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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### paleontology

*n.* the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth

*synonym*: fossilology, prehistoric biology

(1) vertebrate **paleontology**, (2) **paleontology** museum

My interest in **paleontology** research began when I visited a natural history museum and saw a display of fossils from the Jurassic period.

### dinosaur

*n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

*synonym*: reptile, beast, monster

(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil

The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

### 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.

### footprint

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

*synonym*: footmark, imprint, impression

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

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

## unimportant

*adj.* not important

*synonym*: inconsiderable, inconsequential, insignificant

(1) **unimportant** information, (2) **unimportant** event

He regretted having undertaken the **unimportant** job without thinking about the consequences.

## reconstruct

*v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

*synonym*: rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text

They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

## burrow

*v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

*synonym*: tunnel, dig, excavate

(1) **burrow** through the forest, (2) **burrow** into a mystery

You can't **burrow** through solid metal.

## excavate

*v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

*synonym*: dig, unearth, extract

(1) **excavate** a deep hole, (2) **excavate** soil

The archaeologists **excavated** the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

## pivotal

*adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something

*synonym*: crucial, essential, important

(1) **pivotal** moment, (2) **pivotal** role

The CEO's decision was **pivotal** in the success of the company's expansion plans.

## Renaissance

*n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

*synonym*: rebirth, golden age

(1) artistic **renaissance**, (2) industrial **renaissance**

Folk music is now experiencing a **renaissance**.

## makeover

*n.* the process or act of a complete transformation, especially relevant to the appearance of someone or something

*synonym*: renovation, refashioning, remodeling

(1) corporate **makeover**, (2) massive **makeover**

The company's drastic **makeover** is well known outside the industry.

## defunct

*adj.* no longer existing, operational, or functioning; extinct or dead; obsolete or out of use

*synonym*: inactive, non-functioning, extinct

(1) **defunct** company, (2) **defunct** law

The **defunct** amusement park was once a popular attraction.

## theropod

*n.* a type of carnivorous dinosaur that existed during the Mesozoic Era and is characterized by having three-toed limbs, a stiff tail, and sharp teeth, such as the Tyrannosaurus and Velociraptor

*synonym*: dinosaur, predator, carnivore

(1) **theropod** fossils, (2) **theropod** teeth

The **theropod** dinosaur was one of the fiercest predators of the prehistoric era.

## trackway

*n.* a pathway or trail made by the footprints or tracks of animals, typically found in mud, sand, or snow

*synonym*: trail, path, route

(1) dinosaur **trackway**, (2) animal **trackway**

The ancient **trackway** provided evidence of prehistoric animal migration patterns.

## subadult

*adj.* referring to an animal or person that is not fully mature or developed but has not yet reached adulthood, typically used to describe a stage of development between juvenile and adult

*synonym*: adolescent, juvenile, immature

(1) **subadult** male, (2) **subadult** behavior

The **subadult** elephant was still too young to mate and reproduce.

## indistinct

*adj.* not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood

*synonym*: faint, blurred, hazy

(1) **indistinct** memory, (2) **indistinct** pronunciation

The **indistinct** shape in the fog made it difficult to determine what it was.

## sandpiper

*n.* a small to medium-sized wading bird commonly found near water, characterized by its long beak and slender body

(1) **sandpiper** habitat, (2) migrating **sandpiper**

The ecology class studied the **sandpiper's** behavior as part of their animal adaptation to environments coursework.

## biped

*n.* an animal with two feet

*synonym*: hominoid

(1) **biped** robot, (2) a featherless **biped**

**Biped** walking encouraged the further evolution of humankind.

## crocodile

*n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats

*synonym*: alligator, gator, croc

(1) **crocodile** hide, (2) saltwater **crocodile**

The **crocodile** attack left the villagers in a state of shock and fear

## **carnivorous**

*adj.* feeding on the flesh of other animals

*synonym*: meat-eating, predatory, flesh-eating

(1) **carnivorous** cell, (2) aquatic **carnivorous** mammal

The **carnivorous** dinosaur preyed on other animals.

