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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### predatory

*adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

*synonym* : raptorial, hunting, greedy

(1) a **predatory** bird, (2) **predatory** warfare

The domesticated cat still has its **predatory** instincts.

### antic

*adj.* ludicrously strange and unusual; playful or amusing

*synonym* : comical, whimsical, capricious

(1) **antic** disposition, (2) comedic **antic**

The children's **antics** made everyone laugh.

### carnivorous

*adj.* feeding on the flesh of other animals

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

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

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

### microbe

*n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease

*synonym* : germ, microorganism, bacterium

(1) pathogenic **microbe**, (2) **microbes** sterilizer

**Microbes** thrive on the surface of the human skin.

## **carnivore**

*n.* an animal that primarily eats meat as opposed to plant matter

*synonym* : predator, meat-eater, hunter

(1) **carnivore** diet, (2) hungry **carnivore**

A lion is a typical **carnivore**, as they mainly eat meat.

## **munch**

*v.* to chew or eat something noisily, often with the sound of crunching or crunching

*synonym* : chew, nibble, gnaw

(1) **munch** on an apple, (2) **munch** away on crisps

I love to **munch** on popcorn while I watch a movie.

## **acidic**

*adj.* having a pH lower than 7; having characteristics of an acid, such as tasting sour or corroding metal

*synonym* : sour, tart, acrid

(1) **acidic** solution, (2) **acidic** taste

The soil in this region is too **acidic** for most crops to grow well.

## **phosphorus**

*n.* a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element

*synonym* : P, phosphoric, phosphorous

(1) **phosphorus** element, (2) yellow **phosphorus**

**Phosphorus** compounds are commonly used to manufacture fertilizers to promote plant growth.

## **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.

## **inhospitable**

*adj.* harsh and difficult to stay in or grow; unfriendly and unwelcoming towards people who visit you

*synonym* : sterile, unfriendly, unwelcoming

(1) **inhospitable** environment, (2) in an **inhospitable**

manner

He trekked across some of the most **inhospitable** mountains in the world.

## **boggy**

*adj.* containing a lot of soft, wet soil; marshy, swampy, or waterlogged

*synonym*: swampy, marshy, mucky

(1) **boggy** land, (2) **boggy** area

The trail through the forest was so **boggy** that our shoes became soaked.

## **slurp**

*v.* to eat, drink, or consume with a loud or messy sucking noise; to make a loud or messy sucking noise while eating, drinking, or consuming

*synonym*: sip, gulp, drink noisily

(1) **slurp** tea, (2) **slurp** noodles

The child couldn't resist **slurping** her soup loudly at the dinner table.

## **nectar**

*n.* a sweet liquid produced by flowers that attracts and provides food for bees and other insects; any sweet liquid that is enjoyed as a drink or used as a flavoring

*synonym*: honey, ambrosia, syrup

(1) **nectar** of the gods, (2) fruit **nectar**

The **nectar** of the flowers attracted many bees to the garden.

## **narcotic**

*n.* a drug or substance that dulls the senses and induces a state of lethargy or sleep; a drug that is illegal or highly regulated for medical use due to its ability to cause addiction or harm

*synonym*: drug, sedative, opiate

(1) **narcotic** drug, (2) **narcotic** addiction

The doctor prescribed a **narcotic** painkiller to alleviate her chronic pain.

## **sluggish**

*adj.* lacking energy, vitality, or motivation; slow or inactive in response, movement, or progress

*synonym* : lethargic, slow, inactive

(1) **sluggish** economy, (2) **sluggish** response

After a long day at work, I feel **sluggish** and lack energy.

## stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

*synonym* : bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

## funnel

n. a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

*synonym* : filter, chimney

(1) separatory **funnel**, (2) a **funnel-shaped** device

We have to use a **funnel** to pour petrol into the tank.

## drown

v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

*synonym* : douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

## microscopic

adj. tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy

*synonym* : infinitesimal, tiny, atomic

(1) **microscopic** inquiry, (2) **microscopic** analysis

Inspectors noticed **microscopic** cracks in the submarine's hull.

## tumble

v. to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance

*synonym* : fall, stumble, plummet

(1) **tumble** down the hill, (2) confidence **tumbles** as unemployment rates rose

The value of the currency **tumbled** against major international currencies.

