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Session 1: Word List

ferret

n. a small, carnivorous mammal with a long slender body and a pointed snout, often used for hunting rats or other small animals; (verb) to search persistently and relentlessly for something, often in a secretive or concealed manner, as if hunting with a ferret

synonym: weasel, stoat, polecat

(1) **ferret** food, (2) **ferret** out the truth

I love to watch my pet **ferret** play with its toys.

escalate

v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious

synonym: increase, intensify, expand

(1) **escalate** into a major international incident, (2) to **escalate**

The situation quickly **escalated** and turned violent.

unintended

adj. not planned or meant

synonym: accidental, unconsenting, involuntary

(1) **unintended** bias, (2) **unintended** misunderstanding

Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring **unintended** consequences.

toolbox

n. a container or storage unit for tools, typically characterized by a handle and one or more compartments for organizing and storing various tools and equipment

synonym: tool chest, tool kit, tool bag

(1) design **toolbox**, (2) **toolbox** storage

You should always keep a basic **toolbox** in your car in case of an emergency.

farmland

n. land used for farming or agricultural purposes

synonym: agriculture, cropland

(1) **farmland** acreage, (2) fertile **farmland**

The government is encouraging farmers to expand their **farmland** to increase food production.

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**.

descendant

n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal

synonym: child, offspring, heir

(1) **descendant** of a pioneer, (2) third-generation **descendant**

Those warriors' **descendants** are still skilled archers.

ancestor

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

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

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

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

inbreeding

n. the practice of breeding closely related individuals or strains within a particular population or group, often resulting in increased homozygosity and decreased

genetic diversity

synonym : incest

(1) **inbreeding** effects, (2) **inbreeding** prevention

The zoo officials carefully monitor the breeding program to avoid **inbreeding** among rare and endangered species

jeopardize

v. to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone

synonym : endanger, imperil, risk

(1) **jeopardize** safety, (2) **jeopardize** reputation

His reckless behavior could **jeopardize** his chances of getting hired for the job.

foresight

n. the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come

synonym : prescience, prediction, clairvoyance

(1) strategic **foresight**, (2) **foresight** planning

With **foresight**, she made a plan to avoid any potential obstacles.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

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.

extinct

adj. no longer in existence

synonym : dead, obsolete, abolished

(1) **extinct** by human activity, (2) long- **extinct** volcano

Many species have become **extinct** due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

conservationist

n. a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife

synonym : environmentalist

(1) wildlife **conservationist**, (2) dedicated **conservationist**

The extinction of this species has been a significant concern for **conservationists**.

reintroduce

v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

synonym : bring back, restore, reestablish

(1) **reintroduce** species, (2) **reintroduce** capital punishment

The government is planning to **reintroduce** wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

vortex

n. a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind

synonym : whirlpool, whirlwind, maelstrom

(1) **vortex** formation, (2) blow in a **vortex**

The **vortex** of the tornado was massive and destructive.

dwindle

v. to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

synonym : shrink, decrease, fade

(1) **dwindle** in importance, (2) **dwindle** to almost nothing

The crowds at the festival **dwindled** as the night went on.

foal

n. a young horse, typically under one year of age

(1) newborn **foal**, (2) train a **foal**

The mare gave birth to a healthy **foal** during the night.

surrogate

adj. acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose

synonym : substitute, replacement, deputy

(1) **surrogate** pregnancy, (2) **surrogate** decision

The **surrogate** mother gave birth to a healthy baby for the couple who couldn't conceive independently.

vitro

n. (used as "in vitro") a scientific experiment or procedure that takes place outside of a living organism, usually in a test tube or petri dish

synonym : glass, container, vessel

(1) in **vitro** fermentation, (2) in **vitro** diagnostics

The lab technician used in **vitro** fertilization to help the couple conceive.

stymie

v. to obstruct, hinder, or prevent something from succeeding or happening; to present an obstacle or impediment to progress or achievement

synonym : hinder, obstruct, impede

(1) **stymie** progress, (2) **stymie** plans

The new regulations will **stymie** the growth of small businesses in the area.

reluctance

n. a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking

synonym : hesitation, resistance, unwillingness

(1) overcoming **reluctance**, (2) **reluctance** in buying

The company's **reluctance** to invest in new technology kept them from competing with other businesses.

cryopreservation

n. the process of preserving biological material at very low temperatures, often below -150°C , to maintain its viability and function

synonym : freezing, preservation, cold storage

(1) **cryopreservation** techniques, (2) sperm **cryopreservation**

The **cryopreservation** process typically involves special

freezing agents and controlled cooling rates to minimize cell damage.

rodent

n. a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail

synonym: mouse, rat, hamster

(1) **rodent** repellent, (2) prevent **rodent** damage

He set up a trap to catch the **rodent**.

stow

v. to pack or store something safely and securely, especially on a ship or aircraft; to hide or conceal something

synonym: store, pack, stash

(1) **stow** all electronic, (2) **stow** away goods

Please **stow** your luggage in the overhead compartment before takeoff.

poisonous

adj. containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction

synonym: toxic, venomous, deadly

(1) **poisonous** plants, (2) **poisonous** chemicals

Some species of **poisonous snakes** can be deadly to humans if bitten.

toad

n. a small, tailless amphibian with dry, warty skin and short legs; a person who is disliked or contemptible

synonym: frog, amphibian, batrachian

(1) **toad** in the garden, (2) **toad** caught in the trap

The kids went on a scavenger hunt in the park and found a **toad** under a big leaf.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work

late into the night.

beetle

n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings

(1) **beetle** brows, (2) a **beetle** larva

In ancient civilizations, the scarab **beetle** was worshiped as a sacred creature.

stoke

v. to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict

synonym: stir up, fuel, ignite

(1) **stoke** a fire, (2) **stoke** passions

The artist used bright colors and bold brushstrokes to **stoke** a sense of vibrancy in their painting.

pristine

adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination

synonym: chaste, pure, immaculate

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

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

elk

n. a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size

synonym: moose, deer, stag

(1) **elk** population, (2) **elk** hunting

We saw a group of **elk** grazing in the field near our cabin in the mountains.

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.

pathogen

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

synonym: germ, microbe, bacterium

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

chestnut

n. a tree or its nut, with a smooth brown shell and a sweet edible kernel

synonym: tree, nut, seed

(1) **chestnut** hair, (2) **chestnut** shell

The **chestnut** tree is known for its edible nuts and beautiful fall foliage.

majestic

adj. impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately

synonym: grand, stately, regal

(1) a **majestic** figure, (2) a **majestic** sense of purpose

The **majestic** mountain range was a sight to behold.

deciduous

adj. (of plants and shrubs) shedding its foliage annually; (of teeth, antlers, etc.) shedding its body parts at the end of a period of growth

synonym: momentary, temporary, short-term

(1) **deciduous** tree, (2) **deciduous** teeth

Deciduous leafy trees dominate the forests of the lower region.

blight

v. to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting

synonym: devastate, ruin, decimate

(1) **blight** his life, (2) **blight** a crop

The abandoned factory was **blighted** by vandalism and graffiti.

fungus

n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

synonym : mold, mildew, yeast

(1) **fungus** infection, (2) symbiotic **fungus**

Certain types of **fungus** can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

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.

overreact

v. to react more strongly or excessively than is necessary or appropriate

synonym : overplay, exaggerate, overstate

(1) **overreact** with anger, (2) **overreact** to the criticism

She **overreacted** to the situation and caused unnecessary stress.

inaction

n. the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is needed

synonym : idleness, passivity, inertia

(1) excuse for **inaction**, (2) consequences of **inaction**

Inaction in response to climate change poses a dire threat to our future.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym : bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

behoove

v. to be necessary, proper, or advantageous for someone to do something; to be fitting or appropriate in a particular situation

synonym: be necessary, benefit, suit

(1) it **behooves** the politician to act ethically, (2) **behooves** employees to abide by the policies

It would **behoove** you to double-check your work before submitting it.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

sprout

v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly

synonym: germinate, grow, bud

(1) **sprout** seeds, (2) **sprout** wings

The flowers in the garden began to **sprout** after the first rain of the season.

mammoth

adj. exceedingly large or extensive; (noun) any of numerous extinct elephants widely distributed in the Pleistocene

synonym : huge, large

(1) woolly **mammoth**, (2) a **mammoth** ship

The minister decided to review its **mammoth** public works projects.

pigeon

n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

audacious

adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

synonym : bold, daring, fearless

(1) **audacious** stunt, (2) **audacious** decision

The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his own company.

persuasive

adj. tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

synonym : convincing, compelling, influential

(1) **persuasive** advertising, (2) **persuasive** speaker

He made a **persuasive** argument for the new policy.

trustworthy

adj. reliable and dependable

synonym : reliable, dependable, honest

(1) **trustworthy** ally, (2) **trustworthy** source

People tend to believe **trustworthy** friends with their secrets.

Session 2: Spelling

1. bankrupt cr____or
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
2. t__d caught in the trap
n. a small, tailless amphibian with dry, warty skin and short legs; a person who is disliked or contemptible
3. fo_____ht planning
n. the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come
4. to es_____te
v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
5. 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
6. uni_____ed misunderstanding
adj. not planned or meant
7. st___e plans
v. to obstruct, hinder, or prevent something from succeeding or happening; to present an obstacle or impediment to progress or achievement
8. 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

ANSWERS: 1. creditor, 2. toad, 3. foresight, 4. escalate, 5. decimate, 6. unintended, 7. stymie, 8. decimate

9. su_____te pregnancy *adj.* acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose
10. cry_____ion techniques *n.* the process of preserving biological material at very low temperatures, often below -150°C, to maintain its viability and function
11. dw_____e in importance *v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
12. graze in the me____w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
13. rei_____ce species *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
14. it be_____es the politician to act ethically *v.* to be necessary, proper, or advantageous for someone to do something; to be fitting or appropriate in a particular situation
15. a ma_____ic figure *adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
16. the pa_____en in the air *n.* a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
17. dedicated con_____ist *n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
18. a racing pi____n *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
19. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

ANSWERS: 9. surrogate, 10. cryopreservation, 11. dwindle, 12. meadow, 13. reintroduce, 14. behoove, 15. majestic, 16. pathogen, 17. conservationist, 18. pigeon, 19. sham

20. in vi__o fermentation *n.* (used as "in vitro") a scientific experiment or procedure that takes place outside of a living organism, usually in a test tube or petri dish
21. po_____us plants *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
22. ch_____ut hair *n.* a tree or its nut, with a smooth brown shell and a sweet edible kernel
23. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
24. su_____te decision *adj.* acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose
25. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
26. newborn f__l *n.* a young horse, typically under one year of age
27. pr_____ne beach *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
28. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
29. t__d in the garden *n.* a small, tailless amphibian with dry, warty skin and short legs; a person who is disliked or contemptible
30. design to_____x *n.* a container or storage unit for tools, typically characterized by a handle and one or more compartments for organizing and storing various tools and equipment

ANSWERS: 20. vitro, 21. poisonous, 22. chestnut, 23. excite, 24. surrogate, 25. terrify, 26. foal, 27. pristine, 28. resilient, 29. toad, 30. toolbox

31. au_____us decision *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
32. sp____t wings *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
33. lowland me____w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
34. tru_____hy ally *adj.* reliable and dependable
35. bl____t a crop *v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
36. tru_____hy source *adj.* reliable and dependable
37. bl____t his life *v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
38. au_____us stunt *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
39. a ma_____ic sense of purpose *adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
40. prevent ro____t damage *n.* a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail

ANSWERS: 31. audacious, 32. sprout, 33. meadow, 34. trustworthy, 35. blight, 36. trustworthy, 37. blight, 38. audacious, 39. majestic, 40. rodent