## **ferocious**

*adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel

*synonym*: savage, fierce, brutal

(1) **ferocious** beast, (2) **ferocious** predator

The lion's **ferocious** roar could be heard from miles away.

## **lizard**

*n.* a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail

(1) giant **lizard**, (2) **lizard** leather

The **lizard's** tail regenerates if severed.

## **heron**

*n.* a long-legged wading bird with a long, slender neck and bill, typically found near water and known for its ability to stand motionless for long periods while waiting to catch prey

*synonym*: egret, crane

(1) **heron** migration, (2) great blue **heron**

I love watching the graceful movements of **herons** as they hunt for fish.

## **shoreline**

*n.* a line that separates land and sea

(1) **shoreline** erosion, (2) coral-reef **shoreline**

Flooding occurs along the city's **shoreline** due to the storm surge.

## **stratum**

*n.* a layer or level of something, usually referring to a layer of rock or soil in the Earth's crust

*synonym*: layer, level, tier

(1) social **stratum**, (2) **stratum** corneum

The geologist identified a new **stratum** of rock through his research.

## **lapse**

- n.* a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended

*synonym*: break, failure, blunder

(1) **lapse** back into recession, (2) **lapse** in payment

I missed the deadline due to a **lapse** in my memory.

## **lakeside**

- n.* (also "lakeshore" or "lakefront") the edge or shore of a lake; an area adjacent to a lake

*synonym*: shoreline, lakeshore, waterfront

(1) **lakeside** view, (2) **lakeside** cabin

The **lakeside** resort was a perfect destination for a romantic getaway.

## **headland**

- n.* a narrow piece of land that projects out into a body of water, typically with steep cliffs on three sides

*synonym*: promontory, cape, point

(1) **headland** erosion, (2) rocky **headland**

The lighthouse on the **headland** provided safety for ships in the stormy sea.

## **clipboard**

- n.* a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place

*synonym*: notepad, writing board, memo pad

(1) **clipboard** with a pen, (2) write on a **clipboard**

The nurse carried a **clipboard** with the patient's medical information.

## **sauropod**

- n.* a large, long-necked dinosaur that was dominant during the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods, characterized by its massive sizes and quadrupedal stances, such as Brachiosaurus, Apatosaurus, and Diplodocus

*synonym*: dinosaur, Brachiosaurus, Diplodocus

(1) herbivorous **sauropod**, (2) **sauropod** fossils

The long necks of **sauro pods** allowed them to reach high vegetation.

## loom

*v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

*synonym*: appear, come on, overshadow

(1) **loom** over the global economy, (2) **loom** on the horizon

The issue of divorce **loomed** large in his mind.

## courtyard

*n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings

*synonym*: patio, garden, atrium

(1) quiet **courtyard**, (2) spacious **courtyard**

The hotel's beautiful **courtyard** was the perfect spot for a wedding reception.

## ken

*n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know

*synonym*: knowledge, understanding, familiarity

(1) within my **ken**, (2) **ken** of the person

He had a good **ken** of the city and could easily find his way around.

## bobcat

*n.* a small wild cat native to North America, known for its distinctive tufted ears

*synonym*: lynx, wildcat, mountain cat

(1) **bobcat** population, (2) **bobcat's** agility

We spotted a **bobcat** lounging on a rock outcropping during our hike.

## lad

*n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way

*synonym*: boy, youth, youngster

(1) working-class **lad**, (2) local **lad**

The older man gave the young **lad** some helpful life advice.

## puzzling

*adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious

*synonym*: baffling, confusing, enigmatic

(1) **puzzling** behavior, (2) **puzzling** questions

The detective found the clues **puzzling** and couldn't solve the case immediately.

## 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.

## prowess

*n.* exceptional or superior skill or ability, particularly in a physical or athletic context; valorous bravery or courage

*synonym*: expertise, skill, ability

(1) economic **prowess**, (2) intellectual **prowess**

The athlete's **prowess** in her sport earned her many accolades.

