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Session 1: Word List

rainforest

n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

(1) **rainforest** destruction, (2) tropical **rainforest**

The destruction of the **rainforest** is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

hive

n. a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people

synonym : apiary, swarm, pack

(1) honeybees in **hives**, (2) a **hive** of activity

Bees were buzzing around the **hive**

delectable

adj. highly pleasing and enjoyable to taste or experience

synonym : delicious, tasty, scrumptious

(1) **delectable** dish, (2) **delectable** chocolate

The **delectable** aroma of freshly baked cookies filled the house.

wasp

n. a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals

synonym : insect, hornet, yellow jacket

(1) **wasp** nest, (2) **wasp** sting

A giant **wasp** flew into the room, and everyone panicked.

paralyze

v. to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

synonym: immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

tarantula

n. a large, venomous spider with a round body and long, hairy legs

synonym: spider, arachnid, hairy spider

(1) keep **tarantulas** as pets, (2) fear a **tarantula**

The furry **tarantula** crawled across the floor, causing some to scream.

venom

n. a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging

synonym: poison, toxin, hating

(1) the **venom** of a lizard, (2) injected **venom**

The snake's **venom** is highly toxic and can be fatal to humans.

incite

v. to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive

synonym: provoke, stimulate, encourage

(1) **incite** violence, (2) **incite** rebellion

The politician's speech seemed designed to **incite** anger and unrest among the crowd.

savory

adj. pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet

synonym: delicious, tasty, appetizing

(1) **savory** dish, (2) a **savory** omelet

The **savory** aroma of roasted chicken filled the kitchen.

entomology

n. the scientific study of insects, including their physical characteristics, life cycles, behaviors, and relationships with other organisms in their environment

synonym: insect science, bug study, insectology

(1) **entomology** lab, (2) **entomology** book

The museum offered a guided tour of its **entomology** exhibit featuring various insects.

sting

v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

synonym: bite, prick, poke

(1) **sting** me on the arm, (2) **sting** his face

Bees **sting** as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.

honeybee

n. a type of bee that is known for producing honey and pollinating flowers

synonym: apis mellifera

(1) **honeybee** colony, (2) aggressive **honeybee**

The **honeybee** hive is organized into a caste system, with a queen, drones, and workers.

quench

v. to drink liquid so that you satisfy your thirst

synonym: satisfy, sate, assuage

(1) **quench** a fire, (2) **quench** a rebellion

Her beautiful voice **quenched** the thirst of an ever-growing audience.

lye

n. a highly alkaline solution made by soaking hardwood ashes in the water, used in the production of soap, detergents, and other cleaning agents; a caustic substance

synonym: caustic soda, sodium hydroxide, alkaline solution

(1) **lye** soap, (2) **lye** water

The drain cleaner contains caustic **lye**, and should be handled with care.

melittin

n. a toxic peptide found in bee venom that can cause pain, swelling, and other symptoms; is also being studied for potential medical uses

synonym : bee venom peptide, apitoxin, bee toxin

(1) **melittin-regulated** apoptosis, (2) **melittin** toxicity

Researchers are studying the potential use of **melittin** as a treatment for cancer cells.

disperse

v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

synonym : dissipate, spread, scatter

(1) **disperse** false information, (2) **disperse** the protesters

Before authorities **dispersed** the protesters, they yelled slogans.

buildup

n. the accumulation or increase of something over time

synonym : accumulation, increase, growth

(1) lactic acid **buildup**, (2) huge military **buildup**

The **buildup** of stress over time can lead to health problems.

barb

n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

synonym : spine, barbed remark, sting

(1) **barb** wire, (2) aim a **barb**

The politician's words were full of **barbs** designed to hurt his opponent.

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.

pheromone

n. a chemical substance produced by an animal that is secreted into the environment and that affects the behavior or physiology of others of its species

synonym : scent, odor, aroma

(1) **pheromone** trail, (2) sexual **pheromone**

The perfume industry often uses synthetic **pheromones** to enhance their products' appeal.

hawk

n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

synonym : militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

agonize

v. to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying

synonym : disturb, excruciate, lament

(1) **agonize** pain, (2) **agonize** about financing

He **agonized** over whether to accept the job offer.

immobilize

v. to render someone or something unable to move or function normally; to restrain, inhibit, or stop

synonym : incapacitate, paralyze, disable

(1) **immobilize** the city, (2) **immobilize** our opponent

The paramedics had to **immobilize** the accident victim to prevent further injury during transport to the hospital.

hatch

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

synonym : incubate, breed, produce

(1) **hatch** a plan, (2) **hatch** a baby chick

The eggs began to **hatch**, and the small chicks emerged.

