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Session 1: Word List

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

unsuspecting

adj. unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious

synonym: unaware, unassuming, gullible

(1) **unsuspecting** boys and girls, (2) **unsuspecting** victim

The thief stole the wallet from the **unsuspecting** tourist.

cuttlefish

n. a sea creature with eight arms and two tentacles (= long parts like arms) that has a wide and flat shell inside its body

(1) the fin of a **cuttlefish**, (2) dried **cuttlefish**

He loves to eat raw, sliced **cuttlefish**.

seafloor

n. the bottom of the ocean

synonym: ocean floor, benthic zone, abyssal plain

(1) **seafloor** exploration, (2) **seafloor** mapping

The oceanographer studied the **seafloor** topography to understand how it had changed over time.

moray

n. a type of eel found in warm saltwater regions with a long, slender body and a scaleless skin

synonym: eel, snakefish, marine eel

(1) moss **moray**, (2) spotted **moray**

The **moray** eel is known for its elongated body and sharp teeth.

eel

n. a type of elongated, snake-like fish that lives in freshwater or saltwater and has a slimy, scaleless body and no pelvic fins

(1) glass **eel**, (2) electric **eel**

The fisherman caught a slippery **eel** while out on the lake.

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.

snag

n. an unexpected or unforeseen obstacle, disadvantage, or problem; (verb) to catch or tear something on a sharp projection

synonym: barrier, difficulty, hitch

(1) encounter a big **snag**, (2) **snag** her stockings

Another **snag** to quantum computers is a large amount of noise added from the outside.

mollusk

n. a soft-bodied invertebrate with no internal skeleton, such as a snail, clam, or octopus

synonym: oyster, clam, snail

(1) **mollusk** shell, (2) edible **mollusk**

As a child, I loved collecting seashells and had many

mollusks.

wriggle

v. to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner

synonym: squirm, jerk, twist

(1) **wriggle** free, (2) **wriggle** in surprise

The child started to **wriggle** out of their seatbelt during the long car ride.

captivity

n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

synonym: confinement, detention, imprisonment

(1) escape from **captivity**, (2) animals in **captivity** in the zoo

Pandas rarely breed in **captivity**.

pharyngeal

adj. relating to the pharynx, the muscular tube that connects the mouth and nasal passages to the esophagus and larynx

synonym: throat, laryngeal, guttural

(1) **pharyngeal** cavity, (2) **pharyngeal** flap

The **pharyngeal** muscles are necessary for swallowing food and drink.

parasite

n. an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

synonym: hitchhiker, leech, saprophyte

(1) blood-sucking **parasite**, (2) **parasite** disease

Tapeworms are **parasites** that live in the intestines of humans and animals.

bony

adj. characterized by a prominent, visible bone structure; lacking flesh or muscle; thin, scrawny

synonym: emaciated, gaunt, skeletal

(1) **bony** fingers, (2) **bony** structure

She complained of a **bony** lump on her ankle that made

walking difficult.

gill

n. a respiratory organ of fish and some other aquatic animals that extracts dissolved oxygen from water and excretes carbon dioxide

synonym : respiratory organ, lung

(1) **gill** slits, (2) **gill** apparatus

The fish's **gills** are necessary for extracting oxygen from the water.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym : masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

tug

v. to pull something quickly and hard, often several times

synonym : draw, jerk, pull

(1) **tug** a rope, (2) **tug** at his hand

This movie **tugs** at everyone's heartstrings.

retract

v. to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made

synonym : withdraw, take back, revoke

(1) **retract** a promise, (2) **retract** a lawsuit

I need to **retract** my statement because I realized it was incorrect.

fang

n. a long, pointed tooth, typically in the upper jaw, used for biting and chewing, as in snakes and some other animals

synonym : tooth, canine, tusk

(1) **fang** mark, (2) poison **fang**

The vampire bared its **fangs** and growled.

molar

n. one of the large teeth located in the back of the mouth used for grinding and chewing food; a dental drill used for removing decay or shaping teeth; (adjective) describing a solution in which the concentration of a solute is expressed in moles per liter (mol/L)

synonym: tooth, grinder, premolar

(1) **molar** tooth, (2) **molar** absorbancy index

I have a cavity in my **molar** and need to see the dentist.

grind

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

synonym: mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth

She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

pry

v. to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions

synonym: probe, investigate, inquire

(1) **pry** a secret out of a person, (2) **pry** into the affairs

He used a crowbar to **pry** open the locked door.

urchin

n. a poor and mischievous young child, usually living on the street or in a disadvantaged community; a small, spiny marine animal with a round body and long, pointed spines

synonym: mischief, waif, guttersnipe

(1) **urchin** child, (2) street **urchin**

The young boy was an **urchin** wandering the streets without a home.

spiny

adj. covered with spines, thorns, or prickly projections; having an abrasive or irritating manner or causing discomfort or annoyance

synonym: thorny, prickly, bristly

(1) **spiny** shrub, (2) **spiny** lobster

The **spiny** cactus plant was difficult to handle without getting pricked.

fused

adj. joined together or combined into one; blended or integrated in a way that creates a new entity

synonym : merged, blended, united

(1) **fused** glass, (2) **fused** bones

The **fused** wires in the electrical circuit caused a power outage.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym : rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

carp

n. a type of freshwater fish found in many parts of the world, typically with a scaleless body, barbels around the mouth, and erect fins; to complain or find fault with something repeatedly

synonym : fish, minnow

(1) **carp** fishing, (2) **carp** streamers

The fisherman showed off his biggest **carp** catch of the day.

unison

n. occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves

synonym : harmony, accord, unanimity

(1) singing in **unison**, (2) clap the hands in **unison**

They saluted in **unison** to the captain.

seaweed

n. a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae

synonym : kelp, algae

(1) floating **seaweed**, (2) **seaweed** broth

She soaked **seaweed** in water until tender.

pearlfish

n. a type of fish that lives in coral reefs and burrows into other organisms for shelter or food

(1) venomous **pearlfish**, (2) white-stripe **pearlfish**

Some **pearlfish** species are pests because they harm or kill their hosts.

cucumber

n. a long and green fruit with thin skin and crisp, refreshing flesh, typically eaten as a vegetable

(1) a **cucumber** face mask, (2) several varieties of **cucumbers**

I like to slice **cucumber** and put it on my sandwiches.

gutsy

adj. displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges

synonym: courageous, brave, daring

(1) **gutsy** move, (2) **gutsy** performance

It was **gutsy** to quit her job and start her own business.

vertebrate

adj. relating to animals that have a backbone or spinal column, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish

synonym: animal, chordate, backboned

(1) the muscle tissue of a **vertebrate**, (2) **vertebrate** biology

The presence of a backbone is a defining characteristic of **vertebrate** animals.

cichlid

n. a type of fish that is known for its colorful appearance and is often kept as a pet in aquariums

(1) **cichlid** breeding, (2) types of **cichlid**

Many **cichlid** species are also popular game fish due to their fighting abilities.

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.

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.

plankton

n. tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed

(1) **plankton** blooms, (2) **plankton** community

Plankton is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.

interspecies

adj. occurring between or involving different species; pertaining to interactions between different species

synonym: interbreeding, crossbreeding, mixed

(1) **interspecies** interaction, (2) **interspecies** communication

There are many cases of **interspecies** cooperation in the animal kingdom.

skeletal

adj. of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated

synonym: bony, emaciated, gaunt

(1) **skeletal** system, (2) **skeletal** muscles

The older man was skinny and **skeletal** and not in good health.

Session 2: Spelling

1. venomous pe_____sh
n. a type of fish that lives in coral reefs and burrows into other organisms for shelter or food
2. mo__r tooth
n. one of the large teeth located in the back of the mouth used for grinding and chewing food; a dental drill used for removing decay or shaping teeth; (adjective) describing a solution in which the concentration of a solute is expressed in moles per liter (mol/L)
3. electric e_l
n. a type of elongated, snake-like fish that lives in freshwater or saltwater and has a slimy, scaleless body and no pelvic fins
4. pa_____te disease
n. an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
5. white-stripe pe_____sh
n. a type of fish that lives in coral reefs and burrows into other organisms for shelter or food
6. gr__d your teeth
v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
7. encounter a big s__g
n. an unexpected or unforeseen obstacle, disadvantage, or problem; (verb) to catch or tear something on a sharp projection

ANSWERS: 1. pearlfish, 2. molar, 3. eel, 4. parasite, 5. pearlfish, 6. grind, 7. snag

8. mo____k shell *n.* a soft-bodied invertebrate with no internal skeleton, such as a snail, clam, or octopus
9. gu__y move *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
10. floating se____d *n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae
11. escape from ca____ty *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
12. singing in un____n *n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
13. fu__d glass *adj.* joined together or combined into one; blended or integrated in a way that creates a new entity
14. mo__r absorbancy index *n.* one of the large teeth located in the back of the mouth used for grinding and chewing food; a dental drill used for removing decay or shaping teeth; (adjective) describing a solution in which the concentration of a solute is expressed in moles per liter (mol/L)
15. pha____al cavity *adj.* relating to the pharynx, the muscular tube that connects the mouth and nasal passages to the esophagus and larynx

ANSWERS: 8. mollusk, 9. gutsy, 10. seaweed, 11. captivity, 12. unison, 13. fused, 14. molar, 15. pharyngeal

16. clap the hands in un___n *n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
17. p_y a secret out of a person *v.* to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions
18. poison f__g *n.* a long, pointed tooth, typically in the upper jaw, used for biting and chewing, as in snakes and some other animals
19. b__y fingers *adj.* characterized by a prominent, visible bone structure; lacking flesh or muscle; thin, scrawny
20. se_____d broth *n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae
21. gr__d away at my work *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
22. cru_____an dish *n.* a type of arthropod, such as a crab, lobster, or shrimp, that has a hard outer shell or exoskeleton
23. sk_____al muscles *adj.* of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated
24. f__g mark *n.* a long, pointed tooth, typically in the upper jaw, used for biting and chewing, as in snakes and some other animals
25. fu__d bones *adj.* joined together or combined into one; blended or integrated in a way that creates a new entity

ANSWERS: 16. unison, 17. pry, 18. fang, 19. bony, 20. seaweed, 21. grind, 22. crustacean, 23. skeletal, 24. fang, 25. fused

26. t_g at his hand *v.* to pull something quickly and hard, often several times
27. p_y into the affairs *v.* to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions
28. edible mo____k *n.* a soft-bodied invertebrate with no internal skeleton, such as a snail, clam, or octopus
29. street ur____n *n.* a poor and mischievous young child, usually living on the street or in a disadvantaged community; a small, spiny marine animal with a round body and long, pointed spines
30. re____t a lawsuit *v.* to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made
31. wr____e free *v.* to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner
32. 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
33. sp__y lobster *adj.* covered with spines, thorns, or prickly projections; having an abrasive or irritating manner or causing discomfort or annoyance

ANSWERS: 26. tug, 27. pry, 28. mollusk, 29. urchin, 30. retract, 31. wriggle, 32. stalk, 33. spiny

34. cru_____an shell *n.* a type of arthropod, such as a crab, lobster, or shrimp, that has a hard outer shell or exoskeleton
35. spotted mo__y *n.* a type of eel found in warm saltwater regions with a long, slender body and a scaleless skin
36. pl_____on blooms *n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
37. ci_____d breeding *n.* a type of fish that is known for its colorful appearance and is often kept as a pet in aquariums
38. blue al__e *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
39. animals in ca_____ty in the zoo *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
40. c__p streamers *n.* a type of freshwater fish found in many parts of the world, typically with a scaleless body, barbels around the mouth, and erect fins; to complain or find fault with something repeatedly
41. moss mo__y *n.* a type of eel found in warm saltwater regions with a long, slender body and a scaleless skin
42. s__g her stockings *n.* an unexpected or unforeseen obstacle, disadvantage, or problem; (verb) to catch or tear something on a sharp projection

ANSWERS: 34. crustacean, 35. moray, 36. plankton, 37. cichlid, 38. algae, 39. captivity, 40. carp, 41. moray, 42. snag

43. sk____al system *adj.* of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated
44. ur____n child *n.* a poor and mischievous young child, usually living on the street or in a disadvantaged community; a small, spiny marine animal with a round body and long, pointed spines
45. uns____ing victim *adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
46. 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
47. blood-sucking pa____te *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
48. sp__y shrub *adj.* covered with spines, thorns, or prickly projections; having an abrasive or irritating manner or causing discomfort or annoyance
49. the muscle tissue of a ver____te *adj.* relating to animals that have a backbone or spinal column, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish
50. 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

ANSWERS: 43. skeletal, 44. urchin, 45. unsuspecting, 46. pounce, 47. parasite, 48. spiny, 49. vertebrate, 50. stalk

51. types of ci____d *n.* a type of fish that is known for its colorful appearance and is often kept as a pet in aquariums
52. a cu____er face mask *n.* a long and green fruit with thin skin and crisp, refreshing flesh, typically eaten as a vegetable
53. wr____e in surprise *v.* to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner
54. ver____te biology *adj.* relating to animals that have a backbone or spinal column, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish
55. pri____ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
56. pha____al flap *adj.* relating to the pharynx, the muscular tube that connects the mouth and nasal passages to the esophagus and larynx
57. glass e_l *n.* a type of elongated, snake-like fish that lives in freshwater or saltwater and has a slimy, scaleless body and no pelvic fins
58. pri____ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
59. several varieties of cu____ers *n.* a long and green fruit with thin skin and crisp, refreshing flesh, typically eaten as a vegetable
60. int____ies communication *adj.* occurring between or involving different species; pertaining to interactions between different species

ANSWERS: 51. cichlid, 52. cucumber, 53. wriggle, 54. vertebrate, 55. prioritize, 56. pharyngeal, 57. eel, 58. prioritize, 59. cucumber, 60. interspecies

61. t_g a rope *v.* to pull something quickly and hard, often several times
62. c__p fishing *n.* a type of freshwater fish found in many parts of the world, typically with a scaleless body, barbels around the mouth, and erect fins; to complain or find fault with something repeatedly
63. b__y structure *adj.* characterized by a prominent, visible bone structure; lacking flesh or muscle; thin, scrawny
64. g__l slits *n.* a respiratory organ of fish and some other aquatic animals that extracts dissolved oxygen from water and excretes carbon dioxide
65. g__l apparatus *n.* a respiratory organ of fish and some other aquatic animals that extracts dissolved oxygen from water and excretes carbon dioxide
66. c__w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
67. se____or mapping *n.* the bottom of the ocean
68. pl____on community *n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
69. the fin of a cut_____sh *n.* a sea creature with eight arms and two tentacles (= long parts like arms) that has a wide and flat shell inside its body
70. re____t a promise *v.* to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made

ANSWERS: 61. tug, 62. carp, 63. bony, 64. gill, 65. gill, 66. chew, 67. seafloor, 68. plankton, 69. cuttlefish, 70. retract

71. al__e biofuel *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
72. 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
73. int_____ies interaction *adj.* occurring between or involving different species; pertaining to interactions between different species
74. gu__y performance *adj.* displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
75. dried cut_____sh *n.* a sea creature with eight arms and two tentacles (= long parts like arms) that has a wide and flat shell inside its body
76. se_____or exploration *n.* the bottom of the ocean
77. c__w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
78. uns_____ing boys and girls *adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious

ANSWERS: 71. algae, 72. pounce, 73. interspecies, 74. gutsy, 75. cuttlefish, 76. seafloor, 77. chew, 78. unsuspecting

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The presence of a backbone is a defining characteristic of _____ animals.
adj. relating to animals that have a backbone or spinal column, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish
2. The vampire bared its _____ and growled.
n. a long, pointed tooth, typically in the upper jaw, used for biting and chewing, as in snakes and some other animals
3. The older man was skinny and _____ and not in good health.
adj. of, relating to, or forming a skeleton (= frame of bones); very thin or emaciated
4. The _____ muscles are necessary for swallowing food and drink.
adj. relating to the pharynx, the muscular tube that connects the mouth and nasal passages to the esophagus and larynx
5. _____ is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.
n. tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
6. She complained of a _____ lump on her ankle that made walking difficult.
adj. characterized by a prominent, visible bone structure; lacking flesh or muscle; thin, scrawny
7. I need to _____ my statement because I realized it was incorrect.
v. to take back, withdraw, or revoke something that has been said or done; to disavow or repudiate a statement or assertion that one has previously made

ANSWERS: 1. vertebrate, 2. fangs, 3. skeletal, 4. pharyngeal, 5. Plankton, 6. bony, 7. retract

8. This movie _____ at everyone's heartstrings.
v. to pull something quickly and hard, often several times
9. The organization _____ the needs of the community in its decision-making.
v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
10. They saluted in _____ to the captain.
n. occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
11. The _____ eel is known for its elongated body and sharp teeth.
n. a type of eel found in warm saltwater regions with a long, slender body and a scaleless skin
12. My dog loves to _____ on bones.
v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
13. It was _____ to quit her job and start her own business.
adj. displaying courage, determination, or boldness; characterized by a willingness to take risks or face challenges
14. The thief stole the wallet from the _____ tourist.
adj. unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
15. Tapeworms are _____ that live in the intestines of humans and animals.
n. an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

ANSWERS: 8. tugs, 9. prioritized, 10. unison, 11. moray, 12. chew, 13. gutsy, 14. unsuspecting, 15. parasites

16. She soaked _____ in water until tender.
- n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae
17. Another _____ to quantum computers is a large amount of noise added from the outside.
- n.* an unexpected or unforeseen obstacle, disadvantage, or problem; (verb) to catch or tear something on a sharp projection
18. The oceanographer studied the _____ topography to understand how it had changed over time.
- n.* the bottom of the ocean
19. The _____ cactus plant was difficult to handle without getting pricked.
- adj.* covered with spines, thorns, or prickly projections; having an abrasive or irritating manner or causing discomfort or annoyance
20. He used a crowbar to _____ open the locked door.
- v.* to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions
21. Some _____ species are pests because they harm or kill their hosts.
- n.* a type of fish that lives in coral reefs and burrows into other organisms for shelter or food
22. The _____ wires in the electrical circuit caused a power outage.
- adj.* joined together or combined into one; blended or integrated in a way that creates a new entity
23. 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

ANSWERS: 16. seaweed, 17. snag, 18. seafloor, 19. spiny, 20. pry, 21. pearlfish, 22. fused, 23. crustacean

24. The fish's _____ are necessary for extracting oxygen from the water.
- n.* a respiratory organ of fish and some other aquatic animals that extracts dissolved oxygen from water and excretes carbon dioxide
25. He loves to eat raw, sliced _____.
- n.* a sea creature with eight arms and two tentacles (= long parts like arms) that has a wide and flat shell inside its body
26. Many _____ species are also popular game fish due to their fighting abilities.
- n.* a type of fish that is known for its colorful appearance and is often kept as a pet in aquariums
27. She had to _____ the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.
- v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
28. Pandas rarely breed in _____.
- n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
29. The child started to _____ out of their seatbelt during the long car ride.
- v.* to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner
30. The fisherman showed off his biggest _____ catch of the day.
- n.* a type of freshwater fish found in many parts of the world, typically with a scaleless body, barbels around the mouth, and erect fins; to complain or find fault with something repeatedly
31. The young boy was an _____ wandering the streets without a home.
- n.* a poor and mischievous young child, usually living on the street or in a disadvantaged community; a small, spiny marine animal with a round body and long, pointed spines

ANSWERS: 24. gills, 25. cuttlefish, 26. cichlid, 27. grind, 28. captivity, 29. wriggle, 30. carp, 31. urchin

32. The fisherman caught a slippery ____ while out on the lake.
- n.* a type of elongated, snake-like fish that lives in freshwater or saltwater and has a slimy, scaleless body and no pelvic fins
33. _____ has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.
- n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
34. 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
35. I like to slice _____ and put it on my sandwiches.
- n.* a long and green fruit with thin skin and crisp, refreshing flesh, typically eaten as a vegetable
36. As a child, I loved collecting seashells and had many _____.
- n.* a soft-bodied invertebrate with no internal skeleton, such as a snail, clam, or octopus
37. I have a cavity in my _____ and need to see the dentist.
- n.* one of the large teeth located in the back of the mouth used for grinding and chewing food; a dental drill used for removing decay or shaping teeth; (adjective) describing a solution in which the concentration of a solute is expressed in moles per liter (mol/L)
38. There are many cases of _____ cooperation in the animal kingdom.
- adj.* occurring between or involving different species; pertaining to interactions between different species

ANSWERS: 32. eel, 33. Algae, 34. stalked, 35. cucumber, 36. mollusks, 37. molar, 38. interspecies

39. 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: 39. pounce