## rendezvous

*n.* a meeting or appointment that has been arranged beforehand; a gathering of people in a pre-arranged location

*synonym*: meeting, appointment, encounter

(1) romantic **rendezvous**, (2) business **rendezvous**

Our **rendezvous** point was the coffee shop on the corner.

## tryst

*n.* a planned meeting between two people, especially lovers, typically in a private and secluded setting

*synonym*: rendezvous, meeting, appointment

(1) midnight **tryst**, (2) romantic **tryst**

The couple planned a secret **tryst** at the beach after dark.

## lovebird

*n.* a type of small parrot, typically characterized by their brightly colored feathers and affectionate behavior towards their mates

(1) **lovebird** breeding, (2) **lovebird** nesting



The **lovebird's** colorful plumage and playful personality make it a popular pet.

## ornithologist

*n.* a person who studies, observes or is an expert in the scientific field of ornithology, which is the study of birds

*synonym*: birdwatcher, avian expert

(1) amateur **ornithologist**, (2) **ornithologist** group

The documentary featured interviews with several renowned **ornithologists** discussing the bird population decline.

## frenzied

*adj.* wild, excited, or uncontrolled, often as a result of strong emotions such as anger, fear, or excitement

*synonym*: frantic, feverish, excited

(1) **frenzied** buying, (2) **frenzied** excitement

The **frenzied** crowd rushed towards the stage at the music festival.

## astonished

*adj.* extremely surprised and upset

*synonym*: amazed, dumbfounded, flabbergasted

(1) **astonished** at the success, (2) cast **astonished** eyes

She was **astonished** by the news and could hardly believe it.

## gouge

*v.* to use a sharp tool to dig out or cut into a surface, often resulting in a deep, narrow groove or hole; to overcharge or unfairly extract money from someone

*synonym*: carve, chisel, cut

(1) **gouge** out his eyes, (2) **gouge** a deep crater

She used a chisel to **gouge** at the wood block, creating intricate carvings.

## roar

*v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

*synonym*: bellow, yell, shout

(1) **roar** with laughter, (2) **roar** for more

The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

## newsworthy

*adj.* worthy of being reported in the news; interesting or important enough to be of public interest or noteworthy

*synonym*: newswaking, noteworthy, important

(1) **newsworthy** event, (2) **newsworthy** announcement

The scandal was deemed **newsworthy** by every major media outlet in the country.

## monologue

*n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory

*synonym*: soliloquy, speech, address

(1) inner **monologue**, (2) deliver a **monologue**

The actor's **monologue** was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.

## bedrock

*n.* the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium

*synonym*: foundation, foundation stone, base

(1) **bedrock** foundation, (2) **bedrock** geology

The **bedrock** beneath the soil is extremely solid and stable.

## motto

*n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

*synonym*: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

## institutionalize

*v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

*synonym*: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

## canyon

*n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

*synonym:* gorge, valley, ravine

(1) twisty **canyon** road, (2) **canyon** of skyscrapers

The Grand **Canyon** has an awe-inspiring sight.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. within my k_n       | <i>n.</i> knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know   |
| 2. ind_____ct memory   | <i>adj.</i> not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood   |
| 3. great blue he__n    | <i>n.</i> a long-legged wading bird with a long, slender neck and bill, typically found near water and known for its ability to stand motionless for long periods while waiting to catch prey            |
| 4. migrating sa_____er | <i>n.</i> a small to medium-sized wading bird commonly found near water, characterized by its long beak and slender body   |
| 5. local l_d           | <i>n.</i> a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way  |
| 6. th____od fossils    | <i>n.</i> a type of carnivorous dinosaur that existed during the Mesozoic Era and is characterized by having three-toed limbs, a stiff tail, and sharp teeth, such as the Tyrannosaurus and Velociraptor |
| 7. saltwater cr_____le | <i>n.</i> a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats   |
| 8. social st_____m     | <i>n.</i> a layer or level of something, usually referring to a layer of rock or soil in the Earth's crust   |

ANSWERS: 1. ken, 2. indistinct, 3. heron, 4. sandpiper, 5. lad, 6. theropod, 7. crocodile, 8. stratum

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| 9. industrial ren_____ce                      | <i>n.</i> a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music   |
| 10. fo_____nts in the snow                    | <i>n.</i> a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface   |
| 11. th_____od teeth                           | <i>n.</i> a type of carnivorous dinosaur that existed during the Mesozoic Era and is characterized by having three-toed limbs, a stiff tail, and sharp teeth, such as the Tyrannosaurus and Velociraptor |
| 12. ex_____t by human activity                | <i>adj.</i> no longer in existence   |
| 13. vertebrate pal_____ogy                    | <i>n.</i> the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth  |
| 14. aquatic car_____us mammal                 | <i>adj.</i> feeding on the flesh of other animals  |
| 15. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization | <i>n.</i> a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface   |
| 16. coral-reef sh_____ne                      | <i>n.</i> a line that separates land and sea   |
| 17. cr_____le hide                            | <i>n.</i> a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats   |
| 18. fe_____us beast                           | <i>adj.</i> very fierce, savage, or cruel  |
| 19. pal_____ogy museum                        | <i>n.</i> the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth  |
| 20. amateur orn_____ist                       | <i>n.</i> a person who studies, observes or is an expert in the scientific field of ornithology, which is the study of birds   |

ANSWERS: 9. Renaissance, 10. footprint, 11. theropod, 12. extinct, 13. paleontology, 14. carnivorous, 15. footprint, 16. shoreline, 17. crocodile, 18. ferocious, 19. paleontology, 20. ornithologist

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| 21. massive ma____er   | <i>n.</i> the process or act of a complete transformation, especially relevant to the appearance of someone or something   |
| 22. su____lt male      | <i>adj.</i> referring to an animal or person that is not fully mature or developed but has not yet reached adulthood, typically used to describe a stage of development between juvenile and adult |
| 23. de____t company    | <i>adj.</i> no longer existing, operational, or functioning; extinct or dead; obsolete or out of use   |
| 24. romantic tr__t     | <i>n.</i> a planned meeting between two people, especially lovers, typically in a private and secluded setting   |
| 25. r__r for more      | <i>v.</i> to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine  |
| 26. lo____rd nesting   | <i>n.</i> a type of small parrot, typically characterized by their brightly colored feathers and affectionate behavior towards their mates   |
| 27. rec____ct an image | <i>v.</i> to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed  |
| 28. ex____te soil      | <i>v.</i> to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something  |
| 29. la____de view      | <i>n.</i> (also "lakeshore" or "lakefront") the edge or shore of a lake; an area adjacent to a lake  |

ANSWERS: 21. makeover, 22. subadult, 23. defunct, 24. tryst, 25. roar, 26. lovebird, 27. reconstruct, 28. excavate, 29. lakeside

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| 30. economic pr____s      | <i>n.</i> exceptional or superior skill or ability, particularly in a physical or athletic context; valorous bravery or courage  |
| 31. quiet co_____rd       | <i>n.</i> an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings  |
| 32. artistic ren_____ce   | <i>n.</i> a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music   |
| 33. bi__d robot           | <i>n.</i> an animal with two feet  |
| 34. k_n of the person     | <i>n.</i> knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know   |
| 35. bo___t population     | <i>n.</i> a small wild cat native to North America, known for its distinctive tufted ears  |
| 36. deliver a mo_____ue   | <i>n.</i> a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory                    |
| 37. be_____k geology      | <i>n.</i> the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium   |
| 38. hulking di_____ur     | <i>n.</i> a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin  |
| 39. fr_____ed excitement  | <i>adj.</i> wild, excited, or uncontrolled, often as a result of strong emotions such as anger, fear, or excitement  |
| 40. herbivorous sa_____od | <i>n.</i> a large, long-necked dinosaur that was dominant during the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods, characterized by its massive sizes and quadrupedal stances, such as Brachiosaurus, Apatosaurus, and Diplodocus |

ANSWERS: 30. prowess, 31. courtyard, 32. Renaissance, 33. biped, 34. ken, 35. bobcat, 36. monologue, 37. bedrock, 38. dinosaur, 39. frenzied, 40. sauropod

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|--------------------------------|--|
| 41. de____t law                | <i>adj.</i> no longer existing, operational, or functioning; extinct or dead; obsolete or out of use   |
| 42. dinosaur tr____ay          | <i>n.</i> a pathway or trail made by the footprints or tracks of animals, typically found in mud, sand, or snow  |
| 43. la__e in payment           | <i>n.</i> a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended |
| 44. l__m on the horizon        | <i>v.</i> to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way  |
| 45. giant li____d              | <i>n.</i> a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail  |
| 46. bu____w through the forest | <i>v.</i> to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal   |
| 47. st____m corneum            | <i>n.</i> a layer or level of something, usually referring to a layer of rock or soil in the Earth's crust   |
| 48. uni____nt event            | <i>adj.</i> not important  |
| 49. fr____ed buying            | <i>adj.</i> wild, excited, or uncontrolled, often as a result of strong emotions such as anger, fear, or excitement  |
| 50. orn______ist group         | <i>n.</i> a person who studies, observes or is an expert in the scientific field of ornithology, which is the study of birds   |

ANSWERS: 41. defunct, 42. trackway, 43. lapse, 44. loom, 45. lizard, 46. burrow, 47. stratum, 48. unimportant, 49. frenzied, 50. ornithologist



51. uni_____nt information	<i>adj.</i> not important
52. bo___t's agility	<i>n.</i> a small wild cat native to North America, known for its distinctive tufted ears
53. inner mo_____ue	<i>n.</i> a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
54. li___d leather	<i>n.</i> a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail
55. new_____hy event	<i>adj.</i> worthy of being reported in the news; interesting or important enough to be of public interest or noteworthy
56. ins_____ize a system	<i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
57. di_____ur fossil	<i>n.</i> a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
58. ind_____ct pronunciation	<i>adj.</i> not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood
59. business ren_____us	<i>n.</i> a meeting or appointment that has been arranged beforehand; a gathering of people in a pre-arranged location
60. sa_____od fossils	<i>n.</i> a large, long-necked dinosaur that was dominant during the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods, characterized by its massive sizes and quadrupedal stances, such as Brachiosaurus, Apatosaurus, and Diplodocus

ANSWERS: 51. unimportant, 52. bobcat, 53. monologue, 54. lizard, 55. newsworthy, 56. institutionalize, 57. dinosaur, 58. indistinct, 59. rendezvous, 60. sauropod

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| 61. go__e out his eyes           | <i>v.</i> to use a sharp tool to dig out or cut into a surface, often resulting in a deep, narrow groove or hole; to overcharge or unfairly extract money from someone                        |
| 62. the mo__o for safe traffic   | <i>n.</i> a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal   |
| 63. write on a cl_____rd         | <i>n.</i> a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place  |
| 64. rec_____ct the original text | <i>v.</i> to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed   |
| 65. he__n migration              | <i>n.</i> a long-legged wading bird with a long, slender neck and bill, typically found near water and known for its ability to stand motionless for long periods while waiting to catch prey |
| 66. romantic ren_____us          | <i>n.</i> a meeting or appointment that has been arranged beforehand; a gathering of people in a pre-arranged location  |
| 67. r__r with laughter           | <i>v.</i> to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine   |
| 68. la_____de cabin              | <i>n.</i> (also "lakeshore" or "lakefront") the edge or shore of a lake; an area adjacent to a lake   |
| 69. cl_____rd with a pen         | <i>n.</i> a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place  |
| 70. cast ast_____ed eyes         | <i>adj.</i> extremely surprised and upset   |
| 71. intellectual pr_____s        | <i>n.</i> exceptional or superior skill or ability, particularly in a physical or athletic context; valorous bravery or courage   |

ANSWERS: 61. gouge, 62. motto, 63. clipboard, 64. reconstruct, 65. heron, 66. rendezvous, 67. roar, 68. lakeside, 69. clipboard, 70. astonished, 71. prowess