larva

n. the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose

synonym : caterpillar, grub, maggot

(1) **larva** of a butterfly, (2) a moth **larva**

The butterfly emerged from its **larva** stage.

bountiful

adj. abundant or plentiful, often used to describe a source of food, wealth, or other resources

synonym : abundant, plentiful, generous

(1) **bountiful** compliments, (2) **bountiful** blessings

The farmer's land was **bountiful** and produced a large harvest.

devour

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

synonym : consume, swallow, destroy

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

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

neurotoxin

n. a poisonous substance that damages or destroys nerve tissue and causes neurological damage or dysfunction; a toxin that specifically targets the nervous system

(1) snake **neurotoxin**, (2) lethal **neurotoxin**

Certain types of fish contain **neurotoxins** that can harm humans if ingested.

poneratoxin

n. a peptide toxin found in ant venom that is capable of disrupting the normal functioning of the nervous system in animals; can cause pain, paralysis, or other symptoms in humans and other animals

synonym : venom, poison, toxin

(1) **poneratoxin** poisoning, (2) **poneratoxin** venom

Researchers are studying the effects of **poneratoxin** on nerve cells to understand its mechanism of action better.

degrade

v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others

synonym : demean, disgrace, impair

(1) **degrade** his public image, (2) **degrade** environmental quality

You should not **degrade** yourself by allowing them to use you.

agony

n. extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense

synonym : anguish, torment, suffering

(1) severe **agony**, (2) emotional **agony**

The athlete fell to the ground in **agony** after injuring their ankle.

tremble

v. to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness

synonym : shiver, flutter, quaver

(1) **tremble** in fear, (2) **tremble** violently with emotion

When I heard the news, my whole body **trembled** with excitement.

vomit

v. to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth

synonym : puke, throw up, spew

(1) **vomit** abuse, (2) **vomit** after ingesting

She felt sick and had to run to the bathroom to **vomit**.

heartbeat

n. the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force

synonym : beat, pulse, force

(1) **heartbeat** abnormality, (2) a pounding **heartbeat**

New York is the commercial **heartbeat** of America.

excruciating

adj. extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering

synonym: agonizing, unbearable, torturous

(1) **excruciating** ordeal, (2) **excruciating** embarrassment

The **excruciating** pain in his ankle made it difficult to walk.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

formidable

adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

synonym: daunting, intimidating, fearful

(1) **formidable** challenge, (2) **formidable** competitor

The mountain range was a **formidable** obstacle for the hikers.

provoke

v. to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

synonym: stimulate, incite, encourage

(1) **provoke** a disease, (2) **provoke** a reaction

Her behavior **provoked** a quarrel between the couple.

Session 2: Spelling

1. b__b wire
n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
2. exc_____ing ordeal
adj. extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
3. pon_____in poisoning
n. a peptide toxin found in ant venom that is capable of disrupting the normal functioning of the nervous system in animals; can cause pain, paralysis, or other symptoms in humans and other animals
4. a pounding he_____at
n. the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force
5. st__g his face
v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
6. de___r a meal
v. to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
7. a h__e of activity
n. a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people

ANSWERS: 1. barb, 2. excruciating, 3. poneratoxin, 4. heartbeat, 5. sting, 6. devour, 7. hive

8. ho____ee colony *n.* a type of bee that is known for producing honey and pollinating flowers
9. de____r my way *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
10. vo__t after ingesting *v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth
11. tropical rai____st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
12. cast off a h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
13. keep ta____las as pets *n.* a large, venomous spider with a round body and long, hairy legs
14. the ve__m of a lizard *n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
15. sa____y dish *adj.* pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet
16. sexual ph____ne *n.* a chemical substance produced by an animal that is secreted into the environment and that affects the behavior or physiology of others of its species

ANSWERS: 8. honeybee, 9. devour, 10. vomit, 11. rainforest, 12. hawk, 13. tarantula, 14. venom, 15. savory, 16. pheromone

17. bu___w into a mystery *v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal
18. w__p nest *n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
19. ent_____gy lab *n.* the scientific study of insects, including their physical characteristics, life cycles, behaviors, and relationships with other organisms in their environment
20. severe ag__y *n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
21. l_e water *n.* a highly alkaline solution made by soaking hardwood ashes in the water, used in the production of soap, detergents, and other cleaning agents; a caustic substance
22. qu___h a fire *v.* to drink liquid so that you satisfy your thirst
23. snake neu_____in *n.* a poisonous substance that damages or destroys nerve tissue and causes neurological damage or dysfunction; a toxin that specifically targets the nervous system
24. st__g me on the arm *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
25. pr_____e a reaction *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

