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Session 1: Word List

redefine

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

synonym: reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role

The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym: assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise

We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

ado

n. an action, fuss, or commotion, often over a trivial or unimportant matter; unnecessary activity or effort

synonym: commotion, fuss, bother

(1) much **ado**, (2) kick up **ado**

We need to resolve this issue without any further **ado**.

fictitious

adj. not real or genuine; imaginary or fabricated; created for deception or as part of a literary or artistic work

synonym : fictional, imaginary, invented

(1) **fictitious** name, (2) **fictitious** address

The author wrote a **fictitious** story based on real-life events.

outsmart

v. to defeat or best someone through cleverness, cunning, or intelligence, to prevail over someone by being smarter or more strategic

synonym : outwit, beat, surpass

(1) **outsmart** the competition, (2) **outsmart** a conspiracy

He could **outsmart** his opponents with his quick thinking and strategic planning.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

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

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

dinosaur

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

synonym : reptile, beast, monster

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

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

ethology

n. the scientific study of animal behavior, particularly in their natural habitat and in relation to their evolutionary history and ecological environment

synonym : animal behavior, zoology

(1) **ethology** research, (2) **ethology** of animal communication

The study of **ethology** often involves observing animals in their natural habitats.

trophic

adj. of or relating to feeding and nutrition; of or relating to the relationships between organisms and their food sources

synonym : nutrient, nutritional, feeding

(1) **trophic** factor, (2) **trophic** transfer

The **trophic** level of an organism determines its position in the food chain.

ransom

n. a large amount of money that is paid for being made to secure the release of a person being held captive

synonym : blackmail, release, exchange

(1) **ransom** money, (2) **ransom** demand

The kidnappers demanded a **ransom** for the release of the victim.

starvation

n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

synonym : hunger, malnutrition, emaciation

(1) die of **starvation**, (2) **starvation** wages

The drought led to widespread **starvation** in the region.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym : interlink, connect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

decimate

v. to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number

synonym : devastate, destroy, annihilate

(1) **decimate** population, (2) **decimate** economy

The hurricane **decimated** the small town, leaving behind destruction and devastation.

deplete

v. to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

synonym : exhaust, consume, use up

(1) **deplete** customer confidence, (2) **deplete** glycogen stores

If we continue to **deplete** the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.

keystone

n. the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place

synonym: linchpin, mainstay, cornerstone

(1) **keystone** for success, (2) the **keystone** of campaign reform

The **keystone** of the arch held the structure together.

souvenir

n. an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake

synonym: memento, keepsake, token

(1) city **souvenir**, (2) **souvenir** shop

I bought my sister a miniature Eiffel Tower **souvenir** when I visited Paris.

inferiority

n. the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others

synonym: lower status, low self-esteem, inadequacy

(1) **inferiority** complex, (2) **inferiority** mindset

The professor's scathing comments left the student with a sense of **inferiority** about their work.

longline

n. a type of fishing gear consisting of a long main line with many smaller baited lines attached to it at intervals; a type of clothing or fashion style that is distinguished by long, flowing lines and loose, comfortable shapes

(1) fishing **longline**, (2) **longline** buoy

Longline fishing gear has been criticized for its impact on marine ecosystems.

bycatch

n. the unintentional capture of non-target species in fishing or harvesting operations, often resulting in their injury or

death

synonym : byproduct, incidental catch

(1) reduce **bycatch**, (2) sustainable **bycatch**

The fishermen were careful to avoid **bycatch** while fishing for tuna in the ocean.

indiscriminate

adj. done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless

synonym : random, haphazard, eclectic

(1) **indiscriminate** violence, (2) **indiscriminate** use of force

The **indiscriminate** spraying of pesticides is harmful to both the environment and people's health.

reliant

adj. needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed

synonym : dependent, subservient

(1) heavily **reliant** on oil, (2) export- **reliant** economy

The company is heavily **reliant** on its overseas operations for revenue.

classy

adj. stylish, elegant, or refined in a way that conveys sophistication and good taste

synonym : stylish, elegant, sophisticated

(1) **classy** outfit, (2) **classy** restaurant

The hotel's rooftop bar offers a **classy** and sophisticated setting to enjoy cocktails.

rhinoceros

n. (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.