41. rel_____ce in buying *n.* a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking
42. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
43. fu____s infection *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
44. jeo_____ze reputation *v.* to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone
45. inb_____ng effects *n.* the practice of breeding closely related individuals or strains within a particular population or group, often resulting in increased homozygosity and decreased genetic diversity
46. plant pa_____en *n.* a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
47. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
48. wildlife con_____ist *n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
49. be_____es employees to abide by the policies *v.* to be necessary, proper, or advantageous for someone to do something; to be fitting or appropriate in a particular situation

ANSWERS: 41. reluctance, 42. ancestor, 43. fungus, 44. jeopardize, 45. inbreeding, 46. pathogen, 47. sham, 48. conservationist, 49. behoove

50. maintain the pr____ne condition *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
51. ov_____ct to the criticism *v.* to react more strongly or excessively than is necessary or appropriate
52. st__e passions *v.* to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict
53. the cr____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
54. s__w away goods *v.* to pack or store something safely and securely, especially on a ship or aircraft; to hide or conceal something
55. es_____te into a major international incident *v.* to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
56. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
57. uni_____ed bias *adj.* not planned or meant
58. a be___e larva *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
59. e_k hunting *n.* a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size
60. ex_____t by human activity *adj.* no longer in existence
61. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
62. jeo_____ze safety *v.* to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone

ANSWERS: 50. pristine, 51. overreact, 52. stoke, 53. creditor, 54. stow, 55. escalate, 56. resilient, 57. unintended, 58. beetle, 59. elk, 60. extinct, 61. terrify, 62. jeopardize

63. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
64. ov_____ct with anger *v.* to react more strongly or excessively than is necessary or appropriate
65. de_____us tree *adj.* (of plants and shrubs) shedding its foliage annually; (of teeth, antlers, etc.) shedding its body parts at the end of a period of growth
66. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
67. 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
68. 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
69. vo____x formation *n.* a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind
70. ro____t repellent *n.* a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail
71. e_k population *n.* a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size
72. a ma_____h ship *adj.* exceedingly large or extensive; (noun) any of numerous extinct elephants widely distributed in the Pleistocene
73. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

ANSWERS: 63. industrious, 64. overreact, 65. deciduous, 66. innovate, 67. captivity, 68. captivity, 69. vortex, 70. rodent, 71. elk, 72. mammoth, 73. innovate

74. fe___t out the truth
n. a small, carnivorous mammal with a long slender body and a pointed snout, often used for hunting rats or other small animals; (verb) to search persistently and relentlessly for something, often in a secretive or concealed manner, as if hunting with a ferret
75. des_____nt of a pioneer
n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
76. dw_____e to almost nothing
v. to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
77. consequences of in_____on
n. the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is needed
78. st___e progress
v. to obstruct, hinder, or prevent something from succeeding or happening; to present an obstacle or impediment to progress or achievement
79. woolly ma_____h
adj. exceedingly large or extensive; (noun) any of numerous extinct elephants widely distributed in the Pleistocene
80. st___e a fire
v. to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict
81. r___m the countryside
v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
82. train a f___l
n. a young horse, typically under one year of age

ANSWERS: 74. ferret, 75. descendant, 76. dwindle, 77. inaction, 78. stymie, 79. mammoth, 80. stoke, 81. roam, 82. foal

83. long-ex_____t volcano *adj.* no longer in existence
84. ch_____ut shell *n.* a tree or its nut, with a smooth brown shell and a sweet edible kernel
85. strategic fo_____ht *n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come
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87. inb_____ng prevention *n.* the practice of breeding closely related individuals or strains within a particular population or group, often resulting in increased homozygosity and decreased genetic diversity
88. de_____us teeth *adj.* (of plants and shrubs) shedding its foliage annually; (of teeth, antlers, etc.) shedding its body parts at the end of a period of growth
89. excuse for in_____on *n.* the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is needed
90. fertile fa_____nd *n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes
91. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 83. extinct, 84. chestnut, 85. foresight, 86. toolbox, 87. inbreeding, 88. deciduous, 89. inaction, 90. farmland, 91. ancestor

92. rei_____ce capital punishment *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
93. be___e brows *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
94. symbiotic fu___s *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
95. per_____ve speaker *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
96. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
97. per_____ve advertising *adj.* tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing
98. po_____us chemicals *adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
99. fe___t food *n.* a small, carnivorous mammal with a long slender body and a pointed snout, often used for hunting rats or other small animals; (verb) to search persistently and relentlessly for something, often in a secretive or concealed manner, as if hunting with a ferret
100. overcoming rel_____ce *n.* a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking

ANSWERS: 92. reintroduce, 93. beetle, 94. fungus, 95. persuasive, 96. excite, 97. persuasive, 98. poisonous, 99. ferret, 100. reluctance

101. sp___t seeds *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
102. sperm cry_____ion *n.* the process of preserving biological material at very low temperatures, often below -150°C, to maintain its viability and function
103. third-generation des_____nt *n.* children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
104. blow in a vo___x *n.* a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind
105. pi___n on the roof *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
106. fa_____nd acreage *n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes
107. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
108. r___m freely *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
109. in vi___o diagnostics *n.* (used as "in vitro") a scientific experiment or procedure that takes place outside of a living organism, usually in a test tube or petri dish
110. s___w all electronic *v.* to pack or store something safely and securely, especially on a ship or aircraft; to hide or conceal something

ANSWERS: 101. sprout, 102. cryopreservation, 103. descendant, 104. vortex, 105. pigeon, 106. farmland, 107. industrious, 108. roam, 109. vitro, 110. stow

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We saw a group of ____ grazing in the field near our cabin in the mountains.
n. a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size
2. mRNA vaccines are approved faster because they do not contain inactivated _____.
n. a bacterium, virus, or other microorganism that causes disease
3. The _____ process typically involves special freezing agents and controlled cooling rates to minimize cell damage.
n. the process of preserving biological material at very low temperatures, often below -150°C, to maintain its viability and function
4. The data he prepared was completely _____.
n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
5. The new regulations will _____ the growth of small businesses in the area.
v. to obstruct, hinder, or prevent something from succeeding or happening; to present an obstacle or impediment to progress or achievement
6. _____ in response to climate change poses a dire threat to our future.
n. the lack of action or activity; the state of not doing anything; the failure to take action when action is needed
7. He made a _____ argument for the new policy.
adj. tending to make you want to do or believe a particular thing; convincing

ANSWERS: 1. elk, 2. pathogens, 3. cryopreservation, 4. sham, 5. stymie, 6. Inaction, 7. persuasive

8. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.
v. to frighten someone very much
9. The government is planning to _____ wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.
v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
10. The company's _____ to invest in new technology kept them from competing with other businesses.
n. a feeling of unwillingness or hesitation, especially when faced with a decision or undertaking
11. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
12. The _____ perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.
n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
13. With _____ she made a plan to avoid any potential obstacles.
n. the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come
14. The _____ mother gave birth to a healthy baby for the couple who couldn't conceive independently.
adj. acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose
15. 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

ANSWERS: 8. terrify, 9. reintroduce, 10. reluctance, 11. ancestor, 12. pigeon, 13. foresight, 14. surrogate, 15. captivity

16. People tend to believe _____ friends with their secrets.
adj. reliable and dependable
17. I love to _____ around the city and discover new neighborhoods.
v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
18. In ancient civilizations, the scarab _____ was worshiped as a sacred creature.
n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
19. 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
20. The flowers in the garden began to _____ after the first rain of the season.
v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
21. Those warriors' _____ are still skilled archers.
n. children or offspring of a specific person, plant, or animal
22. The artist used bright colors and bold brushstrokes to _____ a sense of vibrancy in their painting.
v. to add fuel to the fire or furnace; to increase the intensity or strength of something, such as an emotion or conflict
23. The kids went on a scavenger hunt in the park and found a _____ under a big leaf.
n. a small, tailless amphibian with dry, warty skin and short legs; a person who is disliked or contemptible

ANSWERS: 16. trustworthy, 17. roam, 18. beetle, 19. decimated, 20. sprout, 21. descendants, 22. stoke, 23. toad

24. You should always keep a basic _____ in your car in case of an emergency.
n. a container or storage unit for tools, typically characterized by a handle and one or more compartments for organizing and storing various tools and equipment
25. The _____ mountain range was a sight to behold.
adj. impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
26. The _____ of the tornado was massive and destructive.
n. a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind
27. The crowds at the festival _____ as the night went on.
v. to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
28. The government is encouraging farmers to expand their _____ to increase food production.
n. land used for farming or agricultural purposes
29. The young entrepreneur had an _____ plan to start his own company.
adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
30. The lush _____ was covered in wildflowers.
n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
31. The lab technician used in _____ fertilization to help the couple conceive.
n. (used as "in vitro") a scientific experiment or procedure that takes place outside of a living organism, usually in a test tube or petri dish
32. His reckless behavior could _____ his chances of getting hired for the job.
v. to put something at risk or in danger; to threaten or endanger something or someone

ANSWERS: 24. toolbox, 25. majestic, 26. vortex, 27. dwindled, 28. farmland, 29. audacious, 30. meadow, 31. vitro, 32. jeopardize

33. The _____ tree is known for its edible nuts and beautiful fall foliage.
n. a tree or its nut, with a smooth brown shell and a sweet edible kernel
34. The situation quickly _____ and turned violent.
v. to increase in intensity, size, or severity; to make something greater, worse, or more serious
35. It would _____ you to double-check your work before submitting it.
v. to be necessary, proper, or advantageous for someone to do something; to be fitting or appropriate in a particular situation
36. She _____ to the situation and caused unnecessary stress.
v. to react more strongly or excessively than is necessary or appropriate
37. The extinction of this species has been a significant concern for _____.
n. a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
38. Excessive human interference in the global environment may bring _____ consequences.
adj. not planned or meant
39. I love to watch my pet _____ play with its toys.
n. a small, carnivorous mammal with a long slender body and a pointed snout, often used for hunting rats or other small animals; (verb) to search persistently and relentlessly for something, often in a secretive or concealed manner, as if hunting with a ferret
40. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

ANSWERS: 33. chestnut, 34. escalated, 35. behoove, 36. overreacted, 37. conservationists, 38. unintended, 39. ferret, 40. resilient

41. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.
- v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
42. Certain types of _____ can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.
- n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
43. The minister decided to review its _____ public works projects.
- adj.* exceedingly large or extensive; (noun) any of numerous extinct elephants widely distributed in the Pleistocene
44. Some species of _____ can be deadly to humans if bitten.
- adj.* containing or producing toxic substances; harmful or dangerous to living beings, often causing illness, injury, or death; capable of causing serious harm or destruction
45. _____ leafy trees dominate the forests of the lower region.
- adj.* (of plants and shrubs) shedding its foliage annually; (of teeth, antlers, etc.) shedding its body parts at the end of a period of growth
46. The abandoned factory was _____ by vandalism and graffiti.
- v.* to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting
47. It is terrific to camp in _____ nature.
- adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination

ANSWERS: 41. innovate, 42. fungus, 43. mammoth, 44. poisonous snakes, 45. Deciduous, 46. blighted, 47. pristine

48. I asked the lawyer to initiate _____ negotiations for voluntary liquidation.
n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
49. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
50. He set up a trap to catch the _____.
n. a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail
51. Many species have become _____ due to habitat destruction and other human activities.
adj. no longer in existence
52. The zoo officials carefully monitor the breeding program to avoid _____ among rare and endangered species
n. the practice of breeding closely related individuals or strains within a particular population or group, often resulting in increased homozygosity and decreased genetic diversity
53. Please ____ your luggage in the overhead compartment before takeoff.
v. to pack or store something safely and securely, especially on a ship or aircraft; to hide or conceal something
54. The mare gave birth to a healthy ____ during the night.
n. a young horse, typically under one year of age
55. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

ANSWERS: 48. creditor, 49. excited, 50. rodent, 51. extinct, 52. inbreeding, 53. stow, 54. foal, 55. industrious

ANSWERS: