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Session 1: Word List

- lush** *adj.* produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal
synonym : leafy, overgrown, dense
(1) **lush** and fertile land, (2) the abundance of **lush** vegetation
This area has an environment of **lush** greenery and water courses.
- 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.
- roost** *n.* a place where birds rest or sleep, typically on a branch or in a birdhouse or coop
synonym : perch, nest, roosting place
(1) wild **roost**, (2) bird **roost**
The chickens return to their **roost** at sunset every night.
- branch** *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
synonym : limb, twig, bough

(1) **branch** office, (2) a **branch** pipe

The **branch** of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.

amble

v. to walk at a slow, leisurely pace; to stroll or saunter;
(noun) a leisurely or relaxed walk, often taken for pleasure or exercise

synonym: saunter, stroll, wander

(1) **amble** along the beach, (2) morning **amble**

We decided to **amble** through the park, enjoying the warm weather and beautiful scenery.

jungle

n. an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly

synonym: wilderness, forest

(1) middle of the **jungle**, (2) **jungle** exploration

This village is still in a dense **jungle**.

dingo

n. a wild dog native to Australia, known for its distinctive howl and for being a pest to farmers

synonym: wild dog, warrigal

(1) wild **dingo**, (2) **dingo** howl

We saw a **dingo** pack roaming the outback during our trip to Australia.

prowl

v. to move about stealthily, especially in search of prey or as part of a criminal act; to wander or roam around aimlessly or restlessly

synonym: creep, sneak, lurch

(1) **prowl** the streets, (2) **prowl** for food

The predator began to **prowl** around the forest's edge, searching for prey.

shadow

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive

or ominous manner

synonym: shade, silhouette, outline

(1) **shadow** cast, (2) **shadow** puppetry

The tree cast a **shadow** over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.

satisfy

v. to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need

synonym: please, amuse, meet

(1) **satisfy** a desire, (2) **satisfy** a user's needs

Did this response **satisfy** your request?

appetite

n. a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something

synonym: hunger, appetite, craving

(1) **appetite** suppression, (2) loss of **appetite**

After a long hike, I had a huge **appetite** and devoured my meal in minutes.

flee

v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger

synonym: exit, escape, run away

(1) **flee** their homes, (2) **flee** abroad

It is a basic instinct to **flee** from a dangerous situation.

cassowary

n. a large flightless bird native to Australia, Papua New Guinea, and surrounding islands, known for its distinctive appearance and strong, dangerous claws

synonym: flightless bird

(1) **cassowary** bird, (2) **cassowary** habitat

The **cassowary's** powerful legs force it to run and kick.

puny

adj. small, weak, or frail in size, strength, or appearance; insignificant or unimportant in value or impact

synonym: small, weak, feeble

(1) **puny** muscles, (2) **puny** excuse

The weightlifter could easily lift the **puny** dumbbell with one hand.

swipe

v. to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort

synonym : flick, brush, pinch

(1) **swipe** a card, (2) **swipe** left on a dating app

He tried to **swipe** the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.

razor

n. a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair

synonym : blade, shaver, cutter

(1) **razor** blade, (2) an electric **razor**

He shaved with a **razor** to get a close shave.

claw

n. a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

synonym : paw, talon, nail

(1) **claw** marks, (2) **claw** hammer

The bear used its **claw** to catch a fish in the river.

approximately

adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time

synonym : about, around, roughly

(1) **approximately** 3 feet long, (2) **approximately** same

This trail takes **approximately** 2.5 hours.

flightless

adj. unable to fly, either because of a physical lack of wings or because of an inability to sustain flight

synonym : non-flying, grounded, wingless

(1) **flightless** species, (2) **flightless** insect

The Kiwi, an endemic species of New Zealand, is a curious example of a **flightless** bird.

earthbound

adj. limited or restricted in movement or activity, typically due to physical rather than mental reasons; rooted or grounded in physical reality rather than imagination or abstract thought

synonym : grounded, terrestrial, earthy

(1) **earthbound** creature, (2) **earthbound** solutions

After his injury, the athlete was **earthbound** for months while he recovered.

avian

adj. relating to or characteristic of birds

synonym : bird-like, feathered, winged

(1) **avian** influenza, (2) **avian** habitat

The expert on **avian** species studied the behavior of different types of birds.

outback

n. the remote and sparsely populated interior of Australia, typically characterized by arid deserts and scrubland

synonym : Australian bush, hinterland, wilderness

(1) **outback** landscape, (2) **outback** adventure

The vast plains of the Australian **outback** stretch for miles in every direction.

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.

shore

n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

synonym : coast, seaside, beach

(1) a sandy **shore**, (2) **shore** up demand

The waves are beating against the **shore**.

penguin

n. a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait

(1) Adelie **penguin**, (2) **penguin** habitat

We took a boat tour to witness the magnificent **penguin** colony along the rugged coastline.

swamp

n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

synonym: marsh, mire, bog

(1) muddy **swamp**, (2) **swamp** tour

The lowland **swamp** was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

dweller

n. a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location

synonym: resident, occupant, inhabitant

(1) city **dweller**, (2) rural **dweller**

The mountain **dweller** lived off the land and had a deep connection to nature.

speedy

adj. characterized by fast or quick movements, actions, or processes; rapid; swift

synonym: quick, rapid, swift

(1) **speedy** recovery, (2) **speedy** response

The **speedy** delivery of my package was surprising.

ostrich

n. a large flightless bird native to Africa with a long neck, legs, and bill

synonym: bird, flightless bird

(1) **ostrich** eggs, (2) **ostrich** feathers

The farmers raise **ostriches** for their meat, eggs, and feathers.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym: big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

emu

n. a large flightless bird native to Australia, similar in appearance to the ostrich but smaller and with softer feathers

synonym: flightless bird, Australian bird, big bird

(1) **emu** egg, (2) **emu** farming

Indigenous Australians use the **emu's** feathers for various decorative and practical purposes.

kiwi

n. a small, brown, flightless bird native to New Zealand; the fuzzy, edible fruit of a certain type of vine that is likewise native to New Zealand

(1) **kiwi** fruit, (2) **kiwi** orchard

I could eat a whole **kiwi** in one bite if I wanted to.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times

synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) **modern** poetry, (2) pre- **modern** agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

independence

n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence

synonym: freedom, liberty, autonomy

(1) financial **independence**, (2) **independence** ceremony

There is nothing more valuable than **independence** and freedom.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym: unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed
Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

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.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym: chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

distance

n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

synonym: space, gap, span

(1) driving **distance**, (2) social **distance**

The marathon runner covered a long **distance** in a short amount of time.

consume

v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

synonym: absorb, ingest, use up

(1) **consume** a large of alcohol, (2) **consume** electricity

A smaller car will **consume** less fuel.

conserve

v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

synonym: preserve, save, maintain

(1) means to **conserve** energy, (2) **conserve** coal resources

Children must be taught to **conserve** our natural

environment.

survive

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
synonym : endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

scarce

adj. not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain

synonym : rare, limited, sparse

(1) **scarce** resources, (2) capital- **scarce** country

Fresh water is becoming increasingly **scarce** in many parts of the world.

nutrient

n. any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things

synonym : food, vitamin

(1) **nutrient** medicine, (2) a **nutrient** for hair

They used fast-acting **nutrients** on the flowers in the flower beds.

entirely

adv. completely

synonym : completely, fully, totally

(1) **entirely** satisfied with the meal, (2) he was **entirely** to blame

Later, his claim was found to be **entirely** false.

alpine

adj. relating to or characteristic of high mountains, especially the Alps; of or relating to cold, snowy, or rugged terrain

synonym : mountain, highland, elevated

(1) **alpine** region, (2) **alpine** plant

We went on an exhilarating **alpine** adventure, climbing steep mountain slopes and glaciers.

nest

n. a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young

synonym :

roost, perch, burrow

(1) bird's **nest**, (2) a **nest** of thieves

The female birds build a **nest** and lay their eggs in May.

predisposition

n. a tendency or inclination to a particular behavior or condition, often due to genetic or environmental factors

synonym: tendency, inclination, disposition

(1) **predisposition** to anxiety, (2) genetic **predisposition**

Smoking can increase a person's **predisposition** to lung cancer.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations

The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

hollow

adj. having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface

synonym: cavity, depression, concavity

(1) have **hollow** legs, (2) **hollow** sound

The tree had a **hollow** trunk, which made it easy for animals to take shelter inside.

minimize

v. to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious

synonym: diminish, mitigate, belittle

(1) **minimize** a loss, (2) way to **minimize** conflict

I bought a gadget before my trip to help **minimize** stress during the flight.

dense

adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

synonym: heavy, thick, idiotic

(1) nutrient- **dense** foods, (2) **dense** forests

The entire mountain is covered in **dense** rainforest.

sturdy

adj. physically strong and not easily damaged

synonym : tough, bulky, inflexible

(1) **sturdy** frame, (2) **sturdy** young athletes

The vehicle is **sturdy** enough to handle rough terrain.

fluff

n. soft, light particles or fibers that are often shed from fabrics or stuffing materials; excessively or trivially sentimental language or ideas that lack substance or depth; (verb) to make something soft, light, or loose by shaking or stirring it up; to make a mistake or blunder, especially while performing or speaking in public

synonym : down, fuzz, lint

(1) **fluff** ball, (2) **fluff** formation

The teddy bear's fur was so soft and full of **fluff**.

shrink

v. to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

synonym : decrease, diminish, shy away

(1) **shrink** the tumor, (2) **shrink** with fear

This shirt will **shrink** in the wash.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym : fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

keel

n. the central longitudinal structural member of a ship or boat that extends along the bottom of the hull and from which the rest of the ship is built; a similar structure in aircraft; (verb) to fall over or collapse, often in the context of fainting or succumbing to exhaustion or heat

synonym : centerboard, stabilizer, blade

(1) **keel** over right there, (2) inner **keel**

The ship's **keel** was damaged during the storm, causing it to list to one side.

protrusion

n. something that bulges out or sticks out from a surface or body; a projection that is visible from the outside

synonym : extrusion, bump, bulge

(1) **protrusion** on skin, (2) **protrusion** of rock

The **protrusion** in the road caused several accidents and had to be repaired immediately.

sternum

n. the flat bone located in the center of the chest that connects the rib cage via cartilage

synonym : breastbone, chestbone, thorax

(1) **sternum** bone, (2) fractured **sternum**

The driver's seatbelt saved their **sternum** from injury in the car accident.

attach

v. to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

synonym : fix, fasten, bind

(1) **attach** firmly, (2) **attach** a file to an e-mail

He does not **attach** importance to these rumors.

repurpose

v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended

synonym : reutilize, recycle, reuse

(1) **repurpose** an old building, (2) **repurpose** a used car

The old barn was **repurposed** into a modern event space.

evolve

v. to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

synonym : develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

circumstance

n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

synonym : condition, context, environment

(1) **circumstance** of birth, (2) **circumstance** of injury

She explained the **circumstances** surrounding the accident.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
synonym: bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure
Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body
Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
synonym: example, sample, illustration

(1) for **instance**, (2) notable **instance**

These articles cite five **instances** of climate change.

settler

n. a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area

synonym: frontiersperson, immigrant, emigrant

(1) new **settlers**, (2) **settlers** on some foreign shore

A large proportion of railway workers in **settler** colonies were white.

stowaway

n. a person who hides on board a ship, airplane, or other vehicles without permission or legal authorization to travel secretly or avoid payment of a fare

synonym: stalker, intruder

(1) **stowaway** on ship, (2) hidden **stowaway**

The illegal **stowaway** was discovered hiding in the cargo

hold of the ship.

rodent

n. a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail

synonym: mouse, rat, hamster

(1) **rodent** repellent, (2) prevent **rodent** damage

He set up a trap to catch the **rodent**.

prey

n. the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating

synonym: target, quarry, chase

(1) **prey** of beast, (2) become **prey** to terrorists

The majority of snakes swallow their **prey** whole.

extinction

n. the complete disappearance of a species from the earth

synonym: disappearance, eradication, annihilation

(1) **extinction** prevention, (2) brink of **extinction**

The **extinction** of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.

stoat

n. a small carnivorous mammal with a long, slender body and short legs, also known as an ermine or short-tailed weasel

(1) **stoat** fur, (2) **stoat** hunting

The **stoat's** diet consists mostly of small rodents, such as mice and voles.

introduction

n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market

synonym: initiation, preamble, prologue

(1) **introduction** education, (2) self- **introduction**

The **introduction** to the new class was informative and engaging.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

native

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

synonym: endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

extinct

adj. no longer in existence

synonym: dead, obsolete, abolished

(1) **extinct** by human activity, (2) long- **extinct** volcano

Many species have become **extinct** due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

endangered

adj. at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats

synonym: at risk, threatened, vulnerable

(1) **endangered** species, (2) **endangered** ecosystem

The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of **endangered** animals.

spite

n. feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty

synonym: malice, ill will, vindictiveness

(1) bear **spite** against him, (2) die in **spite** of intensive care

He did it out of **spite**, to annoy me.

advantage

n. a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has

synonym : benefit, edge, asset

(1) score an **advantage**, (2) take **advantage** of his weak points

One of the main **advantages** of the new product is its increased efficiency.

dodo

n. a flightless bird that was endemic to the island of Mauritius, characterized by its stout body, small wings, and hooked beak; an extinct bird species that was last seen in the late 17th century

synonym : extinct bird, flightless bird

(1) **dodo** population, (2) extinct **dodo**

The last known sighting of a flightless **dodo** was recorded in the late 17th century.

mammal

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

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

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

mammalian

adj. of or relating to mammals, a class of warm-blooded vertebrate animals that typically nurse their young and have hair or fur on their skin; characterized by mammalian qualities, such as nurturing and protective behavior

synonym : animal, mammal-like, warm-blooded

(1) **mammalian** embryo, (2) **mammalian** evolution

Mammalian milk is known to be rich in protein and essential vitamins.

balloon

n. a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a

decoration; (verb) to become inflated

synonym: aerostat, blimp, (verb) billow out

(1) **balloon** ride, (2) **balloon** into a severe political problem

The satellite **balloon** slowly ascended into the sky.

weigh

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

synonym: consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

pound

n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces

(1) three-fourths of a **pound**, (2) thousands of **pounds**

The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred **pounds**.

lift

v. to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position

synonym: raise, elevate, move up

(1) **lift** sagging skin, (2) **lift** a ban on alcohol

The drought **lifted** the prices of grain globally.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

thigh

n. the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg

synonym: thigh-bone, femur, upper leg

(1) **thigh** muscle, (2) chicken **thigh**

The marathon runner felt a cramp in her **thigh** at the 20th mile.

formidable

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

synonym : daunting, intimidating, fearful

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

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

spot

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

synonym : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

tuck

v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

synonym : insert, wrap, pinch

(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another cigarette

You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

beneath

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

synonym : down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt

A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

flash

n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

synonym : sparkle, gleam, glimmer

(1) a **flash** of lightning, (2) brilliant **flash**

These heavy rains caused **flash** floods on several islands.

prospective

adj. likely or expected to happen or become in the future, often referring to something or someone that is being

considered or evaluated

synonym : future, potential, expected

(1) **prospective** customer, (2) **prospective** candidate

The company is looking for **prospective** employees with strong communication skills.

shelter

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:

synonym : refuge, hideout, lair

(1) rainproof **shelter**, (2) anti-air raid **shelter**

They need food and **shelter**.

steer

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

synonym : guide, direct, control

(1) **steer** a steady course, (2) **steer** a conversation

The captain told him to **steer** the ship north.

plain

adj. without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees

synonym : basic, straight, bare

(1) **plain** answer, (2) delta **plain**

The lowest lowland region is mostly flat **plain**.

Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1. os____h eggs | <i>n.</i> a large flightless bird native to Africa with a long neck, legs, and bill |
| 2. k__l over right there | <i>n.</i> the central longitudinal structural member of a ship or boat that extends along the bottom of the hull and from which the rest of the ship is built; a similar structure in aircraft; (verb) to fall over or collapse, often in the context of fainting or succumbing to exhaustion or heat |
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| 4. we__h a cargo | <i>v.</i> to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion |
| 5. genetic pre_____ion | <i>n.</i> a tendency or inclination to a particular behavior or condition, often due to genetic or environmental factors |
| 6. co____e electricity | <i>v.</i> to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount |
| 7. na____e to Africa | <i>adj.</i> connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place |
| 8. the abundance of l__h vegetation | <i>adj.</i> produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal |

ANSWERS: 1. ostrich, 2. keel, 3. balloon, 4. weigh, 5. predisposition, 6. consume, 7. native, 8. lush

9. co____ve coal resources *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
10. three-fourths of a po__d *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
11. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
12. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
13. th___e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
14. l__t sagging skin *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
15. bird ro__t *n.* a place where birds rest or sleep, typically on a branch or in a birdhouse or coop
16. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
17. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
18. brilliant fl__h *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
19. st____ay on ship *n.* a person who hides on board a ship, airplane, or other vehicles without permission or legal authorization to travel secretly or avoid payment of a fare

ANSWERS: 9. conserve, 10. pound, 11. ancestor, 12. ancestor, 13. thrive, 14. lift, 15. roost, 16. disappear, 17. environment, 18. flash, 19. stowaway

20. st__r a steady course *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
21. at___h a file to an e-mail *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
22. p__y muscles *adj.* small, weak, or frail in size, strength, or appearance; insignificant or unimportant in value or impact
23. have ho___w legs *adj.* having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface
24. ou_____k adventure *n.* the remote and sparsely populated interior of Australia, typically characterized by arid deserts and scrubland
25. thousands of po__ds *n.* the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
26. ear_____nd creature *adj.* limited or restricted in movement or activity, typically due to physical rather than mental reasons; rooted or grounded in physical reality rather than imagination or abstract thought
27. k__i orchard *n.* a small, brown, flightless bird native to New Zealand; the fuzzy, edible fruit of a certain type of vine that is likewise native to New Zealand
28. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
29. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

ANSWERS: 20. steer, 21. attach, 22. puny, 23. hollow, 24. outback, 25. pound, 26. earthbound, 27. kiwi, 28. giant, 29. survive

30. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
31. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
32. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
33. na___e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
34. beauty s__t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
35. app_____ely same *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
36. sh___k the tumor *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
37. av__n habitat *adj.* relating to or characteristic of birds
38. ou_____k landscape *n.* the remote and sparsely populated interior of Australia, typically characterized by arid deserts and scrubland
39. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
40. fractured st_____m *n.* the flat bone located in the center of the chest that connects the rib cage via cartilage

ANSWERS: 30. hunt, 31. evolve, 32. vulnerable, 33. native, 34. spot, 35. approximately, 36. shrink, 37. avian, 38. outback, 39. giant, 40. sternum

41. di__o howl *n.* a wild dog native to Australia, known for its distinctive howl and for being a pest to farmers
42. sa_____ah region *n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
43. means to co_____ve energy *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
44. a nu_____nt for hair *n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
45. wild di__o *n.* a wild dog native to Australia, known for its distinctive howl and for being a pest to farmers
46. delta pl__n *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
47. tropical rai_____st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
48. t__k a baby in the blanket *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
49. ca_____ry habitat *n.* a large flightless bird native to Australia, Papua New Guinea, and surrounding islands, known for its distinctive appearance and strong, dangerous claws

ANSWERS: 41. dingo, 42. savannah, 43. conserve, 44. nutrient, 45. dingo, 46. plain, 47. rainforest, 48. tuck, 49. cassowary

50. pe____n habitat *n.* a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait
51. he was en____ly to blame *adv.* completely
52. Adelie pe____n *n.* a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait
53. self-int_____ion *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
54. end_____ed ecosystem *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
55. f__e their homes *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
56. ma_____an embryo *adj.* of or relating to mammals, a class of warm-blooded vertebrate animals that typically nurse their young and have hair or fur on their skin; characterized by mammalian qualities, such as nurturing and protective behavior
57. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
58. co_____e a large of alcohol *v.* to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount

ANSWERS: 50. penguin, 51. entirely, 52. penguin, 53. introduction, 54. endangered, 55. flee, 56. mammalian, 57. hunt, 58. consume

59. pr__l for food *v.* to move about stealthily, especially in search of prey or as part of a criminal act; to wander or roam around aimlessly or restlessly
60. sw__e a card *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
61. way to mi_____ze conflict *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
62. sw__p tour *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
63. a sandy sh__e *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
64. die in sp__e of intensive care *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
65. ext_____on prevention *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
66. we__h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
67. sh__e up demand *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

ANSWERS: 59. prowl, 60. swipe, 61. minimize, 62. swamp, 63. shore, 64. spite, 65. extinction, 66. weigh, 67. shore

68. a s__t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
69. bear sp__e against him *n.* feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty
70. city dw____r *n.* a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location
71. pr__l the streets *v.* to move about stealthily, especially in search of prey or as part of a criminal act; to wander or roam around aimlessly or restlessly
72. sh___w cast *n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
73. st__t hunting *n.* a small carnivorous mammal with a long, slender body and short legs, also known as an ermine or short-tailed weasel
74. pre_____ion to anxiety *n.* a tendency or inclination to a particular behavior or condition, often due to genetic or environmental factors

ANSWERS: 68. spot, 69. spite, 70. dweller, 71. prowl, 72. shadow, 73. stoat, 74. predisposition

75. loss of ap____te *n.* a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something
76. de____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
77. sp____ic instructions *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
78. e_u egg *n.* a large flightless bird native to Australia, similar in appearance to the ostrich but smaller and with softer feathers
79. sc____e resources *adj.* not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain
80. sp____y recovery *adj.* characterized by fast or quick movements, actions, or processes; rapid; swift
81. app_____ely 3 feet long *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
82. inner k__l *n.* the central longitudinal structural member of a ship or boat that extends along the bottom of the hull and from which the rest of the ship is built; a similar structure in aircraft; (verb) to fall over or collapse, often in the context of fainting or succumbing to exhaustion or heat

ANSWERS: 75. appetite, 76. develop, 77. specific, 78. emu, 79. scarce, 80. speedy, 81. approximately, 82. keel

83. ca_____ry bird *n.* a large flightless bird native to Australia, Papua New Guinea, and surrounding islands, known for its distinctive appearance and strong, dangerous claws
84. wild ro__t *n.* a place where birds rest or sleep, typically on a branch or in a birdhouse or coop
85. long-ex_____t volcano *adj.* no longer in existence
86. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
87. av__n influenza *adj.* relating to or characteristic of birds
88. a primitive ma___l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
89. ex_____t by human activity *adj.* no longer in existence
90. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
91. e_u farming *n.* a large flightless bird native to Australia, similar in appearance to the ostrich but smaller and with softer feathers
92. score an ad_____ge *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
93. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

ANSWERS: 83. cassowary, 84. roost, 85. extinct, 86. disappear, 87. avian, 88. mammal, 89. extinct, 90. threaten, 91. emu, 92. advantage, 93. develop

94. financial ind_____nce *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
95. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
96. pro_____ve candidate *adj.* likely or expected to happen or become in the future, often referring to something or someone that is being considered or evaluated
97. a n__t of thieves *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
98. hidden st_____ay *n.* a person who hides on board a ship, airplane, or other vehicles without permission or legal authorization to travel secretly or avoid payment of a fare
99. ev____e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
100. a br____h pipe *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
101. morning am__e *v.* to walk at a slow, leisurely pace; to stroll or saunter; (noun) a leisurely or relaxed walk, often taken for pleasure or exercise
102. pre-mo____n agricultural society *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
103. ap_____te suppression *n.* a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something

ANSWERS: 94. independence, 95. vulnerable, 96. prospective, 97. nest, 98. stowaway, 99. evolve, 100. branch, 101. amble, 102. modern, 103. appetite

104. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
105. be_____h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
106. am__e along the beach *v.* to walk at a slow, leisurely pace; to stroll or saunter; (noun) a leisurely or relaxed walk, often taken for pleasure or exercise
107. ear_____nd solutions *adj.* limited or restricted in movement or activity, typically due to physical rather than mental reasons; rooted or grounded in physical reality rather than imagination or abstract thought
108. st___y frame *adj.* physically strong and not easily damaged
109. pro_____on of rock *n.* something that bulges out or sticks out from a surface or body; a projection that is visible from the outside
110. pl__n answer *adj.* without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
111. mi_____ze a loss *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
112. ra__r blade *n.* a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair
113. sa_____y a desire *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
114. ba_____n into a severe political problem *n.* a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated

ANSWERS: 104. incredible, 105. beneath, 106. amble, 107. earthbound, 108. sturdy, 109. protrusion, 110. plain, 111. minimize, 112. razor, 113. satisfy, 114. balloon

115. al___e plant *adj.* relating to or characteristic of high mountains, especially the Alps; of or relating to cold, snowy, or rugged terrain
116. brink of ext_____on *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
117. k__i fruit *n.* a small, brown, flightless bird native to New Zealand; the fuzzy, edible fruit of a certain type of vine that is likewise native to New Zealand
118. d__o population *n.* a flightless bird that was endemic to the island of Mauritius, characterized by its stout body, small wings, and hooked beak; an extinct bird species that was last seen in the late 17th century
119. new se_____rs *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
120. tropical sa_____ah *n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
121. mo___n poetry *adj.* of or belonging to the present time or recent times
122. an electric ra__r *n.* a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair
123. anti-air raid sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
124. extinct d__o *n.* a flightless bird that was endemic to the island of Mauritius, characterized by its stout body, small wings, and hooked beak; an extinct bird species that was last seen in the late 17th century

ANSWERS: 115. alpine, 116. extinction, 117. kiwi, 118. dodo, 119. settler, 120. savannah, 121. modern, 122. razor, 123. shelter, 124. dodo

125. l__t a ban on alcohol *v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
126. p__y excuse *adj.* small, weak, or frail in size, strength, or appearance; insignificant or unimportant in value or impact
127. th___e on pressure *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
128. nutrient-de__e foods *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
129. muddy sw__p *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
130. en____ly satisfied with the meal *adv.* completely
131. sp___y response *adj.* characterized by fast or quick movements, actions, or processes; rapid; swift
132. l__h and fertile land *adj.* produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal
133. ho___w sound *adj.* having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface
134. re_____se a used car *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
135. social di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance

ANSWERS: 125. lift, 126. puny, 127. thrive, 128. dense, 129. swamp, 130. entirely, 131. speedy, 132. lush, 133. hollow, 134. repurpose, 135. distance

136. su____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
137. rai_____st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
138. a fl__h of lightning *n.* a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness
139. ind_____nce ceremony *n.* freedom from another's or others' control or influence
140. nu_____nt medicine *n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
141. c__w marks *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
142. for in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
143. capital-sc___e country *adj.* not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain
144. sh___k with fear *v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount
145. de__e forests *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
146. rural dw_____r *n.* a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location

ANSWERS: 136. survive, 137. rainforest, 138. flash, 139. independence, 140. nutrient, 141. claw, 142. instance, 143. scarce, 144. shrink, 145. dense, 146. dweller

147. st____m bone *n.* the flat bone located in the center of the chest that connects the rib cage via cartilage
148. th__h muscle *n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
149. th____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
150. take ad_____ge of his weak points *n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
151. re_____se an old building *v.* to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
152. bird's n__t *n.* a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young
153. fli_____ss insect *adj.* unable to fly, either because of a physical lack of wings or because of an inability to sustain flight
154. driving di_____ce *n.* the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
155. cir_____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
156. p__y of beast *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating

ANSWERS: 147. sternum, 148. thigh, 149. threaten, 150. advantage, 151. repurpose, 152. nest, 153. flightless, 154. distance, 155. circumstance, 156. prey

157. int_____ion education *n.* a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
158. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
159. industry-sp_____ic regulations *adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
160. notable in_____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
161. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
162. st__r a conversation *v.* to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone
163. pro_____on on skin *n.* something that bulges out or sticks out from a surface or body; a projection that is visible from the outside
164. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
165. f__e abroad *v.* to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
166. t__k into another cigarette *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable

ANSWERS: 157. introduction, 158. predator, 159. specific, 160. instance, 161. environment, 162. steer, 163. protrusion, 164. circumstance, 165. flee, 166. tuck

167. st___y young athletes *adj.* physically strong and not easily damaged
168. middle of the ju___e *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
169. the ground be____h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
170. at___h firmly *v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another
171. sw___e left on a dating app *v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort
172. sexual pr____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
173. for____le competitor *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
174. os____h feathers *n.* a large flightless bird native to Africa with a long neck, legs, and bill
175. al___e region *adj.* relating to or characteristic of high mountains, especially the Alps; of or relating to cold, snowy, or rugged terrain
176. become p___y to terrorists *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
177. fl___f ball *n.* soft, light particles or fibers that are often shed from fabrics or stuffing materials; excessively or trivially sentimental language or ideas that lack substance or depth; (verb) to make something soft, light, or loose by shaking or stirring it up; to make a mistake or blunder, especially while performing or speaking in public

ANSWERS: 167. sturdy, 168. jungle, 169. beneath, 170. attach, 171. swipe, 172.

predator, 173. formidable, 174. ostrich, 175. alpine, 176. prey, 177. fluff

178. fl__f formation *n.* soft, light particles or fibers that are often shed from fabrics or stuffing materials; excessively or trivially sentimental language or ideas that lack substance or depth; (verb) to make something soft, light, or loose by shaking or stirring it up; to make a mistake or blunder, especially while performing or speaking in public
179. a sort of ma___l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
180. sa_____y a user's needs *v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
181. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
182. pro_____ve customer *adj.* likely or expected to happen or become in the future, often referring to something or someone that is being considered or evaluated
183. br___h office *n.* a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
184. rainproof sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:
185. chicken th__h *n.* the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg
186. end_____ed species *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats

ANSWERS: 178. fluff, 179. mammal, 180. satisfy, 181. incredible, 182. prospective, 183. branch, 184. shelter, 185. thigh, 186. endangered

187. ju___e exploration *n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly
188. prevent ro___t damage *n.* a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail
189. st__t fur *n.* a small carnivorous mammal with a long, slender body and short legs, also known as an ermine or short-tailed weasel
190. fli_____ss species *adj.* unable to fly, either because of a physical lack of wings or because of an inability to sustain flight
191. ro___t repellent *n.* a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail
192. c__w hammer *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
193. ma_____an evolution *adj.* of or relating to mammals, a class of warm-blooded vertebrate animals that typically nurse their young and have hair or fur on their skin; characterized by mammalian qualities, such as nurturing and protective behavior
194. for_____le challenge *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

ANSWERS: 187. jungle, 188. rodent, 189. stoat, 190. flightless, 191. rodent, 192. claw, 193. mammalian, 194. formidable

195. se____rs on some foreign shore

n. a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area

196. sh___w puppetry

n. a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner

ANSWERS: 195. settler, 196. shadow

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.
v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
2. We saw a _____ pack roaming the outback during our trip to Australia.
n. a wild dog native to Australia, known for its distinctive howl and for being a pest to farmers
3. We went on an exhilarating _____ adventure, climbing steep mountain slopes and glaciers.
adj. relating to or characteristic of high mountains, especially the Alps; of or relating to cold, snowy, or rugged terrain
4. 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
5. The _____ of the tree had fallen and blocked the road.
n. a division of a tree or woody shrub that grows out from the trunk or a main stem; a division of some larger or more complex organization
6. Fresh water is becoming increasingly _____ in many parts of the world.
adj. not abundant or plentiful, and therefore not easy to find or obtain
7. The mountain range was a _____ obstacle for the hikers.
adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

ANSWERS: 1. hunt, 2. dingo, 3. alpine, 4. savannahs, 5. branch, 6. scarce, 7. formidable

8. Did this response _____ your request?
- v.* to make somebody pleased by giving them what they want or need
9. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
10. The ship's _____ was damaged during the storm, causing it to list to one side.
- n.* the central longitudinal structural member of a ship or boat that extends along the bottom of the hull and from which the rest of the ship is built; a similar structure in aircraft; (verb) to fall over or collapse, often in the context of fainting or succumbing to exhaustion or heat
11. The farmers raise _____ for their meat, eggs, and feathers.
- n.* a large flightless bird native to Africa with a long neck, legs, and bill
12. The scientist conducted a study that provided _____ details about the species' behavior.
- adj.* clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise
13. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
- v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
14. A large proportion of railway workers in _____ colonies were white.
- n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
15. We took a boat tour to witness the magnificent _____ colony along the rugged coastline.
- n.* a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait

ANSWERS: 8. satisfy, 9. develop, 10. keel, 11. ostriches, 12. specific, 13. threatening, 14. settler, 15. penguin

16. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
17. It is a basic instinct to _____ from a dangerous situation.
v. to leave by running away, especially out of fear or danger
18. The lowland _____ was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.
n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
19. The _____ to the new class was informative and engaging.
n. a preliminary explanation or remarks given before the start of a text, performance, or event; the act of bringing something new into existence or introducing something to a wider audience or new market
20. The vehicle is _____ enough to handle rough terrain.
adj. physically strong and not easily damaged
21. The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of _____ animals.
adj. at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
22. The lowest lowland region is mostly flat _____.
adj. without being decorated in any way; (Noun) a vast expanse of flat land with few trees
23. The female birds build a _____ and lay their eggs in May.
n. a structure in which animals lay their eggs or give birth to their young

ANSWERS: 16. ancestor, 17. flee, 18. swamp, 19. introduction, 20. sturdy, 21. endangered, 22. plain, 23. nest

24. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
25. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
26. The illegal _____ was discovered hiding in the cargo hold of the ship.
n. a person who hides on board a ship, airplane, or other vehicles without permission or legal authorization to travel secretly or avoid payment of a fare
27. The chickens return to their _____ at sunset every night.
n. a place where birds rest or sleep, typically on a branch or in a birdhouse or coop
28. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
29. The Kiwi, an endemic species of New Zealand, is a curious example of a _____ bird.
adj. unable to fly, either because of a physical lack of wings or because of an inability to sustain flight
30. The _____ diet consists mostly of small rodents, such as mice and voles.
n. a small carnivorous mammal with a long, slender body and short legs, also known as an ermine or short-tailed weasel
31. The vast plains of the Australian _____ stretch for miles in every direction.
n. the remote and sparsely populated interior of Australia, typically characterized by arid deserts and scrubland

ANSWERS: 24. vulnerable, 25. instances, 26. stowaway, 27. roost, 28. circumstances, 29. flightless, 30. stoat's, 31. outback

32. He did it out of _____ to annoy me.

n. feelings of anger and resentment; (in spite of, also despite) a phrase that is used to indicate that something happened or exists even though there is a particular obstacle or difficulty

33. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

34. We decided to _____ through the park, enjoying the warm weather and beautiful scenery.

v. to walk at a slow, leisurely pace; to stroll or saunter; (noun) a leisurely or relaxed walk, often taken for pleasure or exercise

35. After a long hike, I had a huge _____ and devoured my meal in minutes.

n. a natural desire or craving for food or drink; a strong desire or liking for something

36. 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

37. These heavy rains caused _____ floods on several islands.

n. a sudden intense burst of radiant energy; a momentary brightness

38. _____ milk is known to be rich in protein and essential vitamins.

adj. of or relating to mammals, a class of warm-blooded vertebrate animals that typically nurse their young and have hair or fur on their skin; characterized by mammalian qualities, such as nurturing and protective behavior

39. The weightlifter could easily lift the _____ dumbbell with one hand.

adj. small, weak, or frail in size, strength, or appearance; insignificant or unimportant in value or impact

ANSWERS: 32. spite, 33. incredible, 34. amble, 35. appetite, 36. rainforest, 37. flash, 38. Mammalian, 39. puny

40. He set up a trap to catch the _____.

n. a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail

41. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period

42. The _____ of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.

n. the complete disappearance of a species from the earth

43. This remote _____ is rarely visited.

n. a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

44. This area has an environment of _____ greenery and water courses.

adj. produced or growing in extreme abundance, often in an attractive way; having strong sexual appeal

45. He shaved with a _____ to get a close shave.

n. a sharp blade used for shaving or cutting hair

46. The captain told him to _____ the ship north.

v. to control the direction or movement of a vehicle; to direct a course of action; to guide or motivate someone

47. This trail takes _____ 2.5 hours.

adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time

ANSWERS: 40. rodent, 41. survive, 42. extinction, 43. spot, 44. lush, 45. razor, 46. steer, 47. approximately

48. The expert on _____ species studied the behavior of different types of birds.
adj. relating to or characteristic of birds
49. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.
v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
50. The car's front bumper cost fifteen hundred _____.
n. the standard unit of money in the UK; the standard unit of weight equal to 16 ounces
51. The driver's seatbelt saved their _____ from injury in the car accident.
n. the flat bone located in the center of the chest that connects the rib cage via cartilage
52. You should _____ your shirt into your trousers.
v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
53. Smoking can increase a person's _____ to lung cancer.
n. a tendency or inclination to a particular behavior or condition, often due to genetic or environmental factors
54. There is nothing more valuable than _____ and freedom.
n. freedom from another's or others' control or influence
55. The entire mountain is covered in _____ rainforest.
adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

ANSWERS: 48. avian, 49. weighs, 50. pounds, 51. sternum, 52. tuck, 53. predisposition, 54. independence, 55. dense

56. They used fast-acting _____ on the flowers in the flower beds.
n. any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
57. A smaller car will _____ less fuel.
v. to spend something, especially fuel, energy, or time, in a large amount
58. Their headquarters are in a _____ skyscraper.
adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times
59. The last known sighting of a flightless _____ was recorded in the late 17th century.
n. a flightless bird that was endemic to the island of Mauritius, characterized by its stout body, small wings, and hooked beak; an extinct bird species that was last seen in the late 17th century
60. The predator began to _____ around the forest's edge, searching for prey.
v. to move about stealthily, especially in search of prey or as part of a criminal act; to wander or roam around aimlessly or restlessly
61. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
62. Without investment, a business cannot _____.
v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
63. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.
adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

ANSWERS: 56. nutrients, 57. consume, 58. modern, 59. dodo, 60. prowl, 61. predator's, 62. thrive, 63. giant

64. The company is looking for _____ employees with strong communication skills.
adj. likely or expected to happen or become in the future, often referring to something or someone that is being considered or evaluated
65. Many species have become _____ due to habitat destruction and other human activities.
adj. no longer in existence
66. The old barn was _____ into a modern event space.
v. to use something again for a different purpose than it was originally intended
67. I bought a gadget before my trip to help _____ stress during the flight.
v. to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
68. The satellite _____ slowly ascended into the sky.
n. a small bag made of thin rubber or other light material that can be inflated with air or gas, used as a toy or as a decoration; (verb) to become inflated
69. The _____ powerful legs force it to run and kick.
n. a large flightless bird native to Australia, Papua New Guinea, and surrounding islands, known for its distinctive appearance and strong, dangerous claws
70. The marathon runner covered a long _____ in a short amount of time.
n. the amount of space between two points, measured in units such as miles, meters, or kilometers; the extent, scope, or range between two things, such as distance or emotional distance
71. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
v. to cease to exist or be visible

ANSWERS: 64. prospective, 65. extinct, 66. repurposed, 67. minimize, 68. balloon, 69. cassowary's, 70. distance, 71. disappear

72. Children must be taught to _____ our natural environment.

- v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

73. He tried to _____ the phone from my hand, but I held on tight.

- v.* to strike, hit, or slap with a sweeping motion; to pass a magnetic stripe or barcode through a scanner to read data; to steal or take something quickly and with little effort

74. He does not _____ importance to these rumors.

- v.* to fasten, join, or connect one thing to another

75. The bear used its _____ to catch a fish in the river.

- n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

76. This village is still in a dense _____.

- n.* an area of tropical forest where in which trees and plants grow very thickly

77. Indigenous Australians use the _____ feathers for various decorative and practical purposes.

- n.* a large flightless bird native to Australia, similar in appearance to the ostrich but smaller and with softer feathers

78. The majority of snakes swallow their _____ whole.

- n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating

79. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.

- adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

ANSWERS: 72. conserve, 73. swipe, 74. attach, 75. claw, 76. jungle, 77. emu's, 78. prey, 79. native

80. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
- n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
81. The waves are beating against the _____.
- n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
82. One of the main _____ of the new product is its increased efficiency.
- n.* a condition or circumstance that puts one in a favorable or superior position; a beneficial feature or asset that someone or something has
83. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.
- v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
84. The drought _____ the prices of grain globally.
- v.* to raise something to a higher position or level; to pick up something or somebody and move them to a different position
85. The tree cast a _____ over the picnic area, providing relief from the sun.
- n.* a dark area or shape cast by an object blocking the passage of light; an area in darkness or shade; a reflected image or copy of something; a person, activity, or influence that follows or accompanies someone or something closely and persistently, often in a secretive or ominous manner
86. Marine _____ populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.
- n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

ANSWERS: 80. environment, 81. shore, 82. advantages, 83. evolved, 84. lifted, 85. shadow, 86. mammal

87. The _____ delivery of my package was surprising.

adj. characterized by fast or quick movements, actions, or processes; rapid; swift

88. The marathon runner felt a cramp in her _____ at the 20th mile.

n. the part of the human leg between the hip and the knee; in animals, the corresponding upper part of the hind leg

89. After his injury, the athlete was _____ for months while he recovered.

adj. limited or restricted in movement or activity, typically due to physical rather than mental reasons; rooted or grounded in physical reality rather than imagination or abstract thought

90. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.

adv. completely

91. A great stretch of the lake lay _____ them.

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

92. They need food and _____.

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack:

93. The mountain _____ lived off the land and had a deep connection to nature.

n. a person or animal that lives in a particular place or region; an inhabitant of a specific location

94. The teddy bear's fur was so soft and full of _____.

n. soft, light particles or fibers that are often shed from fabrics or stuffing materials; excessively or trivially sentimental language or ideas that lack substance or depth; (verb) to make something soft, light, or loose by shaking or stirring it up; to make a mistake or blunder, especially while performing or speaking in public

ANSWERS: 87. speedy, 88. thigh, 89. earthbound, 90. entirely, 91. beneath, 92. shelter, 93. dweller, 94. fluff

95. The _____ in the road caused several accidents and had to be repaired immediately.
- n.* something that bulges out or sticks out from a surface or body; a projection that is visible from the outside
96. The tree had a _____ trunk, which made it easy for animals to take shelter inside.
- adj.* having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface
97. I could eat a whole _____ in one bite if I wanted to.
- n.* a small, brown, flightless bird native to New Zealand; the fuzzy, edible fruit of a certain type of vine that is likewise native to New Zealand
98. This shirt will _____ in the wash.
- v.* to become smaller, or to make something smaller in size or amount

ANSWERS: 95. protrusion, 96. hollow, 97. kiwi, 98. shrink