway train.

adj. likely to cause or capable of causing death

63. The archeologists found ancient _____ houses that were preserved under the water.

n. a tall, narrow pole used as a support for a building, bridge, or other structure; a pair of long, slender poles with footrests used to elevate someone above the ground

ANSWERS: 56. towering, 57. refuge, 58. carbon, 59. prop, 60. microscopic, 61. unstable, 62. deadly, 63. stilt

64. The river was _____ with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.
adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
65. Seals and whales are _____ animals beloved by the people.
adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
66. The company's _____ approach has been highly effective.
n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
67. I love to _____ around the city and discover new neighborhoods.
v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
68. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.
n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
69. I was sweating at every _____.
n. a tiny hole in the skin of people or other animals that sweat can pass through;
(verb) to read carefully or study attentively
70. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's _____.
n. the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; *(verb)* to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
71. Visa renewal for _____ foreigners in this country is once every five years.
n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

ANSWERS: 64. polluted, 65. marine, 66. adaptation, 67. roam, 68. balance, 69. pore, 70. function, 71. resident

72. This country _____ its weapons in the east region.

- v.* to move troops or weapons into a position or military action; to bring into something in an effective way

73. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.

- adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

74. _____ meadows help reduce coastal erosion by stabilizing sediments and acting as a buffer against waves and storms.

- n.* a type of grass that grows in shallow salty or brackish water along coasts

75. He used a hammer and round _____ to fix the loose board on the fence.

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

76. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

- v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

77. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.

- n.* the act of causing so much damage to something

78. The _____ terrain made building a solid foundation for the house difficult.

- adj.* characterized by the presence of low-lying, waterlogged areas of land that are often covered by tall grasses or other vegetation; of or relating to areas near wetlands, swamps, or estuaries

79. In _____ private corporations provide healthcare services.

- n.* the act or process of adding something to something else; the process of adding numbers

ANSWERS: 72. deployed, 73. vulnerable, 74. Seagrass, 75. nail, 76. survive, 77. destruction, 78. marshy, 79. addition,

80. The _____ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products
81. Ozone is a primary _____ to protect Earth's surface from harmful UV rays.
- n.* any of several types of equipment or systems used to separate particles from liquids or gases or to remove specific forms of light
82. Efforts to _____ the effects of climate change require a coordinated and sustained effort by governments, businesses, and individuals.
- v.* to make less severe or less intense; to alleviate or lessen the adverse effects of something
83. This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more _____.
- adj.* of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
84. The high fence was meant to _____ intruders from entering the property.
- v.* to discourage or prevent someone from doing something
85. _____ has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.
- n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
86. Nevada is _____ a desert state.
- adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
87. He borrowed money from a loan _____.
- n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest

ANSWERS: 80. process, 81. filter, 82. mitigate, 83. toxic, 84. deter, 85. Algae, 86. largely, 87. shark

88. The road of _____ leads to the palace of wisdom.
n. an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
89. His mom was always concerned about his _____ frame and encouraged him to eat more
adj. having a very thin or slim body; referring to clothing that is tightly fitting and reveals the shape of the body; referring to information or details that are kept secret or confidential
90. The passenger grabbed for the _____ mask.
n. the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
91. My mother gave me a _____ watch.
adj. not permitting the passage of water
92. He discovered unique _____ for photochemical reactions.
n. a part of a machine, or a set of parts that performs a task; a natural or established process that occurs during a specific situation or reaction
93. The model's hair was long and _____ cascading down her back in soft waves.
adj. characterized by a series of curves, undulations, or bends that create a rippled or serpentine appearance; not straight or flat
94. In _____ plants use carbon dioxide to feed themselves.
n. the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.
95. I advised him to _____ to his new surroundings.
v. to make fit for or change to suit a new purpose or environment

ANSWERS: 88. excess, 89. skinny, 90. oxygen, 91. waterproof, 92. mechanisms, 93. wavy, 94. photosynthesis, 95. adapt

96. She _____ the mystery novel in one sitting.

- v. to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

97. The hunter quietly _____ the deer for hours before taking the shot

- v. to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

98. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.

- n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

99. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.

- v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

100. The hurricane _____ the small town, leaving behind destruction and devastation.

- v. to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number

101. The desalination plant turned _____ into drinking water through a complex process.

- n. water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals

102. He is good at swimming _____.

- adv. below or under the surface of the water

103. I have no idea what sort of folks _____ the neighborhood.

- v. to live in a specific location; to reside

ANSWERS: 96. devoured, 97. stalked, 98. siblings, 99. hunt, 100. decimated, 101. seawater, 102. underwater, 103. inhabit

104. There are five distinct _____ at five unique wavelengths.
n. the act of production or sending out gas, heat, light, etc.
105. The ____ of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.
n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
106. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.
adv. in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
107. The bishop bestowed the golden _____ on the king.
n. a circular ornamental headdress, worn as a symbol of authority by a king, usually made of gold and precious stones
108. I ordered the _____ in a white wine sauce for dinner.
n. a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
109. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
110. The carpenter applied _____ to the cabinet joints before nailing them together.
n. a sticky substance used for joining things together; a bonding agent made from animal or synthetic materials
111. The train's _____ was small but comfortable.
n. a separate section or part of a larger enclosed space, such as a train carriage or a ship's cabin

ANSWERS: 104. emissions, 105. mud, 106. incredibly, 107. crown, 108. mussels, 109. develop, 110. glue, 111. compartment

112. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

v. to be all around something or somebody

113. The sheep _____ on the green grass in the meadow.

v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

114. The seafood restaurant had a variety of dishes featuring _____.

n. a small, freshwater or saltwater creature with a slender body and long legs

115. I was able to _____ the moment on film.

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

116. We have a mutually _____ connection with them.

adj. involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist

117. 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

118. 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

119. The farmer milked the _____ every morning before breakfast.

n. a domesticated mammal with characteristic features such as a hump, large udders, and curved horns that is raised for its milk or meat

ANSWERS: 112. surround, 113. graze, 114. shrimp, 115. capture, 116. symbiotic, 117. mangrove, 118. generation, 119. cows

120. The toad altered its appearance to better _____ in with its new environments.
v. to mix or combine two or more substances
121. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.
adj. indispensable; fundamental
122. The painting is _____ and there is no other like it.
adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
123. The cat silently waited to _____ on the mouse.
v. to spring or jump on suddenly and aggressively, often to capture or attack; to seize an opportunity quickly and eagerly
124. A healthy farm provides an _____ of food.
n. a significant amount of something; the situation in which there is too much of something
125. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
126. She only visited her grandparents on _____ weekends.
adj. happening or appearing at irregular intervals; not constant or regular
127. The _____ rental shop provided us with a map of the nearby snorkel sites.
n. a tube-like device used for breathing underwater, with one end in the mouth and the other above the surface of the water
128. He approved their requests to _____ the jury.
v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

ANSWERS: 120. blend, 121. essential, 122. unique, 123. pounce, 124. abundance, 125. Climate, 126. occasional, 127. snorkel, 128. sequester

129. She _____ the ketchup onto her fries before taking a bite.

- v. to eject or discharge with force in a fast stream or jet; to spray or sprinkle with a liquid or substance

ANSWERS: 129. squirted