synonym : rhino, horned beast, pachyderm

(1) **rhinoceros** habitat, (2) white **rhinoceros**

The baby **rhinoceros** at the wildlife sanctuary was recently born and is very cute.

tusk

n. a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from

the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
synonym : ivory, tush, horn

(1) **tusk** of an elephant, (2) **tusk-like** tooth

The ivory poacher was arrested for possession of illegal **tusks**.

proverb

n. a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

synonym : adage, saying, maxim

(1) a hackneyed **proverb**, (2) ancient **proverb**

The famous **proverb** "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

ecotourism

n. a form of tourism that involves responsible travel to natural areas while promoting conservation and local community development

synonym : sustainable tourism, green tourism

(1) **ecotourism** activities, (2) sustainable **ecotourism**

The **ecotourism** industry strongly focuses on preserving natural habitats and protecting endangered species.

outweigh

v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something

synonym : dominate, outrank, overpower

(1) **outweigh** the benefit, (2) **outweigh** our wishes

The advantages would undoubtedly **outweigh** the disadvantages.

biopsy

n. the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease

synonym : examination, autopsy

(1) **biopsy** of bone marrow, (2) liquid **biopsy**

The doctor performed an excisional breast **biopsy**.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

videography

n. the art or practice of filming or recording videos, often for commercial or artistic purposes

synonym: filmmaking, cinematography

(1) **videography** equipment, (2) **videography** skills

The quality of **videography** in this film is exceptional.

coexist

v. to live or exist together at the same time in the same place

synonym: cohabit, accompany, synchronize

(1) **coexist** with nature, (2) **coexist** with diversity

The different species can **coexist** in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.

disclaim

v. to deny any responsibility or connection with something; to renounce or give up any claim to something

synonym: deny, reject, disavow

(1) **disclaim** his rights, (2) **disclaim** ownership

The company had to state to **disclaim** any responsibility for the faulty product and to offer refunds to affected customers.

apex

n. the highest point or tip of something

synonym: summit, peak, zenith

(1) **apex** predator, (2) **apex** position

The company reached the **apex** of success in the market.

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.

savannah

n. a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
synonym : grassland, plain

(1) **savannah** region, (2) tropical **savannah**

The birds live in tropical forests, **savannahs**, and arid semi-desert environments.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym : murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

synonym : depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

distracted

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

synonym : preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation

I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

hashtag

n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

(1) marked with a **hashtag**, (2) trending **hashtag**

Our brand's campaign uses a unique **hashtag** to track engagement and reach.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym : consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a chick's tw__t | <i>n.</i> a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application |
| 2. et____gy research | <i>n.</i> the scientific study of animal behavior, particularly in their natural habitat and in relation to their evolutionary history and ecological environment |
| 3. ra____m demand | <i>n.</i> a large amount of money that is paid for being made to secure the release of a person being held captive |
| 4. liquid bi____y | <i>n.</i> the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease |
| 5. po____y feelings in words | <i>v.</i> to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work |
| 6. sa____ah region | <i>n.</i> a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close |
| 7. a__x predator | <i>n.</i> the highest point or tip of something |
| 8. die of sta_____on | <i>n.</i> a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death |
| 9. his latest tw__ts | <i>n.</i> a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application |

ANSWERS: 1. tweet, 2. ethology, 3. ransom, 4. biopsy, 5. portray, 6. savannah, 7. apex, 8. starvation, 9. tweet

10. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
11. ra___m money *n.* a large amount of money that is paid for being made to secure the release of a person being held captive
12. the wh_____r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
13. sta_____on wages *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
14. ou_____rt the competition *v.* to defeat or best someone through cleverness, cunning, or intelligence, to prevail over someone by being smarter or more strategic
15. po__t the existence of life after death *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
16. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
17. fic_____us name *adj.* not real or genuine; imaginary or fabricated; created for deception or as part of a literary or artistic work
18. city so_____ir *n.* an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake
19. fic_____us address *adj.* not real or genuine; imaginary or fabricated; created for deception or as part of a literary or artistic work

ANSWERS: 10. firsthand, 11. ransom, 12. whisper, 13. starvation, 14. outsmart, 15. posit, 16. confer, 17. fictitious, 18. souvenir, 19. fictitious

20. vid_____hy equipment *n.* the art or practice of filming or recording videos, often for commercial or artistic purposes
21. ind_____ate use of force *adj.* done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless
22. re_____ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
23. de_____te population *v.* to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
24. kick up a_o *n.* an action, fuss, or commotion, often over a trivial or unimportant matter; unnecessary activity or effort
25. eco_____sm activities *n.* a form of tourism that involves responsible travel to natural areas while promoting conservation and local community development
26. di_____im ownership *v.* to deny any responsibility or connection with something; to renounce or give up any claim to something
27. re_____ne our role *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
28. bi____y of bone marrow *n.* the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease

ANSWERS: 20. videography, 21. indiscriminate, 22. redefine, 23. decimate, 24. ado, 25. ecotourism, 26. disclaim, 27. redefine, 28. biopsy

29. rhi_____os habitat *n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.
30. et_____gy of animal communication *n.* the scientific study of animal behavior, particularly in their natural habitat and in relation to their evolutionary history and ecological environment
31. sexual pr_____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
32. a__x position *n.* the highest point or tip of something
33. a hackneyed pr_____b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
34. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
35. co_____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
36. answer in a wh_____r *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
37. de_____e glycogen stores *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
38. human activities int_____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
39. fishing lo_____ne *n.* a type of fishing gear consisting of a long main line with many smaller baited lines attached to it at intervals; a type of clothing or fashion style that is distinguished by long, flowing lines and loose, comfortable shapes

ANSWERS: 29. rhinoceros, 30. ethology, 31. predator, 32. apex, 33. proverb, 34. predator, 35. confer, 36. whisper, 37. deplete, 38. interconnect, 39. longline

40. inf_____ty mindset *n.* the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others
41. get dis_____ed by an urgent matter *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried
42. vid_____hy skills *n.* the art or practice of filming or recording videos, often for commercial or artistic purposes
43. much a_o *n.* an action, fuss, or commotion, often over a trivial or unimportant matter; unnecessary activity or effort
44. inf_____ty complex *n.* the state or condition of being lower in rank, quality, or status; a feeling or sense of being less worthy or capable than others
45. the ke_____ne of campaign reform *n.* the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place
46. di_____im his rights *v.* to deny any responsibility or connection with something; to renounce or give up any claim to something
47. ancient pr_____b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
48. er_____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
49. hulking di_____ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

ANSWERS: 40. inferiority, 41. distracted, 42. videography, 43. ado, 44. inferiority, 45. keystone, 46. disclaim, 47. proverb, 48. eradicate, 49. dinosaur

50. reduce by____h *n.* the unintentional capture of non-target species in fishing or harvesting operations, often resulting in their injury or death
51. ke____ne for success *n.* the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place
52. t__k of an elephant *n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
53. directly int____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
54. co____t with nature *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
55. po__t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
56. ou____gh our wishes *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
57. ou____rt a conspiracy *v.* to defeat or best someone through cleverness, cunning, or intelligence, to prevail over someone by being smarter or more strategic
58. heavily re____t on oil *adj.* needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed
59. sustainable by____h *n.* the unintentional capture of non-target species in fishing or harvesting operations, often resulting in their injury or death

ANSWERS: 50. bycatch, 51. keystone, 52. tusk, 53. interconnect, 54. coexist, 55. posit, 56. outweigh, 57. outsmart, 58. reliant, 59. bycatch

60. tr____c transfer *adj.* of or relating to feeding and nutrition; of or relating to the relationships between organisms and their food sources
61. marked with a ha____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
62. conduct fi____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
63. co____t with diversity *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
64. lo____ne buoy *n.* a type of fishing gear consisting of a long main line with many smaller baited lines attached to it at intervals; a type of clothing or fashion style that is distinguished by long, flowing lines and loose, comfortable shapes
65. t__k-like tooth *n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
66. a hard and re____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
67. cl____y outfit *adj.* stylish, elegant, or refined in a way that conveys sophistication and good taste
68. tropical sa____ah *n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close

ANSWERS: 60. trophic, 61. hashtag, 62. firsthand, 63. coexist, 64. longline, 65. tusk, 66. resilient, 67. classy, 68. savannah

69. so____ir shop *n.* an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake
70. ind_____ate violence *adj.* done or occurring without any particular aim, purpose, or discrimination; haphazard, random, or careless
71. de_____te economy *v.* to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
72. di_____ur fossil *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
73. de_____e customer confidence *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
74. accurately po_____y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
75. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
76. trending ha_____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic
77. dis_____ed by a conversation *adj.* having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

ANSWERS: 69. souvenir, 70. indiscriminate, 71. decimate, 72. dinosaur, 73. deplete, 74. portray, 75. resilient, 76. hashtag, 77. distracted

78. ou____gh the benefit *v.* to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
79. sustainable eco_____sm *n.* a form of tourism that involves responsible travel to natural areas while promoting conservation and local community development
80. tr____c factor *adj.* of or relating to feeding and nutrition; of or relating to the relationships between organisms and their food sources
81. white rhi_____os *n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.
82. er_____te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
83. export-re_____t economy *adj.* needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed
84. cl____y restaurant *adj.* stylish, elegant, or refined in a way that conveys sophistication and good taste

ANSWERS: 78. outweigh, 79. ecotourism, 80. trophic, 81. rhinoceros, 82. eradicate, 83. reliant, 84. classy

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The quality of _____ in this film is exceptional.
 - n.* the art or practice of filming or recording videos, often for commercial or artistic purposes

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4. The different species can _____ in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.
 - v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place

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 - n.* the process of removing and examining tissue from the body of the sick person to determine the existence or cause of a disease

6. The discovery of a new _____ species made headlines in the scientific community.
 - n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

7. The _____ of the arch held the structure together.
 - n.* the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place

ANSWERS: 1. videography, 2. inferiority, 3. Longline, 4. coexist, 5. biopsy, 6. dinosaur, 7. keystone

8. The author wrote a _____ story based on real-life events.
adj. not real or genuine; imaginary or fabricated; created for deception or as part of a literary or artistic work
9. The _____ level of an organism determines its position in the food chain.
adj. of or relating to feeding and nutrition; of or relating to the relationships between organisms and their food sources
10. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
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n. an object, often a small item, that is kept as a reminder or memento of a person, place, or event; a keepsake
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ANSWERS: 8. fictitious, 9. trophic, 10. confer, 11. rhinoceros, 12. interconnect, 13. souvenir, 14. ado, 15. classy

16. The advantages would undoubtedly _____ the disadvantages.
v. to be heavier, more significant, or more critical than something
17. The kidnappers demanded a _____ for the release of the victim.
n. a large amount of money that is paid for being made to secure the release of a person being held captive
18. The video telephony application has _____ the way we work.
v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
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22. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
23. He took me aside and _____ in my ear.
v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

ANSWERS: 16. outweigh, 17. ransom, 18. redefined, 19. ecotourism, 20. hashtag, 21. distracted, 22. predator's, 23. whispered

24. The study of _____ often involves observing animals in their natural habitats.
- n.* the scientific study of animal behavior, particularly in their natural habitat and in relation to their evolutionary history and ecological environment
25. We often _____ political problems as religious issues.
- v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
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29. The drought led to widespread _____ in the region.
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- n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
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- n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging

ANSWERS: 24. ethology, 25. portray, 26. posit, 27. indiscriminate, 28. disclaim, 29. starvation, 30. tweet, 31. tusks

32. The famous _____ "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.
- n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
33. The fishermen were careful to avoid _____ while fishing for tuna in the ocean.
- n.* the unintentional capture of non-target species in fishing or harvesting operations, often resulting in their injury or death
34. He could _____ his opponents with his quick thinking and strategic planning.
- v.* to defeat or best someone through cleverness, cunning, or intelligence, to prevail over someone by being smarter or more strategic
35. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.
- adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
36. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.
- v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
37. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
- adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
38. The hurricane _____ the small town, leaving behind destruction and devastation.
- v.* to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
39. The company reached the _____ of success in the market.
- n.* the highest point or tip of something

ANSWERS: 32. proverb, 33. bycatch, 34. outsmart, 35. firsthand, 36. eradicate, 37. resilient, 38. decimated, 39. apex

40. The birds live in tropical forests, _____ and arid semi-desert environments.
- n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
41. If we continue to _____ the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.
- v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
42. The company is heavily _____ on its overseas operations for revenue.
- adj.* needing something or something to continue, to work correctly, or to succeed

ANSWERS: 40. savannahs, 41. deplete, 42. reliant