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Session 1: Word List

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.

scavenger

n. an animal or bird that feeds on carrion, dead animals, or other scavenged material; a person who searches for and collects discarded or unwanted items, often to sell or reuse them

synonym: vulture, hyena, magpie

(1) **scavenger** bird, (2) marine **scavenger**

Crows are common **scavengers** in urban areas and will eat almost anything.

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.

corvid

n. a bird of the crow family, including crows, ravens, magpies, and jays, known for their intelligence and adaptability

synonym : crow, raven, jackdaw

(1) **corvid** habitat, (2) social behavior of **corvid**

The **corvid** family includes birds like crows, ravens, and magpies.

raven

n. a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair

synonym : crow, blackbird, corvid

(1) **raven** feather, (2) **raven** in flight

The **raven's** distinctive croaking call echoed through the forest.

magpie

n. a bird with black and white plumage, native to Europe and Asia, known for its chattering, thieving, and hoarding tendencies; a person who collects or hoards various items, especially those that have little value or practical use to others

synonym : jay, chatterer, spouter

(1) chatter like a **magpie**, (2) **magpie** behavior

The **magpie's** nest is a fascinating structure made from twigs, grass, and other natural materials

bury

v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

synonym : entomb, sink, forget

(1) **bury** in the earth, (2) **bury** emotion

There is plenty of space to **bury** everyone.

slay

v. to kill violently, especially with a weapon

synonym : kill, murder, eliminate

(1) **slay** a dragon, (2) **slay** civilians

The singer **slayed** the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.

thanatology

n. the study of death and dying, including the social, cultural, psychological, and physiological aspects of death and grief

synonym: death studies, deathlore

(1) **thanatology** studies, (2) **thanatology** counseling

Researchers in the **thanatology** field explore death's impact on individuals and society.

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.

stereotype

n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense

(1) avoid **stereotype**, (2) negative **stereotypes**

Changing **stereotypes** about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.

termite

n. a small, pale social insect that feeds on wood and can cause significant damage to wooden structures and furniture

synonym: woodworm, white ant, insect

(1) **termite** damage, (2) **termite** inspection

The house was infested with **termites** and required extensive repairs.

carcass

n. the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food

synonym: corpse, remains, body

(1) examine a **carcass**, (2) **carcass** disposal

The animal's **carcass** was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.

mammal

n. any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

(1) a primitive **mammal**, (2) a sort of **mammal**

Marine **mammal** populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

charismatic

adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

synonym: mesmerizing, alluring, captivating

(1) **charismatic** chairman, (2) **charismatic** personality

He was a **charismatic** leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

anecdote

n. a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person

synonym: story, account, tale

(1) personal **anecdote**, (2) funny **anecdote**

She entertained the guests with **anecdotes** about her travels and experiences.

primate

n. any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans

synonym: ape, monkey, lemur

(1) **primate** species, (2) **primate** sanctuary

Many scientists study **primate** behavior and intelligence.

groom

v. to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat

synonym: brush, comb, neaten

(1) **groom** duties, (2) **groom** a horse

I need to **groom** my dog before his fur gets too long.

prolong

v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event

synonym: extend, lengthen, stretch

(1) **prolong** the agony, (2) measures to **prolong** the lifespan

We need to **prolong** the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.

dolphin

n. a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid

synonym: porpoise, cetacean, marine mammal

(1) **dolphin** show, (2) **dolphin-watching** tour

The large group of **dolphins** swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.

orca

n. a species of large marine mammal, also known as the killer whale, found in Arctic and temperate waters worldwide, known for their intelligence, social behavior, and hunting prowess

synonym: killer whale, sea wolf

(1) **orca** habitat, (2) a huge pod of **orcas**

The **orca** whale is also known as the killer whale.

heartbreak

n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment

synonym: grief, sorrow, bitterness

(1) ease her **heartbreak**, (2) go through **heartbreak**

They had experienced the **heartbreak** of losing two children due to premature births.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

unresponsive

adj. not responding to some influence or stimulus

synonym: insensitive, passive

(1) **unresponsive** audience, (2) **unresponsive** to her

passionate speech

The disease is entirely **unresponsive** to traditional treatment.

elucidate

v. to make clear, to explain thoroughly, to clarify or shed light on a concept, situation, or statement

synonym : clarify, explain, expound

(1) **elucidate** the entire incident, (2) **elucidate** phenomena

The teacher needed to **elucidate** the complex math problem before the students could solve it.

vigil

n. a period of wakefulness maintained for any reason, typically for prayer, meditation, or watchkeeping; a period of observation or surveillance, especially for security or safety reasons

synonym : watch, observance, monitoring

(1) **vigil** for peace, (2) night **vigil**

The mother kept a **vigil** by her sick child's bedside all night.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

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.

unsuspecting

adj. unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious

synonym : unaware, unassuming, gullible

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

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

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym :

frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

preconceived

adj. (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness

(1) a **preconceived** notion, (2) **preconceived** opinions

We should start a discussion from scratch with no

preconceived ideas.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym: decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

suffice

v. to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose

synonym: satisfy, meet, be enough

(1) **suffice** to live, (2) **suffice** as evidence

Would one cup of flour **suffice** for this recipe?

confluence

n. the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment

synonym: merging, convergence, meeting

(1) arterial **confluence**, (2) **confluence** of ideas

A **confluence** of two smaller streams formed the river.

forceful

adj. having or showing great strength or energy

synonym: powerful, strong, energetic

(1) **forceful** argument, (2) take **forceful** action

She spoke with a **forceful** tone and made her point clear.

peck

v. to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble

synonym : beak, nibble, pick

(1) **peck** on the cheek, (2) **peck** at feed

The wood **pecker** would peck at the tree high up in the branches.

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.

bystander

n. a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene

synonym : spectator, observer, witness

(1) innocent **bystander**, (2) shocked **bystander**

The **bystander** effect is a phenomenon where people are less likely to intervene in an emergency if others are present.

arouse

v. to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response

synonym : excite, stimulate, stir

(1) **arouse** desire, (2) **arouse** suspicion

The rousing speech by the politician **aroused** the audience to action.

startling

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

synonym : alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery

He describes the story with **startling** reality.

tempt

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

synonym : entice, lure, attract

(1) **tempt** young people, (2) **tempt** the taste buds

Though he was evil, he never **tempted** his friends into wrongdoing.

creepy

adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease

synonym : eerie, unsettling, spooky

(1) feel **creepy**, (2) **creepy** atmosphere

The old, abandoned house was **creepy** and gave me the chills.

constrain

v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

synonym : restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. pr____e sanctuary | <i>n.</i> any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans |
| 2. cr____y atmosphere | <i>adj.</i> causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease |
| 3. s__y civilians | <i>v.</i> to kill violently, especially with a weapon |
| 4. di____sh a reputation | <i>v.</i> to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc. |
| 5. apex pr____or | <i>n.</i> an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others |
| 6. el____te phenomena | <i>v.</i> to make clear, to explain thoroughly, to clarify or shed light on a concept, situation, or statement |
| 7. a huge pod of o__as | <i>n.</i> a species of large marine mammal, also known as the killer whale, found in Arctic and temperate waters worldwide, known for their intelligence, social behavior, and hunting prowess |
| 8. o__a habitat | <i>n.</i> a species of large marine mammal, also known as the killer whale, found in Arctic and temperate waters worldwide, known for their intelligence, social behavior, and hunting prowess |
| 9. te____e damage | <i>n.</i> a small, pale social insect that feeds on wood and can cause significant damage to wooden structures and furniture |

ANSWERS: 1. primate, 2. creepy, 3. slay, 4. diminish, 5. predator, 6. elucidate, 7. orca, 8. orca, 9. termite

10. do____n-watching tour *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
11. te__t the taste buds *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
12. gr__m duties *v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat
13. measures to pr____g the lifespan *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
14. negative ste____pes *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
15. el____te the entire incident *v.* to make clear, to explain thoroughly, to clarify or shed light on a concept, situation, or statement
16. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
17. ar___e suspicion *v.* to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
18. b__y emotion *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb

ANSWERS: 10. dolphin, 11. tempt, 12. groom, 13. prolong, 14. stereotype, 15. elucidate, 16. ancestor, 17. arouse, 18. bury

19. tha_____gy counseling *n.* the study of death and dying, including the social, cultural, psychological, and physiological aspects of death and grief
20. funny an_____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
21. ma_____e behavior *n.* a bird with black and white plumage, native to Europe and Asia, known for its chattering, thieving, and hoarding tendencies; a person who collects or hoards various items, especially those that have little value or practical use to others
22. marine sc_____er *n.* an animal or bird that feeds on carrion, dead animals, or other scavenged material; a person who searches for and collects discarded or unwanted items, often to sell or reuse them
23. ter_____ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
24. shocked by_____er *n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
25. do_____n show *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
26. r__m freely *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
27. tha_____gy studies *n.* the study of death and dying, including the social, cultural, psychological, and physiological aspects of death and grief