### **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.

### **viscous**

*adj.* having a thick, sticky consistency between solid and liquid; exhibiting resistance to flow

*synonym* : thick, syrupy, gooey

(1) **viscous** flow, (2) highly **viscous** substance

The **viscous** liquid poured slowly from the jar.

### **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.

### **tentacle**

*n.* a flexible, mobile, and long arm-like organ used for feeling and holding things, catching food, or moving

(1) a squid's **tentacle**, (2) posterior **tentacle**

The police caught the fugitive criminal in the **tentacles** of an expanded investigation.

### **clench**

*v.* to close tightly or grip firmly; to contract or stiffen, especially as in response to stress or pain; to tighten or compress

*synonym* : grasp, clasp, tighten

(1) **clench** teeth, (2) **clench** muscles

He **clenched** his fist in anger when he heard the bad news.

## suffocate

v. to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression

*synonym* : choke, smother, stifle

(1) **suffocate** to death, (2) **suffocate** fire

People can **suffocate** from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.

## asphyxiate

v. to make someone unable to breathe, usually resulting in unconscious or death

*synonym* : suffocate, choke, stifle

(1) **asphyxiate** him to death, (2) **asphyxiate** rival companies

Three people were **asphyxiated** in the crowd crush of the demo.

## unfurl

v. to spread out or open something, such as a flag, sail, or wings, by shaking, shaking out, or extending it; to reveal or become revealed or disclosed

*synonym* : unfold, expand, spread out

(1) **unfurl** my banner, (2) **unfurl** the sails

The flag slowly **unfurled** in the wind atop the flagpole.

## snare

n. a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks

*synonym* : trap, noose, entanglement

(1) **snare** drum, (2) fall into a **snare**

The thief was caught in a **snare** set by the police.

## corkscrew

n. a twisting device used for opening bottles or jars with a cork or other stopper, typically consisting of a spiral metal rod attached to a handle

*synonym* : spiral, bottle opener, wine opener

(1) **corkscrew** bottle opener, (2) **corkscrew** staircase

The gymnast executed a breathtaking **corkscrew** flip, landing

perfectly on the mat.

## slit

*n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors

*synonym*: slash, incision, cut

(1) **slit** pocket, (2) **slit** the fabric

He made a small **slit** in the paper to fit it in the envelope.

## tangle

*n.* a confused mass of something twisted together

*synonym*: knot, snarl, entanglement

(1) in a **tangle**, (2) **tangle** wires

The cords behind my computer were a **tangled** mess.

## labyrinth

*n.* a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out

*synonym*: maze, puzzle, network

(1) a **labyrinth** of relationships, (2) **labyrinthine** pathways

It was easy to get lost in the **labyrinth** of narrow alleyways in the old city.

## murky

*adj.* dark and gloomy or difficult to see through

*synonym*: dim, fuzzy, foggy

(1) **murky** waters, (2) a **murky** dungeon

Prospects for the suspect's conviction are **murky** due to a lack of helpful evidence.

## tadpole

*n.* the aquatic larval stage of a frog or toad, characterized by a long tail and gills for breathing underwater

*synonym*: polliwog, froglet, girssle

(1) **tadpole** stage, (2) **tadpole** development

I saw a **tadpole** swimming in the pond during my morning walk.

## unwitting

*adj.* without purpose or intent

*synonym*: unknowledgeable, inadvertent, unintended

(1) **unwitting** victims, (2) an **unwitting** mistake  
His rudeness was **unwitting**, not intentional.

## tread

*v.* to step or walk on something

*synonym*: step, walk, pace

(1) **tread** water, (2) **tread** a similar path  
He **treads** carefully on the slippery ice.

## writhe

*v.* to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle

*synonym*: contort, twist, convulse

(1) **writhe** in agony, (2) **writhe** with pleasure  
The snake **writhe**d and twisted as it tried to escape the trap.

## beetle

*n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings

(1) **beetle** brows, (2) a **beetle** larva

In ancient civilizations, the scarab **beetle** was worshiped as a sacred creature.

## bewitch

*v.* to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way

*synonym*: charm, enchant, fascinate

(1) hold the charm to **bewitch**, (2) **bewitch** him into a frog  
Her beauty **bewitched** him.

## Venus

*n.* the planet second in order from the sun

(1) **Venus** orbiter, (2) surface of **Venus**

They launched a rocket toward **Venus**.

