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Session 1: Word List

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**.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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**.

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.

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.

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.

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**.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. de____te population
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
2. personality qu__k
n. a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
3. a qu__k of fate
n. a peculiar behavior, habit, or characteristic that is distinctive to an individual or group
4. de____r my way
v. to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
5. se____er pollution
n. water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals
6. 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
7. 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

ANSWERS: 1. decimate, 2. quirk, 3. quirk, 4. devour, 5. seawater, 6. stalk, 7. marshy

8. 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
9. 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
10. cru_____an shell *n.* a type of arthropod, such as a crab, lobster, or shrimp, that has a hard outer shell or exoskeleton
11. 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
12. blue al__e *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
13. lowland me___w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
14. mic_____ic analysis *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
15. 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
16. in_____t a cave *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside

ANSWERS: 8. barnacle, 9. detritus, 10. crustacean, 11. overfishing, 12. algae, 13. meadow, 14. microscopic, 15. pounce, 16. inhabit

17. sn__l pace *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
18. se____er bacteria *n.* water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals
19. giant k__p *n.* a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters
20. r__m freely *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
21. 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
22. 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
23. 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
24. de____r a meal *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
25. sexual pr____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
26. look in every nook and cr____y *n.* a small, narrow opening or crack, especially in a wall or rock
27. 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: 17. snail, 18. seawater, 19. kelp, 20. roam, 21. snorkel, 22. graze, 23. nook, 24. devour, 25. predator, 26. cranny, 27. stilt

28. 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
29. 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
30. mu___l cultivation *n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
31. po_____ed air *adj.* contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
32. k__p forest *n.* a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters
33. cadmium-po_____ed area *adj.* contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
34. mic_____ic inquiry *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
35. de_____te alcohol *v.* to remove moisture or water from something; to become dried out or deprived of water or liquid
36. 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
37. se_____er ten percent of the annual carbon emissions *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
38. w__y pattern *adj.* characterized by a series of curves, undulations, or bends that create a rippled or serpentine appearance; not straight or flat

ANSWERS: 28. sponge, 29. snorkel, 30. mussel, 31. polluted, 32. kelp, 33. polluted, 34. microscopic, 35. dehydrate, 36. overfishing, 37. sequester, 38. wavy

39. w__y sea *adj.* characterized by a series of curves, undulations, or bends that create a rippled or serpentine appearance; not straight or flat
40. cru_____an dish *n.* a type of arthropod, such as a crab, lobster, or shrimp, that has a hard outer shell or exoskeleton
41. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
42. mu___l shells *n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
43. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
44. 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
45. sy_____ic bacteria *adj.* involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist
46. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
47. al__e biofuel *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
48. ma_____ve forest *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

ANSWERS: 39. wavy, 40. crustacean, 41. bury, 42. mussel, 43. sibling, 44. crutch, 45. symbiotic, 46. bury, 47. algae, 48. mangrove

49. se_____er myself from the world *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
50. graze in the me____w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
51. 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
52. 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
53. to_____ng trees *adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature
54. 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
55. co_____d for a championship *v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
56. 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
57. a cr____y in the corner *n.* a small, narrow opening or crack, especially in a wall or rock

ANSWERS: 49. sequester, 50. meadow, 51. barnacle, 52. thicket, 53. towering, 54. sponge, 55. contend, 56. thicket, 57. cranny

58. de____te economy *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
59. have a si____g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
60. 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
61. a green se____ng *n.* a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots
62. days to ge____te *v.* to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts
63. se____ss bed *n.* a type of grass that grows in shallow salty or brackish water along coasts
64. the taste of sa____ss *n.* the quality or state of being salty
65. in____t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
66. to____ng mountain *adj.* very tall or high, often to an impressive or intimidating degree; powerful or dominant in influence or stature
67. 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

ANSWERS: 58. decimate, 59. sibling, 60. graze, 61. seedling, 62. germinate, 63. seagrass, 64. saltiness, 65. inhabit, 66. towering, 67. crutch