ANSWERS: 19. thanatology, 20. anecdote, 21. magpie, 22. scavenger, 23. terrifying, 24. bystander, 25. dolphin, 26. roam, 27. thanatology

28. sexual pr____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
29. gr__m a horse *v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat
30. a primitive ma___l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
31. ca____s disposal *n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
32. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
33. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
34. co_____in information flow *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
35. ra__n feather *n.* a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair
36. uns_____ing victim *adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
37. co___d habitat *n.* a bird of the crow family, including crows, ravens, magpies, and jays, known for their intelligence and adaptability

ANSWERS: 28. predator, 29. groom, 30. mammal, 31. carcass, 32. opportune, 33. excite, 34. constrain, 35. raven, 36. unsuspecting, 37. corvid

38. social behavior of co___d *n.* a bird of the crow family, including crows, ravens, magpies, and jays, known for their intelligence and adaptability
39. su_____e to live *v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose
40. ra__n in flight *n.* a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair
41. examine a ca_____s *n.* the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food
42. co_____e the listener *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
43. st___e progress *v.* to obstruct, hinder, or prevent something from succeeding or happening; to present an obstacle or impediment to progress or achievement
44. pr_____e species *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
45. s__y a dragon *v.* to kill violently, especially with a weapon
46. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
47. te__t young people *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
48. st___e plans *v.* to obstruct, hinder, or prevent something from succeeding or happening; to present an obstacle or impediment to progress or achievement

ANSWERS: 38. corvid, 39. suffice, 40. raven, 41. carcass, 42. confuse, 43. stymie, 44. primate, 45. slay, 46. terrifying, 47. tempt, 48. stymie

49. cha_____ic chairman *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
50. con_____ce of ideas *n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
51. su_____e as evidence *v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose
52. ex_____e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
53. st_____ng earthquake shocks *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
54. pr_____g the agony *v.* to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
55. b__y in the earth *v.* to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
56. ease her hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
57. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
58. p__k at feed *v.* to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble
59. di_____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

ANSWERS: 49. charismatic, 50. confluence, 51. suffice, 52. excite, 53. startling, 54. prolong, 55. bury, 56. heartbreak, 57. opportune, 58. peck, 59. diminish

60. night vi__l *n.* a period of wakefulness maintained for any reason, typically for prayer, meditation, or watchkeeping; a period of observation or surveillance, especially for security or safety reasons
61. ar___e desire *v.* to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
62. uns_____ing boys and girls *adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
63. co_____in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
64. st_____ng discovery *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
65. personal an_____te *n.* a short and amusing or interesting story about a real incident or person
66. pre_____ved opinions *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness
67. unr_____ive to her passionate speech *adj.* not responding to some influence or stimulus
68. sc_____er bird *n.* an animal or bird that feeds on carrion, dead animals, or other scavenged material; a person who searches for and collects discarded or unwanted items, often to sell or reuse them
69. arterial con_____ce *n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment

ANSWERS: 60. vigil, 61. arouse, 62. unsuspecting, 63. constrain, 64. startling, 65. anecdote, 66. preconceived, 67. unresponsive, 68. scavenger, 69. confluence

70. take fo____ul action *adj.* having or showing great strength or energy
71. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
72. unr____ive audience *adj.* not responding to some influence or stimulus
73. fo____ul argument *adj.* having or showing great strength or energy
74. avoid ste____pe *n.* a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
75. innocent by____er *n.* a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
76. cha____ic personality *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
77. p__k on the cheek *v.* to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble
78. co____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
79. a sort of ma____l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
80. r__m the countryside *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

ANSWERS: 70. forceful, 71. ancestor, 72. unresponsive, 73. forceful, 74. stereotype, 75. bystander, 76. charismatic, 77. peck, 78. confuse, 79. mammal, 80. roam

81. feel cr___y *adj.* causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
82. te_____e inspection *n.* a small, pale social insect that feeds on wood and can cause significant damage to wooden structures and furniture
83. chatter like a ma___e *n.* a bird with black and white plumage, native to Europe and Asia, known for its chattering, thieving, and hoarding tendencies; a person who collects or hoards various items, especially those that have little value or practical use to others
84. vi__l for peace *n.* a period of wakefulness maintained for any reason, typically for prayer, meditation, or watchkeeping; a period of observation or surveillance, especially for security or safety reasons
85. go through hea_____ak *n.* a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
86. a pre_____ved notion *adj.* (of an idea or opinion) formed beforehand, especially without evidence for its truth or usefulness

ANSWERS: 81. creepy, 82. termite, 83. magpie, 84. vigil, 85. heartbreak, 86. preconceived

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Her remarks _____ the debate.
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
2. Would one cup of flour _____ for this recipe?
v. to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose
3. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
4. The singer _____ the audience with her powerful voice and amazing performance.
v. to kill violently, especially with a weapon
5. I need to _____ my dog before his fur gets too long.
v. to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat
6. There is plenty of space to _____ everyone.
v. to place a dead body in the ground, grave, or tomb
7. Large earthquakes often generate _____ tsunamis.
adj. very frightening or intimidating
8. The wood _____ would peck at the tree high up in the branches.
v. to strike or bite someone or something repeatedly, usually with the beak or bill; to give a quick, small kiss or nibble

ANSWERS: 1. confused, 2. suffice, 3. excited, 4. slayed, 5. groom, 6. bury, 7. terrifying, 8. pecker

9. The _____ distinctive croaking call echoed through the forest.
n. a large, glossy black bird that is a species of a crow; a person with jet-black hair, sometimes used as an adjective to describe such hair
10. He was a _____ leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.
adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
11. The thief stole the wallet from the _____ tourist.
adj. unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
12. The rousing speech by the politician _____ the audience to action.
v. to awaken strong feelings or emotions in someone; to excite or inspire a physical or emotional response
13. The mother kept a _____ by her sick child's bedside all night.
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14. Many scientists study _____ behavior and intelligence.
n. any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
15. A _____ of two smaller streams formed the river.
n. the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
16. 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

ANSWERS: 9. raven's, 10. charismatic, 11. unsuspecting, 12. aroused, 13. vigil, 14. primate, 15. confluence, 16. stymie

17. Marine _____ populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.
n. any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
18. They had experienced the _____ of losing two children due to premature births.
n. a feeling of great sadness or disappointment
19. Changing _____ about LGBTQ requires considerable effort.
n. a fixed and unvarying idea or image that people have about what someone or something is like, but which is often not true in reality and may cause hurt and offense
20. We should start a discussion from scratch with no _____ ideas.
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n. a person who witnesses an event or situation but does not actively participate or intervene
24. The teacher needed to _____ the complex math problem before the students could solve it.
v. to make clear, to explain thoroughly, to clarify or shed light on a concept, situation, or statement

ANSWERS: 17. mammal, 18. heartbreak, 19. stereotypes, 20. preconceived, 21. anecdotes, 22. corvid, 23. bystander, 24. elucidate

25. He describes the story with _____ reality.

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

26. As people get old, their energies may _____.

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

27. Crows are common _____ in urban areas and will eat almost anything.

n. an animal or bird that feeds on carrion, dead animals, or other scavenged material; a person who searches for and collects discarded or unwanted items, often to sell or reuse them

28. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.

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

29. Though he was evil, he never _____ his friends into wrongdoing.

v. to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong

30. The disease is entirely _____ to traditional treatment.

adj. not responding to some influence or stimulus

31. The _____ nest is a fascinating structure made from twigs, grass, and other natural materials

n. a bird with black and white plumage, native to Europe and Asia, known for its chattering, thieving, and hoarding tendencies; a person who collects or hoards various items, especially those that have little value or practical use to others

32. The animal's _____ was found in the forest, most likely killed by a predator.

n. the dead body of an animal, especially one that has been killed for food

ANSWERS: 25. startling, 26. diminish, 27. scavengers, 28. predator's, 29. tempted, 30. unresponsive, 31. magpie's, 32. carcass

33. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
34. She spoke with a _____ tone and made her point clear.
adj. having or showing great strength or energy
35. The _____ whale is also known as the killer whale.
n. a species of large marine mammal, also known as the killer whale, found in Arctic and temperate waters worldwide, known for their intelligence, social behavior, and hunting prowess
36. The political situation _____ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.
v. to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
37. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
38. The old, abandoned house was _____ and gave me the chills.
adj. causing an uneasy feeling of fear or unease
39. We need to _____ the meeting for another hour to discuss all the issues.
v. to extend the duration or length of something, particularly a period of time or an event
40. The house was infested with _____ and required extensive repairs.
n. a small, pale social insect that feeds on wood and can cause significant damage to wooden structures and furniture

ANSWERS: 33. ancestor, 34. forceful, 35. orca, 36. constrained, 37. opportune, 38. creepy, 39. prolong, 40. termites

41. Researchers in the _____ field explore death's impact on individuals and society.
- n.* the study of death and dying, including the social, cultural, psychological, and physiological aspects of death and grief
42. I love to ____ around the city and discover new neighborhoods.
- v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
43. The large group of _____ swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.
- n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid

ANSWERS: 41. thanatology, 42. roam, 43. dolphins