72. ex____te a deep hole	<i>v.</i> to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
73. spacious co_____rd	<i>n.</i> an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
74. ast_____ed at the success	<i>adj.</i> extremely surprised and upset
75. long-ex_____t volcano	<i>adj.</i> no longer in existence
76. company mo__o	<i>n.</i> a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
77. working-class l_d	<i>n.</i> a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way
78. sh_____ne erosion	<i>n.</i> a line that separates land and sea
79. l__m over the global economy	<i>v.</i> to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way
80. he_____nd erosion	<i>n.</i> a narrow piece of land that projects out into a body of water, typically with steep cliffs on three sides
81. bu___w into a mystery	<i>v.</i> to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal
82. ins_____ize customary laws	<i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
83. new_____hy announcement	<i>adj.</i> worthy of being reported in the news; interesting or important enough to be of public interest or noteworthy

ANSWERS: 72. excavate, 73. courtyard, 74. astonished, 75. extinct, 76. motto, 77. lad, 78. shoreline, 79. loom, 80. headland, 81. burrow, 82. institutionalize, 83. newsworthy

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| 84. car_____us cell           | <i>adj.</i> feeding on the flesh of other animals  |
| 85. ca___n of skyscrapers     | <i>n.</i> a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river  |
| 86. pu_____ng questions       | <i>adj.</i> confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious   |
| 87. go__e a deep crater       | <i>v.</i> to use a sharp tool to dig out or cut into a surface, often resulting in a deep, narrow groove or hole; to overcharge or unfairly extract money from someone   |
| 88. rocky he_____nd           | <i>n.</i> a narrow piece of land that projects out into a body of water, typically with steep cliffs on three sides  |
| 89. twisty ca___n road        | <i>n.</i> a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river  |
| 90. pi_____l role             | <i>adj.</i> relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something   |
| 91. be_____k foundation       | <i>n.</i> the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium   |
| 92. la__e back into recession | <i>n.</i> a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended |
| 93. pu_____ng behavior        | <i>adj.</i> confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious   |

ANSWERS: 84. carnivorous, 85. canyon, 86. puzzling, 87. gouge, 88. headland, 89. canyon, 90. pivotal, 91. bedrock, 92. lapse, 93. puzzling

94. midnight tr__t	<i>n.</i> a planned meeting between two people, especially lovers, typically in a private and secluded setting
95. an____or language	<i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
96. a featherless bi__d	<i>n.</i> an animal with two feet
97. fe____us predator	<i>adj.</i> very fierce, savage, or cruel
98. earliest human an____or	<i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
99. sa____er habitat	<i>n.</i> a small to medium-sized wading bird commonly found near water, characterized by its long beak and slender body
100. corporate ma____er	<i>n.</i> the process or act of a complete transformation, especially relevant to the appearance of someone or something
101. lo____rd breeding	<i>n.</i> a type of small parrot, typically characterized by their brightly colored feathers and affectionate behavior towards their mates
102. pi____l moment	<i>adj.</i> relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
103. animal tr____ay	<i>n.</i> a pathway or trail made by the footprints or tracks of animals, typically found in mud, sand, or snow
104. su____lt behavior	<i>adj.</i> referring to an animal or person that is not fully mature or developed but has not yet reached adulthood, typically used to describe a stage of development between juvenile and adult

ANSWERS: 94. tryst, 95. ancestor, 96. biped, 97. ferocious, 98. ancestor, 99. sandpiper, 100. makeover, 101. lovebird, 102. pivotal, 103. trackway, 104. subadult