## interlocking

*adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole

*synonym*: connected, linked, joined

(1) **interlocking** braid, (2) **interlocking** mechanism  
The **interlocking** puzzle pieces were difficult to separate.



## husk

*n.* the dry, outer covering of a seed, grain, or fruit, such as the shell of a nut or the skin of a corn kernel

*synonym* : shell, covering, outer layer

(1) **husk** removal, (2) seed **husk**

The **husk** of the coconut was removed to reveal the fruit inside.

## exoskeleton

*n.* a hard, external protective covering or framework that supports and gives shape to the body of an invertebrate animal, such as an insect or crab

*synonym* : chitin, exocuticle, carapace

(1) **exoskeleton** suit, (2) robotic **exoskeleton**

The **exoskeleton** of the crab protects it from predators and environmental changes.

## mayfly

*n.* an aquatic insect with delicate wings and a short lifespan that usually only lasts for a few days

*synonym* : ephemera, dayfly, shadfly

(1) **mayfly** larva, (2) short-lived **mayfly**

The **mayfly's** lifespan is incredibly short, with some species only living for a matter of hours.

## glob

*n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance

*synonym* : ball, lump, sphere

(1) **glob** of paint, (2) **glob** of honey

She squeezed a **glob** of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.

## alight

*adj.* lighted up by or as by fire or flame; (verb) to come down

*synonym* : burning, lighted up, (verb) land

(1) catch **alight**, (2) **alight** from a train

The witness stated that he set a house **alight**.

## petal

*n.* one of the separate, usually colored, segments of a flower that produce its shape and are often found arranged in a circle around the reproductive parts

*synonym* : blossom, flower, bloom

(1) **petal** shape, (2) rose **petal**

The botany field is concerned with studying the structure of plant **petals**.

## unscathed

*adj.* not harmed or injured; untouched or unharmed by a negative or dangerous situation

*synonym*: unhurt, intact, unharmed

(1) **unscathed** survivor, (2) come away **unscathed**

Thankfully, the driver emerged from the accident **unscathed**.

## stalk

*v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

*synonym*: follow, creep up on, (noun) stem

(1) **stalk** of celery, (2) **stalk** from the room

The hunter quietly **stalked** the deer for hours before taking the shot

## 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.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. sl\_\_p noodles *v.* to eat, drink, or consume with a loud or messy sucking noise; to make a loud or messy sucking noise while eating, drinking, or consuming
2. in an inh\_\_\_\_\_ble manner *adj.* harsh and difficult to stay in or grow; unfriendly and unwelcoming towards people who visit you
3. pol\_\_\_\_\_or species *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
4. un\_\_\_\_\_ng victims *adj.* without purpose or intent
5. hungry ca\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* an animal that primarily eats meat as opposed to plant matter
6. car\_\_\_\_\_us cell *adj.* feeding on the flesh of other animals
7. highly vi\_\_\_\_\_s substance *adj.* having a thick, sticky consistency between solid and liquid; exhibiting resistance to flow
8. an\_\_c disposition *adj.* ludicrously strange and unusual; playful or amusing
9. s\_\_t pocket *n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors

ANSWERS: 1. slurp, 2. inhospitable, 3. pollinator, 4. unwitting, 5. carnivore, 6. carnivorous, 7. viscous, 8. antic, 9. slit

10. tr\_\_d water *v.* to step or walk on something
11. su\_\_\_w leaf *n.* a small carnivorous plant that captures and digests insects using sticky hairs on its leaves
12. hold the charm to be\_\_\_\_\_h *v.* to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way
13. sl\_\_\_\_\_sh economy *adj.* lacking energy, vitality, or motivation; slow or inactive in response, movement, or progress
14. come away un\_\_\_\_\_ed *adj.* not harmed or injured; untouched or unharmed by a negative or dangerous situation
15. tu\_\_\_e down the hill *v.* to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance
16. s\_\_t the fabric *n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors
17. robotic exo\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a hard, external protective covering or framework that supports and gives shape to the body of an invertebrate animal, such as an insect or crab
18. confidence tu\_\_\_es as unemployment rates rose *v.* to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance

ANSWERS: 10. tread, 11. sundew, 12. bewitch, 13. sluggish, 14. unscathed, 15. tumble, 16. slit, 17. exoskeleton, 18. tumble

19. la\_\_\_\_\_thine pathways *n.* a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out
20. al\_\_\_\_t from a train *adj.* lighted up by or as by fire or flame; (verb) to come down
21. h\_\_k removal *n.* the dry, outer covering of a seed, grain, or fruit, such as the shell of a nut or the skin of a corn kernel
22. I was dr\_\_ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
23. st\_\_k from the room *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
24. slime mu\_\_\_\_\_ge *n.* a type of viscous, gel-like substance produced by some plants, often used for medicinal or culinary purposes
25. ac\_\_\_\_c solution *adj.* having a pH lower than 7; having characteristics of an acid, such as tasting sour or corroding metal
26. fruit ne\_\_\_\_r *n.* a sweet liquid produced by flowers that attracts and provides food for bees and other insects; any sweet liquid that is enjoyed as a drink or used as a flavoring
27. st\_\_\_\_\_e through life *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

ANSWERS: 19. labyrinth, 20. alight, 21. husk, 22. drown, 23. stalk, 24. mucilage, 25. acidic, 26. nectar, 27. stumble

28. ta\_\_\_\_e stage *n.* the aquatic larval stage of a frog or toad, characterized by a long tail and gills for breathing underwater
29. sn\_\_e drum *n.* a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks
30. 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
31. sl\_\_p tea *v.* to eat, drink, or consume with a loud or messy sucking noise; to make a loud or messy sucking noise while eating, drinking, or consuming
32. fall into a sn\_\_e *n.* a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks
33. asp\_\_\_\_\_te rival companies *v.* to make someone unable to breathe, usually resulting in unconscious or death
34. na\_\_\_\_\_ic drug *n.* a drug or substance that dulls the senses and induces a state of lethargy or sleep; a drug that is illegal or highly regulated for medical use due to its ability to cause addiction or harm

ANSWERS: 28. tadpole, 29. snare, 30. pollinator, 31. slurp, 32. snare, 33. asphyxiate, 34. narcotic

35. l\_\_e foreign investment      *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
36. ne\_\_\_r of the gods      *n.* a sweet liquid produced by flowers that attracts and provides food for bees and other insects; any sweet liquid that is enjoyed as a drink or used as a flavoring
37. vi\_\_\_\_s flow      *adj.* having a thick, sticky consistency between solid and liquid; exhibiting resistance to flow
38. posterior te\_\_\_\_le      *n.* a flexible, mobile, and long arm-like organ used for feeling and holding things, catching food, or moving
39. an un\_\_\_\_\_ng mistake      *adj.* without purpose or intent
40. a be\_\_\_e larva      *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
41. ca\_\_\_\_\_re diet      *n.* an animal that primarily eats meat as opposed to plant matter
42. pho\_\_\_\_\_us element      *n.* a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element
43. mu\_\_\_\_\_ge composition      *n.* a type of viscous, gel-like substance produced by some plants, often used for medicinal or culinary purposes
44. a pr\_\_\_\_\_ry bird      *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
45. yellow pho\_\_\_\_\_us      *n.* a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element

ANSWERS: 35. lure, 36. nectar, 37. viscous, 38. tentacle, 39. unwitting, 40. beetle, 41. carnivore, 42. phosphorus, 43. mucilage, 44. predatory, 45. phosphorus

46. mu\_\_h on an apple *v.* to chew or eat something noisily, often with the sound of crunching or crunching
47. mi\_\_\_\_\_es sterilizer *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
48. bo\_\_y land *adj.* containing a lot of soft, wet soil; marshy, swampy, or waterlogged
49. rose pe\_\_l *n.* one of the separate, usually colored, segments of a flower that produce its shape and are often found arranged in a circle around the reproductive parts
50. separatory fu\_\_\_l *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
51. catch al\_\_\_t *adj.* lighted up by or as by fire or flame; (verb) to come down
52. cl\_\_\_h teeth *v.* to close tightly or grip firmly; to contract or stiffen, especially as in response to stress or pain; to tighten or compress
53. un\_\_\_l my banner *v.* to spread out or open something, such as a flag, sail, or wings, by shaking, shaking out, or extending it; to reveal or become revealed or disclosed
54. aquatic car\_\_\_\_\_us mammal *adj.* feeding on the flesh of other animals
55. co\_\_\_\_\_ew bottle opener *n.* a twisting device used for opening bottles or jars with a cork or other stopper, typically consisting of a spiral metal rod attached to a handle

ANSWERS: 46. munch, 47. microbe, 48. boggy, 49. petal, 50. funnel, 51. alight, 52. clench, 53. unfurl, 54. carnivorous, 55. corkscrew



56. a la\_\_\_\_\_th of relationships *n.* a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out
57. ac\_\_\_c taste *adj.* having a pH lower than 7; having characteristics of an acid, such as tasting sour or corroding metal
58. un\_\_\_l the sails *v.* to spread out or open something, such as a flag, sail, or wings, by shaking, shaking out, or extending it; to reveal or become revealed or disclosed
59. int\_\_\_\_\_ing braid *adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole
60. surface of Ve\_\_s *n.* the planet second in order from the sun
61. co\_\_\_\_\_ew staircase *n.* a twisting device used for opening bottles or jars with a cork or other stopper, typically consisting of a spiral metal rod attached to a handle
62. ma\_\_\_y larva *n.* an aquatic insect with delicate wings and a short lifespan that usually only lasts for a few days
63. pe\_\_l shape *n.* one of the separate, usually colored, segments of a flower that produce its shape and are often found arranged in a circle around the reproductive parts
64. a fu\_\_\_l-shaped device *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

ANSWERS: 56. labyrinth, 57. acidic, 58. unfurl, 59. interlocking, 60. Venus, 61. corkscrew, 62. mayfly, 63. petal, 64. funnel

65. asp\_\_\_\_\_te him to death      *v.* to make someone unable to breathe, usually resulting in unconscious or death
66. be\_\_\_\_\_h him into a frog      *v.* to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way
67. bo\_\_y area      *adj.* containing a lot of soft, wet soil; marshy, swampy, or waterlogged
68. wr\_\_\_e with pleasure      *v.* to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle
69. short-lived ma\_\_\_y      *n.* an aquatic insect with delicate wings and a short lifespan that usually only lasts for a few days
70. Ve\_\_s orbiter      *n.* the planet second in order from the sun
71. a squid's te\_\_\_\_\_le      *n.* a flexible, mobile, and long arm-like organ used for feeling and holding things, catching food, or moving
72. wr\_\_\_e in agony      *v.* to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle
73. int\_\_\_\_\_ing mechanism      *adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole
74. sl\_\_\_\_\_sh response      *adj.* lacking energy, vitality, or motivation; slow or inactive in response, movement, or progress
75. mu\_\_h away on crisps      *v.* to chew or eat something noisily, often with the sound of crunching or crunching
76. exo\_\_\_\_\_on suit      *n.* a hard, external protective covering or framework that supports and gives shape to the body of an invertebrate animal, such as an insect or crab

ANSWERS: 65. asphyxiate, 66. bewitch, 67. boggy, 68. writhe, 69. mayfly, 70. Venus, 71. tentacle, 72. writhe, 73. interlocking, 74. sluggish, 75. munch, 76. exoskeleton

77. ta\_\_\_\_e development *n.* the aquatic larval stage of a frog or toad, characterized by a long tail and gills for breathing underwater
78. g\_\_b of honey *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
79. tr\_\_d a similar path *v.* to step or walk on something
80. inh\_\_\_\_\_ble environment *adj.* harsh and difficult to stay in or grow; unfriendly and unwelcoming towards people who visit you
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83. pr\_\_\_\_\_ry warfare *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
84. comedic an\_\_c *adj.* ludicrously strange and unusual; playful or amusing
85. st\_\_k of celery *v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework

ANSWERS: 77. tadpole, 78. glob, 79. tread, 80. inhospitable, 81. narcotic, 82. stumble, 83. predatory, 84. antic, 85. stalk

86. mic\_\_\_\_\_ic inquiry      *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
87. un\_\_\_\_\_ed survivor      *adj.* not harmed or injured; untouched or unharmed by a negative or dangerous situation
88. in a ta\_\_\_e      *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
89. su\_\_\_\_\_te fire      *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
90. g\_\_b of paint      *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
91. small su\_\_\_w      *n.* a small carnivorous plant that captures and digests insects using sticky hairs on its leaves
92. seed h\_\_k      *n.* the dry, outer covering of a seed, grain, or fruit, such as the shell of a nut or the skin of a corn kernel
93. su\_\_\_\_\_te to death      *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
94. l\_\_e prey      *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
95. be\_\_\_e brows      *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings

ANSWERS: 86. microscopic, 87. unscathed, 88. tangle, 89. suffocate, 90. glob, 91. sundew, 92. husk, 93. suffocate, 94. lure, 95. beetle

96. a mu\_\_y dungeon *adj.* dark and gloomy or difficult to see through
97. mic\_\_\_\_\_ic analysis *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
98. mu\_\_y waters *adj.* dark and gloomy or difficult to see through
99. cl\_\_\_h muscles *v.* to close tightly or grip firmly; to contract or stiffen, especially as in response to stress or pain; to tighten or compress
100. ta\_\_\_e wires *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
101. dr\_\_n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
102. pathogenic mi\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease

ANSWERS: 96. murky, 97. microscopic, 98. murky, 99. clench, 100. tangle, 101. drown, 102. microbe

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I saw a \_\_\_\_\_ swimming in the pond during my morning walk.  
*n.* the aquatic larval stage of a frog or toad, characterized by a long tail and gills for breathing underwater
  
2. People can \_\_\_\_\_ from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.  
*v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
  
3. The soil in this region is too \_\_\_\_\_ for most crops to grow well.  
*adj.* having a pH lower than 7; having characteristics of an acid, such as tasting sour or corroding metal
  
4. His rudeness was \_\_\_\_\_ not intentional.  
*adj.* without purpose or intent
  
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ puzzle pieces were difficult to separate.  
*adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole
  
6. They launched a rocket toward \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the planet second in order from the sun
  
7. 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
  
8. The flag slowly \_\_\_\_\_ in the wind atop the flagpole.  
*v.* to spread out or open something, such as a flag, sail, or wings, by shaking, shaking out, or extending it; to reveal or become revealed or disclosed

ANSWERS: 1. tadpole, 2. suffocate, 3. acidic, 4. unwitting, 5. interlocking, 6. Venus, 7. sundew, 8. unfurled

9. The domesticated cat still has its \_\_\_\_\_ instincts.

*adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

10. It was easy to get lost in the \_\_\_\_\_ of narrow alleyways in the old city.

*n.* a complicated network of paths or passages, often with twists and turns, making it difficult to find one's way out

11. The children's \_\_\_\_\_ made everyone laugh.

*adj.* ludicrously strange and unusual; playful or amusing

12. The value of the currency \_\_\_\_\_ against major international currencies.

*v.* to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance

13. We have to use a \_\_\_\_\_ to pour petrol into the tank.

*n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

14. The salesperson used a special offer to \_\_\_\_\_ customers into buying the product.

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

15. The thief was caught in a \_\_\_\_\_ set by the police.

*n.* a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks

16. Three people were \_\_\_\_\_ in the crowd crush of the demo.

*v.* to make someone unable to breathe, usually resulting in unconscious or death

ANSWERS: 9. predatory, 10. labyrinth, 11. antics, 12. tumbled, 13. funnel, 14. lure, 15. snare, 16. asphyxiated

17. Bees are important \_\_\_\_\_ for many crops and plants.
- 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
18. A lion is a typical \_\_\_\_\_ as they mainly eat meat.
- n.* an animal that primarily eats meat as opposed to plant matter
19. The cords behind my computer were a \_\_\_\_\_ mess.
- n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
20. The snake \_\_\_\_\_ and twisted as it tried to escape the trap.
- v.* to twist and turn the body or a part of it, as from pain or struggle
21. The hunter quietly \_\_\_\_\_ the deer for hours before taking the shot
- v.* to follow or track someone or something closely and quietly, usually to cause harm or surveillance; to move slowly and quietly to avoid detection; (noun) the main stem of a plant that supports leaves, flowers, and fruit; the stem or main axis of a support structure or framework
22. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the coconut was removed to reveal the fruit inside.
- n.* the dry, outer covering of a seed, grain, or fruit, such as the shell of a nut or the skin of a corn kernel
23. I love to \_\_\_\_\_ on popcorn while I watch a movie.
- v.* to chew or eat something noisily, often with the sound of crunching or crunching
24. Thankfully, the driver emerged from the accident \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* not harmed or injured; untouched or unharmed by a negative or dangerous situation

ANSWERS: 17. pollinators, 18. carnivore, 19. tangled, 20. writhed, 21. stalked, 22. husk, 23. munch, 24. unscathed



25. Prospects for the suspect's conviction are \_\_\_\_\_ due to a lack of helpful evidence.

*adj.* dark and gloomy or difficult to see through

26. The \_\_\_\_\_ lifespan is incredibly short, with some species only living for a matter of hours.

*n.* an aquatic insect with delicate wings and a short lifespan that usually only lasts for a few days

27. She \_\_\_\_\_ over the tree root.

*v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

28. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the crab protects it from predators and environmental changes.

*n.* a hard, external protective covering or framework that supports and gives shape to the body of an invertebrate animal, such as an insect or crab

29. 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

30. He made a small \_\_\_\_\_ in the paper to fit it in the envelope.

*n.* a narrow cut or opening, often made by a sharp instrument or tool; (verb) to cut or make a long, narrow opening or incision in something, typically with a sharp instrument such as a knife or scissors

31. Floods have the potential to \_\_\_\_\_ any subsurface animals easily.

*v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

32. The trail through the forest was so \_\_\_\_\_ that our shoes became soaked.

*adj.* containing a lot of soft, wet soil; marshy, swampy, or waterlogged

ANSWERS: 25. murky, 26. mayfly's, 27. stumbled, 28. exoskeleton, 29. mucilage, 30. slit, 31. drown, 32. boggy

33. \_\_\_\_\_ thrive on the surface of the human skin.  
*n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
34. The doctor prescribed a \_\_\_\_\_ painkiller to alleviate her chronic pain.  
*n.* a drug or substance that dulls the senses and induces a state of lethargy or sleep; a drug that is illegal or highly regulated for medical use due to its ability to cause addiction or harm
35. The witness stated that he set a house \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* lighted up by or as by fire or flame; (verb) to come down
36. The \_\_\_\_\_ liquid poured slowly from the jar.  
*adj.* having a thick, sticky consistency between solid and liquid; exhibiting resistance to flow
37. The police caught the fugitive criminal in the \_\_\_\_\_ of an expanded investigation.  
*n.* a flexible, mobile, and long arm-like organ used for feeling and holding things, catching food, or moving
38. The \_\_\_\_\_ dinosaur preyed on other animals.  
*adj.* feeding on the flesh of other animals
39. Her beauty \_\_\_\_\_ him.  
*v.* to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way
40. \_\_\_\_\_ compounds are commonly used to manufacture fertilizers to promote plant growth.  
*n.* a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element

ANSWERS: 33. Microbes, 34. narcotic, 35. alight, 36. viscous, 37. tentacles, 38. carnivorous, 39. bewitched, 40. Phosphorus

41. The botany field is concerned with studying the structure of plant \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* one of the separate, usually colored, segments of a flower that produce its shape and are often found arranged in a circle around the reproductive parts
42. He \_\_\_\_\_ carefully on the slippery ice.
- v.* to step or walk on something
43. The child couldn't resist \_\_\_\_\_ her soup loudly at the dinner table.
- v.* to eat, drink, or consume with a loud or messy sucking noise; to make a loud or messy sucking noise while eating, drinking, or consuming
44. The gymnast executed a breathtaking \_\_\_\_\_ flip, landing perfectly on the mat.
- n.* a twisting device used for opening bottles or jars with a cork or other stopper, typically consisting of a spiral metal rod attached to a handle
45. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the flowers attracted many bees to the garden.
- n.* a sweet liquid produced by flowers that attracts and provides food for bees and other insects; any sweet liquid that is enjoyed as a drink or used as a flavoring
46. She squeezed a \_\_\_\_\_ of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.
- n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
47. Inspectors noticed \_\_\_\_\_ cracks in the submarine's hull.
- adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
48. He \_\_\_\_\_ his fist in anger when he heard the bad news.
- v.* to close tightly or grip firmly; to contract or stiffen, especially as in response to stress or pain; to tighten or compress

ANSWERS: 41. petals, 42. treads, 43. slurping, 44. corkscrew, 45. nectar, 46. glob, 47. microscopic, 48. clenched

49. After a long day at work, I feel \_\_\_\_\_ and lack energy.

*adj.* lacking energy, vitality, or motivation; slow or inactive in response, movement, or progress

50. In ancient civilizations, the scarab \_\_\_\_\_ was worshiped as a sacred creature.

*n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings

51. He trekked across some of the most \_\_\_\_\_ mountains in the world.

*adj.* harsh and difficult to stay in or grow; unfriendly and unwelcoming towards people who visit you

ANSWERS: 49. sluggish, 50. beetle, 51. inhospitable