68. sy_____ic economy *adj.* involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist
69. 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.
70. breakfast n__k *n.* a small corner, alcove, or recess, especially one in a room or garden providing a seat or space for quiet
71. ex_____e a sticky liquid *v.* to discharge waste matter, such as urine or feces, from the body or a cell or gland
72. 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.
73. 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
74. p_p company *n.* a young dog, seal, or other animals
75. sn__l mail *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
76. r__m the countryside *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
77. bu_____ss your thesis *n.* an architectural structure that supports or reinforces a wall or other building feature; (verb) to support or reinforce something

ANSWERS: 68. symbiotic, 69. photosynthesis, 70. nook, 71. excrete, 72. photosynthesis, 73. buttress, 74. pup, 75. snail, 76. roam, 77. buttress

78. 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
79. se_____ss habitat *n.* a type of grass that grows in shallow salty or brackish water along coasts
80. sp___l out luxuriously on the sofa *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
81. de_____te meat *v.* to remove moisture or water from something; to become dried out or deprived of water or liquid
82. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
83. 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
84. 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
85. ge_____te the idea *v.* to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts
86. se_____ng tray *n.* a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots
87. 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: 78. pore, 79. seagrass, 80. sprawl, 81. dehydrate, 82. predator, 83. pore, 84. marshy, 85. germinate, 86. seedling, 87. detritus

88. enhance the sa_____ss *n.* the quality or state of being salty
89. 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
90. co_____d that tobacco is nonaddictive *v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
91. 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
92. ex_____e waste products *v.* to discharge waste matter, such as urine or feces, from the body or a cell or gland
93. playful p_p *n.* a young dog, seal, or other animals
94. 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
95. ma_____ve swamp *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
96. sp___l for acres *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

ANSWERS: 88. saltiness, 89. stilt, 90. contend, 91. stalk, 92. excrete, 93. pup, 94. pounce, 95. mangrove, 96. sprawl

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The coast was lined with beds of _____ swaying in the tide.
n. a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters
2. 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
3. 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.
4. She _____ the mystery novel in one sitting.
v. to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
5. 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
6. 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

ANSWERS: 1. kelp, 2. barnacles, 3. photosynthesis, 4. devoured, 5. stilt, 6. mangrove

7. The river was _____ with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.
adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
8. 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
9. She tasted the dish and detected a slight _____.
n. the quality or state of being salty
10. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
11. _____ 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
12. 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
13. I love to _____ around the city and discover new neighborhoods.
v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
14. The lush _____ was covered in wildflowers.
n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

ANSWERS: 7. polluted, 8. snorkel, 9. saltiness, 10. bury, 11. Seagrass, 12. stalked, 13. roam, 14. meadow

15. 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
16. 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
17. 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
18. 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
19. 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
20. 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
21. 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

ANSWERS: 15. thicket, 16. snail, 17. excretes, 18. detritus, 19. wavy, 20. decimated, 21. sponge

22. 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
23. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.
- n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
24. 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
25. 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
26. _____ has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.
- n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
27. 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
28. 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
29. 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

ANSWERS: 22. crustacean, 23. siblings, 24. dehydrate, 25. graze, 26. Algae, 27. quirks, 28. symbiotic, 29. pounce

30. I have no idea what sort of folks _____ the neighborhood.
v. to live in a specific location; to reside
31. 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
32. The little ____ was so cute, with big, floppy ears and a wagging tail.
n. a young dog, seal, or other animals
33. 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
34. The seeds _____ quickly in the warm soil.
v. to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts
35. 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
36. 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
37. 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

ANSWERS: 30. inhabit, 31. overfishing, 32. pup, 33. nook, 34. germinated, 35. mussels, 36. buttresses, 37. towering

38. The lush vegetation _____ across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.
v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
39. 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
40. 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
41. 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
42. 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
43. He approved their requests to _____ the jury.
v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
44. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
45. Inspectors noticed _____ cracks in the submarine's hull.
adj. tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy

ANSWERS: 38. sprawls, 39. pore, 40. seedlings, 41. seawater, 42. cranny, 43. sequester, 44. predator's, 45. microscopic

46. 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
47. Tobacco companies have long _____ that their product is not addictive.
- v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
48. 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

ANSWERS: 46. crutch, 47. contended, 48. marshy