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The older man gave the young \_\_\_\_ some helpful life advice.  
*n.* a young boy or man, often used in an informal or affectionate way
2. She used a chisel to \_\_\_\_\_ at the wood block, creating intricate carvings.  
*v.* to use a sharp tool to dig out or cut into a surface, often resulting in a deep, narrow groove or hole; to overcharge or unfairly extract money from someone
3. The ancient \_\_\_\_\_ provided evidence of prehistoric animal migration patterns.  
*n.* a pathway or trail made by the footprints or tracks of animals, typically found in mud, sand, or snow
4. I missed the deadline due to a \_\_\_\_\_ in my memory.  
*n.* a temporary or brief failure in judgment, action, or behavior; a gradual or slow decline, often referring to a loss of performance, quality, or attention; a period of time that has passed; (verb) to fall or slip into a particular state, often one that is undesirable or unintended
5. The actor's \_\_\_\_\_ was so powerful that the audience was moved to tears.  
*n.* a solo speech or performance given by one person, typically in a theatrical or storytelling context, and often used to reveal aspects of the speaker's thoughts, feelings, or backstory
6. The new policy aims to \_\_\_\_\_ the use of renewable energy sources.  
*v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

ANSWERS: 1. lad, 2. gouge, 3. trackway, 4. lapse, 5. monologue, 6. institutionalize

7. The athlete's \_\_\_\_\_ in her sport earned her many accolades.  
*n.* exceptional or superior skill or ability, particularly in a physical or athletic context; valorous bravery or courage
8. My remote \_\_\_\_\_ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.  
*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ beneath the soil is extremely solid and stable.  
*n.* the solid rock underlying soil or alluvium
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ colorful plumage and playful personality make it a popular pet.  
*n.* a type of small parrot, typically characterized by their brightly colored feathers and affectionate behavior towards their mates
11. The lion's \_\_\_\_\_ roar could be heard from miles away.  
*adj.* very fierce, savage, or cruel
12. The hotel's beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ was the perfect spot for a wedding reception.  
*n.* an open space surrounded by buildings or walls, often in the center of a building or group of buildings
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ tail regenerates if severed.  
*n.* a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail
14. The discovery of a new \_\_\_\_\_ species made headlines in the scientific community.  
*n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

ANSWERS: 7. prowess, 8. ancestor, 9. bedrock, 10. lovebird's, 11. ferocious, 12. courtyard, 13. lizard's, 14. dinosaur



15. The lion \_\_\_\_\_ loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.  
*v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
16. I love watching the graceful movements of \_\_\_\_\_ as they hunt for fish.  
*n.* a long-legged wading bird with a long, slender neck and bill, typically found near water and known for its ability to stand motionless for long periods while waiting to catch prey
17. Our \_\_\_\_\_ point was the coffee shop on the corner.  
*n.* a meeting or appointment that has been arranged beforehand; a gathering of people in a pre-arranged location
18. The couple planned a secret \_\_\_\_\_ at the beach after dark.  
*n.* a planned meeting between two people, especially lovers, typically in a private and secluded setting
19. The company's drastic \_\_\_\_\_ is well known outside the industry.  
*n.* the process or act of a complete transformation, especially relevant to the appearance of someone or something
20. The documentary featured interviews with several renowned \_\_\_\_\_ discussing the bird population decline.  
*n.* a person who studies, observes or is an expert in the scientific field of ornithology, which is the study of birds
21. The long necks of \_\_\_\_\_ allowed them to reach high vegetation.  
*n.* a large, long-necked dinosaur that was dominant during the Jurassic and Cretaceous periods, characterized by its massive sizes and quadrupedal stances, such as Brachiosaurus, Apatosaurus, and Diplodocus

ANSWERS: 15. roared, 16. herons, 17. rendezvous, 18. tryst, 19. makeover, 20. ornithologists, 21. sauropods

22. They've decided to \_\_\_\_\_ a ruined castle.

*v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

23. The detective found the clues \_\_\_\_\_ and couldn't solve the case immediately.

*adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious

24. My interest in \_\_\_\_\_ research began when I visited a natural history museum and saw a display of fossils from the Jurassic period.

*n.* the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth

25. Flooding occurs along the city's \_\_\_\_\_ due to the storm surge.

*n.* a line that separates land and sea

26. The CEO's decision was \_\_\_\_\_ in the success of the company's expansion plans.

*adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something

27. He had a good \_\_\_\_ of the city and could easily find his way around.

*n.* knowledge, perception, understanding, or range of sight; (verb) to be aware of or know

28. The \_\_\_\_\_ attack left the villagers in a state of shock and fear

*n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats

29. The scandal was deemed \_\_\_\_\_ by every major media outlet in the country.

*adj.* worthy of being reported in the news; interesting or important enough to be of public interest or noteworthy

ANSWERS: 22. reconstruct, 23. puzzling, 24. paleontology, 25. shoreline, 26. pivotal, 27. ken, 28. crocodile, 29. newsworthy

30. The geologist identified a new \_\_\_\_\_ of rock through his research.

- n.* a layer or level of something, usually referring to a layer of rock or soil in the Earth's crust

31. She was \_\_\_\_\_ by the news and could hardly believe it.

- adj.* extremely surprised and upset

32. The lighthouse on the \_\_\_\_\_ provided safety for ships in the stormy sea.

- n.* a narrow piece of land that projects out into a body of water, typically with steep cliffs on three sides

33. The issue of divorce \_\_\_\_\_ large in his mind.

- v.* to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

34. You can't \_\_\_\_\_ through solid metal.

- v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

35. The \_\_\_\_\_ shape in the fog made it difficult to determine what it was.

- adj.* not clear or easily seen, heard, or understood

36. Folk music is now experiencing a \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a new growth in activity or enthusiasm in anything, particularly art, literature, or music

37. He regretted having undertaken the \_\_\_\_\_ job without thinking about the consequences.

- adj.* not important

ANSWERS: 30. stratum, 31. astonished, 32. headland, 33. loomed, 34. burrow, 35. indistinct, 36. renaissance, 37. unimportant

38. The \_\_\_\_\_ elephant was still too young to mate and reproduce.  
*adj.* referring to an animal or person that is not fully mature or developed but has not yet reached adulthood, typically used to describe a stage of development between juvenile and adult
39. The archaeologists \_\_\_\_\_ the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.  
*v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
40. The \_\_\_\_\_ resort was a perfect destination for a romantic getaway.  
*n.* (also "lakeshore" or "lakefront") the edge or shore of a lake; an area adjacent to a lake
41. The \_\_\_\_\_ dinosaur was one of the fiercest predators of the prehistoric era.  
*n.* a type of carnivorous dinosaur that existed during the Mesozoic Era and is characterized by having three-toed limbs, a stiff tail, and sharp teeth, such as the Tyrannosaurus and Velociraptor
42. The company's \_\_\_\_\_ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.  
*n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
43. We spotted a \_\_\_\_\_ lounging on a rock outcropping during our hike.  
*n.* a small wild cat native to North America, known for its distinctive tufted ears
44. The nurse carried a \_\_\_\_\_ with the patient's medical information.  
*n.* a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place

ANSWERS: 38. subadult, 39. excavated, 40. lakeside, 41. theropod, 42. motto, 43. bobcat, 44. clipboard

45. The Grand \_\_\_\_\_ has an awe-inspiring sight.

*n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

46. The \_\_\_\_\_ amusement park was once a popular attraction.

*adj.* no longer existing, operational, or functioning; extinct or dead; obsolete or out of use

47. The \_\_\_\_\_ dinosaur preyed on other animals.

*adj.* feeding on the flesh of other animals

48. \_\_\_\_\_ walking encouraged the further evolution of humankind.

*n.* an animal with two feet

49. Many species have become \_\_\_\_\_ due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

*adj.* no longer in existence

50. The ecology class studied the \_\_\_\_\_ behavior as part of their animal adaptation to environments coursework.

*n.* a small to medium-sized wading bird commonly found near water, characterized by its long beak and slender body

51. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon \_\_\_\_\_.

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

52. The \_\_\_\_\_ crowd rushed towards the stage at the music festival.

*adj.* wild, excited, or uncontrolled, often as a result of strong emotions such as anger, fear, or excitement

ANSWERS: 45. Canyon, 46. defunct, 47. carnivorous, 48. Biped, 49. extinct, 50. sandpiper's, 51. footprint, 52. frenzied

ANSWERS: