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## Session 1: Word List

### botanical

*adj.* relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants

*synonym* : botanic, plant-based, herbal

(1) **botanical** extract, (2) **botanical** illustrations

The **botanical** gardens were filled with exotic plants from all around the world.

### watercolor

*n.* a painting method in which pigments are mixed with water and a binder and then applied to paper or another support

*synonym* : painting, wash, aquarelle

(1) framed **watercolor**, (2) **watercolor** landscape

The **watercolor** painting had a soft, dreamy quality to it.

### naturalism

*n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws

(1) **naturalism** in literature, (2) philosophical **naturalism**

The scientific method is often seen as an embodiment of **naturalism**, as it seeks to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation.

## 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.

## greenery

*n.* plant life, especially lush and flourishing vegetation

*synonym*: vegetation, plants, foliage

(1) the **greenery** in a courtyard, (2) **greenery** environment

The city plans to add more **greenery** in public spaces to improve air quality and aesthetic.

## buttress

*n.* an architectural structure that supports or reinforces a wall or other building feature; (verb) to support or reinforce something

*synonym*: support, prop, reinforcement

(1) reinforce with a **buttress**, (2) **buttress** your thesis

Massive **buttresses** supported the ancient castle.

## morph

*v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

*synonym*: alter, modify, transform

(1) **morph** into a different shape, (2) **morph** into something entirely different

This company **morphed** into an enterprise company.

## undifferentiated

*adj.* having few or no clear distinctive characters; (of cells) not having specialized or mature structures or functions

*synonym*: uniform, identical, alike

(1) **undifferentiated** cells, (2) **undifferentiated** market

The infant makes **undifferentiated** reflex responses to stimuli.

## immobility

*n.* the state of being unable to move; the quality of being unable to be moved or changed easily

*synonym*: inactivity, stillness, paralysis

(1) emotional **immobility**, (2) the **immobility** of a rock

The airplane crash resulted in the **immobility** of several passengers due to their injuries.

## ingenious

*adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill

*synonym* : creative, innovative, inventive

(1) **ingenious** device, (2) **ingenious** idea

I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so **ingenious**.

## 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.

## timescale

*n.* a period or interval of time, particularly one used as a standard for measuring or comparing other periods of time; a reference point or benchmark for the duration or length of a particular event or process

*synonym* : time frame, schedule, duration

(1) long- **timescale**, (2) realistic **timescale**

The **timescale** for completing the construction project is three years.

## fascination

*n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction

*synonym* : allure, attraction, charm

(1) rapt in **fascination**, (2) the **fascination** with classical music

I looked at the painting in **fascination**.

## unfold

*v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

*synonym* : open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more

clues.

## sunflower

*n.* a plant with large, round flower heads that have bright yellow petals and a dark center, grown for its edible seeds and oil, as well as for decorative purposes

*synonym*: helianthus

(1) **sunflower** oil, (2) **sunflower** field

The **sunflower** seeds can be roasted and eaten as a snack.

## botany

*n.* the scientific study of plants

*synonym*: phytology, vegetation, horticulture

(1) **botany** professor, (2) geographical **botany**

The study of **botany** can also include the study of plant fossils and the history of plant evolution.

## wacky

*adj.* funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way

*synonym*: absurd, eccentric, ludicrous

(1) **wacky** value, (2) **wacky** plan for selling more books

His friend was a pretty wild and **wacky** character.

## sundew

*n.* a small carnivorous plant that captures and digests insects using sticky hairs on its leaves

*synonym*: carnivorous plant, drosera

(1) **sundew** leaf, (2) small **sundew**

The **sundew** plant is known for its unique ability to trap insects.

## lure

*v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something

*synonym*: tempt, entice, attract

(1) **lure** prey, (2) **lure** foreign investment

The salesperson used a special offer to **lure** customers into buying the product.

## ingest

*v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge

*synonym*: swallow, consume, devour

(1) **ingest** food, (2) **ingest** medication

People who compulsively **ingest** non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica.

## mucilage

*n.* a type of viscous, gel-like substance produced by some plants, often used for medicinal or culinary purposes

*synonym*: gel, slime, goo

(1) slime **mucilage**, (2) **mucilage** composition

The **mucilage** in aloe vera gel can help soothe sunburned skin.

## ensnare

*v.* to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally

*synonym*: entangle, trap, ensnarl

(1) **ensnare** victims, (2) **ensnare** a suspect

The spider used its web to **ensnare** its prey.

## pollinator

*n.* an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds

*synonym*: fertilizer, pollenizer, pollen carrier

(1) **pollinator** species, (2) beneficial **pollinator**

Bees are important **pollinators** for many crops and plants.

## strangle

*v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea

*synonym*: choke, suffocate, throttle

(1) **strangle** a cry, (2) **strangle** economic growth

The killer used his hands to **strangle** his victim.

## scant

*adj.* barely sufficient or adequate; lacking in quantity or amount

*synonym*: minimal, scanty, sparse

(1) **scant** resources, (2) **scant** century

There was a **scant** amount of food left in the fridge.

## 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.

## atop

*adv.* on, to, or at the top

*synonym* : upon, onto

(1) stand **atop**, (2) sit **atop** a stack of books

The eagle perched **atop** the tallest tree in the forest.

## germinate

v. to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts

*synonym* : sprout, grow, develop

(1) days to **germinate**, (2) **germinate** the idea

The seeds **germinated** quickly in the warm soil.

## rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

*synonym* : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

## blossom

n. the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success

*synonym* : flower, bloom, bud

(1) apple **blossom**, (2) **blossom** garden

The cherry **blossom** trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.

## unison

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

same pitch or in octaves

*synonym*: harmony, accord, unanimity

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

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

## hillside

*n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline

*synonym*: slope, incline

(1) **hillside** landscape, (2) **hillside** vineyard

The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the **hillside**.

## pollination

*n.* the transfer of pollen from the male reproductive organs of one flower to the female reproductive organs of another flower, resulting in fertilization and the production of seeds

*synonym*: flowering, fertilization, cross-fertilization

(1) **pollination** by insect, (2) the cross- **pollination** of the arts

The **pollination** process is crucial for the growth and reproduction of many plants.

## gregarious

*adj.* fond of company; sociable; living in groups or communities

*synonym*: sociable, outgoing, friendly

(1) **gregarious** animals, (2) **gregarious** nature

She was a **gregarious** person, always making friends with everyone she met.

## contend

*v.* to struggle to win or surmount something

*synonym*: compete, oppose, argue

(1) **contend** that tobacco is nonaddictive, (2) **contend** for a championship

Tobacco companies have long **contended** that their product is not addictive.

## onslaught

*n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative

*synonym*: attack, assault, charge

(1) **onslaught** of criticism, (2) urban **onslaught**

The village was unprepared for the sudden **onslaught** of the enemy army.

## prioritize

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

*synonym*: rank, order, arrange

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

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

## extraneous

*adj.* irrelevant or unrelated to the subject at hand; not essential or necessary; coming from or existing outside of something

*synonym*: irrelevant, unnecessary, unrelated

(1) **extraneous** variables, (2) **extraneous** details

The **extraneous** information in the report made it difficult to understand the main points.

## conservationist

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

*synonym*: environmentalist

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

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

## 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.



## Session 2: Spelling

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|---------------------------------|---|
| 1. mo__h into a different shape | <i>v.</i> to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another  |
| 2. gre_____us animals           | <i>adj.</i> fond of company; sociable; living in groups or communities  |
| 3. in_____us idea               | <i>adj.</i> showing inventiveness and ability or skill  |
| 4. reinforce with a bu_____ss   | <i>n.</i> an architectural structure that supports or reinforces a wall or other building feature; (verb) to support or reinforce something   |
| 5. geographical bo____y         | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of plants  |
| 6. stand a__p                   | <i>adv.</i> on, to, or at the top   |
| 7. co_____d for a championship  | <i>v.</i> to struggle to win or surmount something  |
| 8. sc__t century                | <i>adj.</i> barely sufficient or adequate; lacking in quantity or amount  |
| 9. an op_____ne remark          | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose   |
| 10. pol_____or species          | <i>n.</i> an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds |

ANSWERS: 1. morph, 2. gregarious, 3. ingenious, 4. buttress, 5. botany, 6. atop, 7. contend, 8. scant, 9. opportune, 10. pollinator

11. apple bl\_\_\_\_\_m                      *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
12. wat\_\_\_\_\_or landscape              *n.* a painting method in which pigments are mixed with water and a binder and then applied to paper or another support
13. ext\_\_\_\_\_us variables                *adj.* irrelevant or unrelated to the subject at hand; not essential or necessary; coming from or existing outside of something
14. long-ti\_\_\_\_\_le                        *n.* a period or interval of time, particularly one used as a standard for measuring or comparing other periods of time; a reference point or benchmark for the duration or length of a particular event or process
15. gr\_\_\_\_\_ry environment              *n.* plant life, especially lush and flourishing vegetation
16. in\_\_\_\_\_us device                    *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
17. on\_\_\_\_\_ht of criticism               *n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative
18. bu\_\_\_\_\_ss your thesis                *n.* an architectural structure that supports or reinforces a wall or other building feature; (verb) to support or reinforce something

ANSWERS: 11. blossom, 12. watercolor, 13. extraneous, 14. timescale, 15. greenery, 16. ingenious, 17. onslaught, 18. buttress

19. pri\_\_\_\_\_ze tasks *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
20. en\_\_\_\_\_e victims *v.* to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally
21. und\_\_\_\_\_ted market *adj.* having few or no clear distinctive characters; (of cells) not having specialized or mature structures or functions
22. the gr\_\_\_\_\_ry in a courtyard *n.* plant life, especially lush and flourishing vegetation
23. small su\_\_\_\_\_w *n.* a small carnivorous plant that captures and digests insects using sticky hairs on its leaves
24. clap the hands in un\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
25. the cross-pol\_\_\_\_\_on of the arts *n.* the transfer of pollen from the male reproductive organs of one flower to the female reproductive organs of another flower, resulting in fertilization and the production of seeds
26. op\_\_\_\_\_ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
27. wa\_\_y value *adj.* funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way
28. days to ge\_\_\_\_\_te *v.* to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts

ANSWERS: 19. prioritize, 20. ensnare, 21. undifferentiated, 22. greenery, 23. sundew, 24. unison, 25. pollination, 26. opportune, 27. wacky, 28. germinate

29. framed wat\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* a painting method in which pigments are mixed with water and a binder and then applied to paper or another support
30. rapt in fas\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
31. the imm\_\_\_\_\_ty of a rock *n.* the state of being unable to move; the quality of being unable to be moved or changed easily
32. bl\_\_\_\_\_m garden *n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
33. wa\_\_y plan for selling more books *adj.* funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way
34. tropical rai\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
35. the fas\_\_\_\_\_on with classical music *n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
36. emotional imm\_\_\_\_\_ty *n.* the state of being unable to move; the quality of being unable to be moved or changed easily
37. wildlife con\_\_\_\_\_ist *n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife

ANSWERS: 29. watercolor, 30. fascination, 31. immobility, 32. blossom, 33. wacky, 34. rainforest, 35. fascination, 36. immobility, 37. conservationist

38. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
39. hi\_\_\_\_de vineyard *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
40. rai\_\_\_\_\_st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
41. beneficial pol\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds
42. bo\_\_\_\_\_al illustrations *adj.* relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants
43. bo\_\_\_\_\_al extract *adj.* relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants
44. su\_\_\_\_\_er oil *n.* a plant with large, round flower heads that have bright yellow petals and a dark center, grown for its edible seeds and oil, as well as for decorative purposes
45. singing in un\_\_\_n *n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves
46. sc\_\_t resources *adj.* barely sufficient or adequate; lacking in quantity or amount

ANSWERS: 38. excite, 39. hillside, 40. rainforest, 41. pollinator, 42. botanical, 43. botanical, 44. sunflower, 45. unison, 46. scant

47. st\_\_\_\_le a cry *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
48. realistic ti\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a period or interval of time, particularly one used as a standard for measuring or comparing other periods of time; a reference point or benchmark for the duration or length of a particular event or process
49. slime mu\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a type of viscous, gel-like substance produced by some plants, often used for medicinal or culinary purposes
50. mo\_\_h into something entirely different *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
51. l\_\_e prey *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
52. nat\_\_\_\_\_sm in literature *n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws
53. pri\_\_\_\_\_ze people over cars *v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things
54. in\_\_\_t food *v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
55. su\_\_\_\_\_er field *n.* a plant with large, round flower heads that have bright yellow petals and a dark center, grown for its edible seeds and oil, as well as for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 47. strangle, 48. timescale, 49. mucilage, 50. morph, 51. lure, 52. naturalism, 53. prioritize, 54. ingest, 55. sunflower

56. begin to r\_t v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
57. hi\_\_\_\_de landscape n. the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
58. pol\_\_\_\_on by insect n. the transfer of pollen from the male reproductive organs of one flower to the female reproductive organs of another flower, resulting in fertilization and the production of seeds
59. co\_\_\_\_d that tobacco is nonaddictive v. to struggle to win or surmount something
60. di\_\_\_\_se false information v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
61. philosophical nat\_\_\_\_sm n. a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws
62. in\_\_\_\_t medication v. to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
63. ex\_\_\_\_e rebellion v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
64. su\_\_\_\_w leaf n. a small carnivorous plant that captures and digests insects using sticky hairs on its leaves
65. di\_\_\_\_se the protesters v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

ANSWERS: 56. rot, 57. hillside, 58. pollination, 59. contend, 60. disperse, 61. naturalism, 62. ingest, 63. excite, 64. sundew, 65. disperse

66. ge\_\_\_\_\_te the idea                    *v.* to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts
67. en\_\_\_\_\_e a suspect                    *v.* to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally
68. st\_\_\_\_\_le economic growth                    *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
69. und\_\_\_\_\_ted cells                    *adj.* having few or no clear distinctive characters; (of cells) not having specialized or mature structures or functions
70. gre\_\_\_\_\_us nature                    *adj.* fond of company; sociable; living in groups or communities
71. un\_\_\_\_\_d the stroller                    *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
72. un\_\_\_\_\_d the story                    *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
73. sit a\_\_p a stack of books                    *adv.* on, to, or at the top
74. dedicated con\_\_\_\_\_ist                    *n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
75. l\_\_e foreign investment                    *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something

ANSWERS: 66. germinate, 67. ensnare, 68. strangle, 69. undifferentiated, 70. gregarious, 71. unfold, 72. unfold, 73. atop, 74. conservationist, 75. lure



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78. mu\_\_\_\_\_ge composition *n.* a type of viscous, gel-like substance produced by some plants, often used for medicinal or culinary purposes
79. bo\_\_\_\_y professor *n.* the scientific study of plants
80. r\_t\_\_\_\_\_ with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

ANSWERS: 76. extraneous, 77. onslaught, 78. mucilage, 79. botany, 80. rot

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ in aloe vera gel can help soothe sunburned skin.  
*n.* a type of viscous, gel-like substance produced by some plants, often used for medicinal or culinary purposes
2. The spider used its web to \_\_\_\_\_ its prey.  
*v.* to entrap or catch in a snare or trap; to capture or trap someone or something physically, mentally, or emotionally
3. The scientific method is often seen as an embodiment of \_\_\_\_\_ as it seeks to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation.  
*n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws
4. The infant makes \_\_\_\_\_ reflex responses to stimuli.  
*adj.* having few or no clear distinctive characters; (of cells) not having specialized or mature structures or functions
5. The study of \_\_\_\_\_ can also include the study of plant fossils and the history of plant evolution.  
*n.* the scientific study of plants
6. I looked at the painting in \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the state of being intensely interested in someone or something, or a powerful attraction
7. The mystery \_\_\_\_\_ as the detectives gathered more clues.  
*v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

ANSWERS: 1. mucilage, 2. ensnare, 3. naturalism, 4. undifferentiated, 5. botany, 6. fascination, 7. unfolded

8. The cherry \_\_\_\_\_ trees in the park were in full bloom, creating a beautiful sight.
- n.* the reproductive structure on a flowering plant that consists of usually colorful petals and a typically green calyx (merging of sepals); the state or time of flowering; the peak of a person's or thing's development or success
9. She was a \_\_\_\_\_ person, always making friends with everyone she met.
- adj.* fond of company; sociable; living in groups or communities
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ seeds can be roasted and eaten as a snack.
- n.* a plant with large, round flower heads that have bright yellow petals and a dark center, grown for its edible seeds and oil, as well as for decorative purposes
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ painting had a soft, dreamy quality to it.
- n.* a painting method in which pigments are mixed with water and a binder and then applied to paper or another support
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- n.* an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds
13. The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
14. This company \_\_\_\_\_ into an enterprise company.
- v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

ANSWERS: 8. blossom, 9. gregarious, 10. sunflower, 11. watercolor, 12. pollinators, 13. hillside, 14. morphed

15. The extinction of this species has been a significant concern for \_\_\_\_\_.

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

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*adv.* on, to, or at the top

18. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.

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20. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ amount of food left in the fridge.

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21. I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill

22. The city plans to add more \_\_\_\_\_ in public spaces to improve air quality and aesthetic.

*n.* plant life, especially lush and flourishing vegetation

ANSWERS: 15. conservationists, 16. dispersed, 17. atop, 18. excited, 19. ingest, 20. scant, 21. ingenious, 22. greenery

23. The \_\_\_\_\_ for completing the construction project is three years.
- n.* a period or interval of time, particularly one used as a standard for measuring or comparing other periods of time; a reference point or benchmark for the duration or length of a particular event or process
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- v.* to struggle to win or surmount something
25. The killer used his hands to \_\_\_\_\_ his victim.
- v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
26. Massive \_\_\_\_\_ supported the ancient castle.
- n.* an architectural structure that supports or reinforces a wall or other building feature; (verb) to support or reinforce something
27. The \_\_\_\_\_ information in the report made it difficult to understand the main points.
- adj.* irrelevant or unrelated to the subject at hand; not essential or necessary; coming from or existing outside of something
28. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
29. The \_\_\_\_\_ plant is known for its unique ability to trap insects.
- n.* a small carnivorous plant that captures and digests insects using sticky hairs on its leaves
30. The organization \_\_\_\_\_ the needs of the community in its decision-making.
- v.* to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

ANSWERS: 23. timescale, 24. contended, 25. strangle, 26. buttresses, 27. extraneous, 28. rot, 29. sundew, 30. prioritized

31. The salesperson used a special offer to \_\_\_\_\_ customers into buying the product.  
*v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
32. The village was unprepared for the sudden \_\_\_\_\_ of the enemy army.  
*n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative
33. The \_\_\_\_\_ gardens were filled with exotic plants from all around the world.  
*adj.* relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants
34. The \_\_\_\_\_ process is crucial for the growth and reproduction of many plants.  
*n.* the transfer of pollen from the male reproductive organs of one flower to the female reproductive organs of another flower, resulting in fertilization and the production of seeds
35. The airplane crash resulted in the \_\_\_\_\_ of several passengers due to their injuries.  
*n.* the state of being unable to move; the quality of being unable to be moved or changed easily
36. The seeds \_\_\_\_\_ quickly in the warm soil.  
*v.* to begin to grow or develop, typically as a seed sprouts
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. His friend was a pretty wild and \_\_\_\_\_ character.  
*adj.* funny in a slightly odd, peculiar, irregular way

ANSWERS: 31. lure, 32. onslaught, 33. botanical, 34. pollination, 35. immobility, 36. germinated, 37. opportune, 38. wacky

39. 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
40. They saluted in \_\_\_\_\_ to the captain.
- n.* occurring or corresponding together, simultaneously, or exactly; (music) two or more sounds or tones at the same pitch or in octaves

ANSWERS: 39. rainforest, 40. unison