ANSWERS: 17. burrow, 18. wasp, 19. entomology, 20. agony, 21. lye, 22. quench, 23. neurotoxin, 24. sting, 25. provoke

26. ph_____ne trail *n.* a chemical substance produced by an animal that is secreted into the environment and that affects the behavior or physiology of others of its species
27. imm_____ze the city *v.* to render someone or something unable to move or function normally; to restrain, inhibit, or stop
28. di_____se the protesters *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
29. fear a ta_____la *n.* a large, venomous spider with a round body and long, hairy legs
30. de_____e his public image *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
31. ag_____e about financing *v.* to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying
32. del_____le dish *adj.* highly pleasing and enjoyable to taste or experience
33. me_____in toxicity *n.* a toxic peptide found in bee venom that can cause pain, swelling, and other symptoms; is also being studied for potential medical uses
34. lethal neu_____in *n.* a poisonous substance that damages or destroys nerve tissue and causes neurological damage or dysfunction; a toxin that specifically targets the nervous system

ANSWERS: 26. pheromone, 27. immobilize, 28. disperse, 29. tarantula, 30. degrade, 31. agonize, 32. delectable, 33. melittin, 34. neurotoxin

35. honeybees in h__es *n.* a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people
36. de____e environmental quality *v.* to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
37. pon_____in venom *n.* a peptide toxin found in ant venom that is capable of disrupting the normal functioning of the nervous system in animals; can cause pain, paralysis, or other symptoms in humans and other animals
38. he_____at abnormality *n.* the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force
39. la__a of a butterfly *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
40. w__p sting *n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
41. bo_____ul compliments *adj.* abundant or plentiful, often used to describe a source of food, wealth, or other resources

ANSWERS: 35. hive, 36. degrade, 37. poneratoxin, 38. heartbeat, 39. larva, 40. wasp, 41. bountiful

42. tr____e violently with emotion *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
43. di____se false information *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
44. in____e violence *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
45. emotional ag__y *n.* extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
46. in____e rebellion *v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive
47. ha__h a plan *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
48. bu____w through the forest *v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal
49. congressional h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
50. huge military bu____p *n.* the accumulation or increase of something over time

ANSWERS: 42. tremble, 43. disperse, 44. incite, 45. agony, 46. incite, 47. hatch, 48. burrow, 49. hawk, 50. buildup

51. a moth la__a *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
52. apex pr____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
53. aggressive ho____ee *n.* a type of bee that is known for producing honey and pollinating flowers
54. a sa__y omelet *adj.* pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet
55. ag____e pain *v.* to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying
56. exc_____ing embarrassment *adj.* extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
57. lactic acid bu____p *n.* the accumulation or increase of something over time
58. tr____e in fear *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
59. aim a b__b *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
60. sexual pr____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

ANSWERS: 51. larva, 52. predator, 53. honeybee, 54. savory, 55. agonize, 56. excruciating, 57. buildup, 58. tremble, 59. barb, 60. predator

61. for_____le competitor *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
62. ent_____gy book *n.* the scientific study of insects, including their physical characteristics, life cycles, behaviors, and relationships with other organisms in their environment
63. bo_____ul blessings *adj.* abundant or plentiful, often used to describe a source of food, wealth, or other resources
64. qu___h a rebellion *v.* to drink liquid so that you satisfy your thirst
65. pr_____e a disease *v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect
66. for_____le challenge *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
67. pa_____ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
68. imm_____ze our opponent *v.* to render someone or something unable to move or function normally; to restrain, inhibit, or stop
69. ha__h a baby chick *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
70. injected ve__m *n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging

ANSWERS: 61. formidable, 62. entomology, 63. bountiful, 64. quench, 65. provoke, 66. formidable, 67. paralyze, 68. immobilize, 69. hatch, 70. venom

71. me_____in-regulated apoptosis *n.* a toxic peptide found in bee venom that can cause pain, swelling, and other symptoms; is also being studied for potential medical uses
72. l_e soap *n.* a highly alkaline solution made by soaking hardwood ashes in the water, used in the production of soap, detergents, and other cleaning agents; a caustic substance
73. del_____le chocolate *adj.* highly pleasing and enjoyable to taste or experience
74. vo__t abuse *v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth
75. rai_____st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
76. pa_____ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

ANSWERS: 71. melittin, 72. lye, 73. delectable, 74. vomit, 75. rainforest, 76. paralyze

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Bees _____ as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.
 - v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

2. The drain cleaner contains caustic _____ and should be handled with care.
 - n.* a highly alkaline solution made by soaking hardwood ashes in the water, used in the production of soap, detergents, and other cleaning agents; a caustic substance

3. The politician's speech seemed designed to _____ anger and unrest among the crowd.
 - v.* to encourage, stir up, or provoke someone to do something; to urge, instigate, or stimulate someone to take action, often negative or aggressive

4. The _____ of stress over time can lead to health problems.
 - n.* the accumulation or increase of something over time

5. Bees were buzzing around the _____
 - n.* a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people

6. The _____ aroma of freshly baked cookies filled the house.
 - adj.* highly pleasing and enjoyable to taste or experience

7. Her behavior _____ a quarrel between the couple.
 - v.* to stimulate or give rise to a particular reaction or have a particular effect

ANSWERS: 1. sting, 2. lye, 3. incite, 4. buildup, 5. hive, 6. delectable, 7. provoked

8. The venom from the snake bite _____ his arm.
- v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
9. She felt sick and had to run to the bathroom to _____.
- v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth
10. That team signed a center forward who was a ball-_____.
- n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
11. The snake's _____ is highly toxic and can be fatal to humans.
- n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
12. He _____ over whether to accept the job offer.
- v.* to spend a long time thinking about a difficult problem and trying to make a decision, especially through worrying
13. The museum offered a guided tour of its _____ exhibit featuring various insects.
- n.* the scientific study of insects, including their physical characteristics, life cycles, behaviors, and relationships with other organisms in their environment
14. New York is the commercial _____ of America.
- n.* the regular movement or sound of the heart as it sends blood around the body; an animating or vital unifying force
15. The butterfly emerged from its _____ stage.
- n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose

ANSWERS: 8. paralyzed, 9. vomit, 10. hawk, 11. venom, 12. agonized, 13. entomology, 14. heartbeat, 15. larva

16. The perfume industry often uses synthetic _____ to enhance their products' appeal.
- n.* a chemical substance produced by an animal that is secreted into the environment and that affects the behavior or physiology of others of its species
17. Researchers are studying the effects of _____ on nerve cells to understand its mechanism of action better.
- n.* a peptide toxin found in ant venom that is capable of disrupting the normal functioning of the nervous system in animals; can cause pain, paralysis, or other symptoms in humans and other animals
18. The furry _____ crawled across the floor, causing some to scream.
- n.* a large, venomous spider with a round body and long, hairy legs
19. The mountain range was a _____ obstacle for the hikers.
- adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
20. The farmer's land was _____ and produced a large harvest.
- adj.* abundant or plentiful, often used to describe a source of food, wealth, or other resources
21. The destruction of the _____ is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.
- n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
22. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
- n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

ANSWERS: 16. pheromones, 17. poneratoxin, 18. tarantula, 19. formidable, 20. bountiful, 21. rainforest, 22. predator's

23. A giant _____ flew into the room, and everyone panicked.
- n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
24. Researchers are studying the potential use of _____ as a treatment for cancer cells.
- n.* a toxic peptide found in bee venom that can cause pain, swelling, and other symptoms; is also being studied for potential medical uses
25. The _____ pain in his ankle made it difficult to walk.
- adj.* extremely painful, intense, or distressing; causing great physical or emotional suffering
26. The _____ aroma of roasted chicken filled the kitchen.
- adj.* pleasing to the taste, especially by being salty, sour, or spicy rather than sweet
27. Before authorities _____ the protesters, they yelled slogans.
- v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
28. When I heard the news, my whole body _____ with excitement.
- v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
29. The _____ hive is organized into a caste system, with a queen, drones, and workers.
- n.* a type of bee that is known for producing honey and pollinating flowers
30. Certain types of fish contain _____ that can harm humans if ingested.
- n.* a poisonous substance that damages or destroys nerve tissue and causes neurological damage or dysfunction; a toxin that specifically targets the nervous system

ANSWERS: 23. wasp, 24. melittin, 25. excruciating, 26. savory, 27. dispersed, 28. trembled, 29. honeybee, 30. neurotoxins

31. 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
32. She _____ the mystery novel in one sitting.
- v. to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
33. The paramedics had to _____ the accident victim to prevent further injury during transport to the hospital.
- v. to render someone or something unable to move or function normally; to restrain, inhibit, or stop
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- v. to drink liquid so that you satisfy your thirst
35. The politician's words were full of _____ designed to hurt his opponent.
- n. a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
36. You should not _____ yourself by allowing them to use you.
- v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
37. The athlete fell to the ground in _____ after injuring their ankle.
- n. extreme physical or mental pain or suffering, often prolonged or intense
38. The eggs began to _____ and the small chicks emerged.
- v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

ANSWERS: 31. burrow, 32. devoured, 33. immobilize, 34. quenched, 35. barbs, 36. degrade, 37. agony, 38. hatch,

ANSWERS: