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Session 1: Word List

pacific

adj. peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

synonym : calm, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **pacific-natured** disposition, (2) the **Pacific** Ocean

They adopted a **pacific** approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

pod

n. a seed case, especially of a leguminous plant such as a pea or bean; a detachable container of something, especially on an airplane

synonym : capsule, seed case, husk

(1) escape **pod**, (2) cocoa **pod**

The **pod** of whales swam gracefully through the water.

whale

n. a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

synonym : porpoise, giant

(1) a bull **whale**, (2) **whale** watching

Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a **whale**.

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym: settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach

I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

frigid

adj. extremely cold; lacking warmth or passion; emotionally detached or unresponsive

synonym: frosty, icy, glacial

(1) **frigid** climate, (2) **frigid** air

I had to wear multiple layers to survive the **frigid** temperatures outside.

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.

knowledgeable

adj. having or showing extensive knowledge, expertise, or understanding of a particular subject or field

synonym: well-educated, informed, well-informed

(1) **knowledgeable** staff, (2) **knowledgeable** advice

She is quite **knowledgeable** about the latest trends in technology.

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.

matriarch

n. a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group

synonym: leader, head, founder

(1) ruled by a **matriarch**, (2) **matriarch** figure

The **matriarch** of the family was known for her wisdom and

guidance.

elude

v. to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning

synonym: evade, avoid, dodge

(1) **elude** the law, (2) **elude** responsibility for the failure

The suspect **eluded** capture for weeks before being caught by the police.

ongoing

adj. continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening

synonym: continuous, current, proceeding

(1) still **ongoing**, (2) **ongoing** support

The new prime minister has vowed to take measures against the **ongoing** economic crisis.

resident

n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

synonym: dweller, inhabitant, inhabitant

(1) a **resident** of the city, (2) **resident** tax

Visa renewal for **resident** foreigners in this country is once every five years.

vital

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something

synonym: critical, crucial, invigorating

(1) play a **vital** role, (2) **vital** for a healthy society

Perseverance and optimism are **vital** to success.

calf

n. a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals

synonym: baby cow, heifer, yearling

(1) baby **calf**, (2) a **calf** elephant

The newborn **calf** stood on wobbly legs, trying to find its mother's milk.

matrilineal

adj. (the antonym of "patrilineal") tracing familial descent through the mother's side of the family, meaning that the

family heritage and inheritance are passed down from mother to daughter rather than from father to son

synonym : maternal, motherly, matriarchal

(1) **matrilineal** inheritance, (2) **matrilineal** descent

In **matrilineal** societies, lineages are traced through the mother's side of the family.

communicate

v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals

synonym : convey, share, transmit

(1) **communicate** his anxieties to the psychiatrist,

(2) **communicate** well with my advisor

Dolphins use sound to **communicate** with each other.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym : cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

dialect

n. a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics

synonym : accent, language, vernacular

(1) a local **dialect**, (2) minority **dialect**

The **dialect** spoken in the region differed from other parts of the country.

regularly

adv. at regular intervals or times

synonym : repeatedly, routinely, usually

(1) **regularly** arranged, (2) post **regularly** to a blog

This site **regularly** shares high-quality academic materials.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym : association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

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.

menopause

n. the natural cessation of menstruation and fertility in women, typically occurring between the ages of 45 and 55

synonym : climacteric, midlife transition

(1) **menopause** symptoms, (2) before **menopause**

The onset of **menopause** can bring about various physical and emotional changes in women.

unheard

adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

synonym : unknown, obscure

(1) an **unheard** story, (2) previously **unheard-of** economic

development

The **unheard** melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym: empire, realm, land

(1) establish his **kingdom**, (2) a subordinate **kingdom**

By remaining neutral, this **kingdom** continued to exist.

reproduce

v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

synonym: duplicate, breed, imitate

(1) **reproduce** the painting, (2) **reproduce** by myself

By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria **reproduce**.

salmon

n. a type of fish that is commonly found in the North Atlantic and North Pacific oceans

synonym: fish, trout, salmonid

(1) **salmon** fishery, (2) **salmon** migration

Grilled **salmon** is a popular dish at summer barbecues.

offshore

adj. situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land

synonym: seaward, alongshore

(1) an **offshore** oil field, (2) an **offshore** fund

The company undertakes **offshore** development for software companies in many countries.

supplement

n. something that is added to something else to make it better or complete it

synonym: complement, addendum, accessory

(1) wage **supplement**, (2) use of dietary **supplements**

Certain **supplements** may promote tumor growth.

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**.

spawn

v. to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop

synonym : beget, breed, generate

(1) **spawn** in spring, (2) **spawn** a new concept

The salmon swims upstream to **spawn** in the place they were released.

fertile

adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive

synonym : fruitful, productive, rich

(1) **fertile** ground, (2) **fertile** market

Herbs require **fertile** soil in a sunny, sheltered location.

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym : donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

overfishing

n. the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem

synonym : overharvesting, over-exploitation, depletion

(1) **overfishing** crisis, (2) **overfishing** ban

The ocean's ecosystem is being threatened by **overfishing**, causing many species to become endangered.

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something
synonym: devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

decimate

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

synonym: devastate, destroy, annihilate

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

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

constant

adj. happening repeatedly or all the time

synonym: ceaseless, stable, unchanging

(1) a **constant** wind, (2) a **constant** temperature

Constant dropping wears away the stone.

starvation

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

synonym: hunger, malnutrition, emaciation

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

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

advantageous

adj. providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial

synonym: beneficial, favorable, profitable

(1) **advantageous** conditions, (2) **advantageous** interest rate

The new job opportunity offered by the company is highly **advantageous**.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

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.

equation

n. the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

(1) the **equation** of poverty with ignorance, (2) a chemical **equation**

In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic **equations**.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

disperse

v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

synonym: dissipate, spread, scatter

(1) **disperse** false information, (2) **disperse** the protesters

Before authorities **dispersed** the protesters, they yelled slogans.

percentage

n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred

synonym: rate, ratio, portion

(1) the **percentage** of the gold content, (2) a high **percentage**

What is the **percentage** of the consumption tax in the United States?

consist

v. to be composed or made up of

synonym: lie in, comprise, exist

(1) **consist** mainly of cells, (2) **consist** only in knowing facts

This examination **consists** of five problems to solve.

distant

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

synonym: far, isolated, remote

(1) a **distant** memory, (2) **distant** ancestors

The sun set over the crest of **distant** hills.

relate

v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something

synonym: connect, link, associate

(1) **relate** a story, (2) **relate** a message

He tried to **relate** his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.

invest

v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result

synonym: fund, sponsor, support

(1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

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**.

burden

n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

synonym : obligation, duty, load

(1) carry a **burden**, (2) **burden** of disease

That car has a low environmental **burden**.

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.

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.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

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.

largely

adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree

synonym : mainly, chiefly, broadly

(1) **largely** accepted, (2) **largely** mitigate the issue

Nevada is **largely** a desert state.

decline

v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept

synonym : descend, drop, deny

(1) **decline** a job offer, (2) **decline** in quality

As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually **declines**.

urgently

adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

synonym : promptly, immediately, swiftly

(1) tackle the problem **urgently**, (2) **urgently** required
I need to send this email **urgently**.

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.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym : disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

startling

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

synonym : alarming, astonishing, shocking

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

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

adaptation

n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions

synonym : adaption, adjustment, transformation

(1) **adaptation** ability, (2) language **adaptation**

The company's **adaptation** approach has been highly effective.

anticipate

v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

synonym : forecast, predict, expect

(1) **anticipate** your kind cooperation, (2) **anticipate** a black future

We **anticipate** heavy snowfall tomorrow.

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**.

interference

n. the act or process of getting involved in and trying to influence a specific situation; the state of being affected and influenced with

synonym : obstruction, hindrance, impedance

(1) officious **interference**, (2) **interference** wave

Unfortunately, the radio **interference** made it difficult to hear the broadcast.

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym : endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ant_____te your kind cooperation | v. | to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance |
| 2. me_____se symptoms | n. | the natural cessation of menstruation and fertility in women, typically occurring between the ages of 45 and 55 |
| 3. su_____e a blizzard | v. | to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period |
| 4. di_____t ancestors | adj. | far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship |
| 5. com_____te his anxieties to the psychiatrist | v. | to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals |
| 6. officious int_____nce | n. | the act or process of getting involved in and trying to influence a specific situation; the state of being affected and influenced with |
| 7. en_____ly satisfied with the meal | adv. | completely |
| 8. mat_____al inheritance | adj. | (the antonym of "patrilineal") tracing familial descent through the mother's side of the family, meaning that the family heritage and inheritance are passed down from mother to daughter rather than from father to son |
| 9. cyclonic des_____on | n. | the act of causing so much damage to something |

ANSWERS: 1. anticipate, 2. menopause, 3. survive, 4. distant, 5. communicate, 6. interference, 7. entirely, 8. matrilineal, 9. destruction

10. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
11. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
12. art cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
13. in____t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
14. ev___e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
15. el__e responsibility for the failure *v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
16. co____t only in knowing facts *v.* to be composed or made up of
17. a c__f elephant *n.* a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals
18. ur____ly required *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
19. before me_____se *n.* the natural cessation of menstruation and fertility in women, typically occurring between the ages of 45 and 55
20. the eq____on of poverty with ignorance *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
21. an of_____re fund *adj.* situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land

ANSWERS: 10. hunt, 11. hunt, 12. critic, 13. inhabit, 14. evolve, 15. elude, 16. consist, 17. calf, 18. urgently, 19. menopause, 20. equation, 21. offshore

22. kno_____ble advice *adj.* having or showing extensive knowledge, expertise, or understanding of a particular subject or field
23. the per_____ge of the gold content *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
24. wage sup_____nt *n.* something that is added to something else to make it better or complete it
25. racial or____n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
26. a di_____t memory *adj.* far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship
27. app_____ely same *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
28. previously un_____d-of economic development *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
29. sa____n fishery *n.* a type of fish that is commonly found in the North Atlantic and North Pacific oceans
30. wh__e watching *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
31. sa____n migration *n.* a type of fish that is commonly found in the North Atlantic and North Pacific oceans
32. la_____y accepted *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree

ANSWERS: 22. knowledgeable, 23. percentage, 24. supplement, 25. origin, 26. distant, 27. approximately, 28. unheard, 29. salmon, 30. whale, 31. salmon, 32. largely

33. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
34. use of dietary sup_____nts *n.* something that is added to something else to make it better or complete it
35. vi__l for a healthy society *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
36. vul_____le parts of the body *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
37. de_____e a job offer *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
38. he was en_____ly to blame *adv.* completely
39. int_____nce wave *n.* the act or process of getting involved in and trying to influence a specific situation; the state of being affected and influenced with
40. co_____t mainly of cells *v.* to be composed or made up of
41. su_____e a plane crash *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
42. adv_____ous conditions *adj.* providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial
43. the Pa_____c Ocean *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
44. carry a bu____n *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

ANSWERS: 33. interact, 34. supplement, 35. vital, 36. vulnerable, 37. decline, 38. entirely, 39. interference, 40. consist, 41. survive, 42. advantageous, 43. pacific, 44. burden

45. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
46. end_____ed species *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
47. de_____te population *v.* to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
48. a high per_____ge *n.* the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
49. re_____ly arranged *adv.* at regular intervals or times
50. ove_____ng ban *n.* the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem
51. kno_____ble staff *adj.* having or showing extensive knowledge, expertise, or understanding of a particular subject or field
52. post re_____ly to a blog *adv.* at regular intervals or times
53. on_____g support *adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
54. language ada_____on *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
55. ev___e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

ANSWERS: 45. critic, 46. endangered, 47. decimate, 48. percentage, 49. regularly, 50. overfishing, 51. knowledgeable, 52. regularly, 53. ongoing, 54. adaptation, 55. evolve

56. sp__n in spring *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
57. env_____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
58. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
59. re___e a message *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
60. ext_____on prevention *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
61. sta_____on wages *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
62. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
63. la_____y mitigate the issue *adv.* virtually entirely; to a large degree
64. still on_____g *adj.* continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening
65. a bull wh__e *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
66. escape p_d *n.* a seed case, especially of a leguminous plant such as a pea or bean; a detachable container of something, especially on an airplane

ANSWERS: 56. spawn, 57. environment, 58. survival, 59. relate, 60. extinction, 61. starvation, 62. destruction, 63. largely, 64. ongoing, 65. whale, 66. pod

67. end_____ed ecosystem *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
68. un_____r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
69. ada_____on ability *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
70. cocoa p_d *n.* a seed case, especially of a leguminous plant such as a pea or bean; a detachable container of something, especially on an airplane
71. an un_____d story *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
72. fr___d air *adj.* extremely cold; lacking warmth or passion; emotionally detached or unresponsive
73. st_____ng earthquake shocks *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
74. con_____ion to society *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
75. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
76. or___n of information *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
77. ma_____ch figure *n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group

ANSWERS: 67. endangered, 68. uncover, 69. adaptation, 70. pod, 71. unheard, 72. frigid, 73. startling, 74. contribution, 75. survival, 76. origin, 77. matriarch

78. a co____nt wind *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
79. com_____te well with my advisor *v.* to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
80. a vul_____le bridge *adj.* capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
81. a co____nt temperature *adj.* happening repeatedly or all the time
82. tackle the problem ur____ly *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
83. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
84. fr____d climate *adj.* extremely cold; lacking warmth or passion; emotionally detached or unresponsive
85. fe_____e market *adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
86. un_____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
87. pa_____c-natured disposition *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
88. a subordinate ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen

ANSWERS: 78. constant, 79. communicate, 80. vulnerable, 81. constant, 82. urgently, 83. environment, 84. frigid, 85. fertile, 86. uncover, 87. pacific, 88. kingdom

89. fe____e ground *adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
90. ove_____ng crisis *n.* the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem
91. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
92. a remote re____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
93. de_____te economy *v.* to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
94. re____nt tax *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
95. re___e a story *v.* to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
96. in___t in stocks *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
97. bu___n of disease *n.* a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry

ANSWERS: 89. fertile, 90. overfishing, 91. grandchild, 92. relative, 93. decimate, 94. resident, 95. relate, 96. invest, 97. burden

98. an of _____re oil field *adj.* situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land
99. die of sta _____on *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
100. make a positive con _____ion *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
101. ruled by a ma _____ch *n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
102. play a vi ____l role *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
103. establish his ki _____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
104. in _____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
105. a local di _____t *n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
106. re _____on between cause and effect *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
107. cir _____nce of injury *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
108. sp ____n a new concept *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop

ANSWERS: 98. offshore, 99. starvation, 100. contribution, 101. matriarch, 102. vital, 103. kingdom, 104. interact, 105. dialect, 106. relation, 107. circumstance, 108. spawn

109. re____ve factors *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
110. a chemical eq____on *n.* the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign
111. de____e in quality *v.* to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
112. in____t a cave *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside
113. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
114. el__e the law *v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
115. adv____ous interest rate *adj.* providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial
116. op____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
117. brink of ext____on *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
118. minority di____t *n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
119. mat____al descent *adj.* (the antonym of "patrilineal") tracing familial descent through the mother's side of the family, meaning that the family heritage and inheritance are passed down from mother to daughter rather than from father to son

ANSWERS: 109. relative, 110. equation, 111. decline, 112. inhabit, 113. opportune, 114. elude, 115. advantageous, 116. opportune, 117. extinction, 118. dialect, 119. matrilineal

120. re_____ce by myself *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
121. di_____se the protesters *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
122. cir_____nce of birth *n.* the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence
123. st_____ng discovery *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
124. 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
125. app_____ely 3 feet long *adv.* close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time
126. 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
127. a re_____nt of the city *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
128. baby c__f *n.* a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals
129. re_____ce the painting *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

ANSWERS: 120. reproduce, 121. disperse, 122. circumstance, 123. startling, 124. shore, 125. approximately, 126. shore, 127. resident, 128. calf, 129. reproduce

130. di____se false information *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
131. in____t capital *v.* to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
132. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
133. re____on of inclusion *n.* the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
134. ant_____te a black future *v.* to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

ANSWERS: 130. disperse, 131. invest, 132. grandchild, 133. relation, 134. anticipate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. As people age, their digestive capacity also gradually _____.
v. to become gradually smaller, fewer, worse, etc.; to refuse to accept
2. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
3. This examination _____ of five problems to solve.
v. to be composed or made up of
4. What is the _____ of the consumption tax in the United States?
n. the number, amount, or rate of something, which is usually the amount per hundred
5. I had to wear multiple layers to survive the _____ temperatures outside.
adj. extremely cold; lacking warmth or passion; emotionally detached or unresponsive
6. Nevada is _____ a desert state.
adv. virtually entirely; to a large degree
7. 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
8. This trail takes _____ 2.5 hours.
adv. close to a specific number or time but not exactly that number or time

ANSWERS: 1. declines, 2. relatives, 3. consists, 4. percentage, 5. frigid, 6. largely, 7. environment, 8. approximately

9. He tried to _____ his experience to the group, but they couldn't understand.
v. to establish a connection or association between two or more things; to narrate or tell about an event, experience, or relationship; to empathize or feel sympathy with someone or something
10. The company's _____ approach has been highly effective.
n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
11. The company undertakes _____ development for software companies in many countries.
adj. situated at or happening in the sea, not far from the shore or land; (of winds) coming from the land
12. 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
13. _____ dropping wears away the stone.
adj. happening repeatedly or all the time
14. The government should view children as national assets and actively _____ in them.
v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
15. He describes the story with _____ reality.
adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
16. Infants and pregnant women are particularly _____.
adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

ANSWERS: 9. relate, 10. adaptation, 11. offshore, 12. shore, 13. Constant, 14. invest, 15. startling, 16. vulnerable

17. The salmon swims upstream to _____ in the place they were released.
v. to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
18. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.
n. the country ruled by a king or queen
19. The hurricane _____ the small town, leaving behind destruction and devastation.
v. to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
20. Perseverance and optimism are _____ to success.
adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something
21. Dolphins use sound to _____ with each other.
v. to share or exchange information with others by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals
22. His _____ to the charity was a generous donation of money.
n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
23. The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of _____ animals.
adj. at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
24. Grilled _____ is a popular dish at summer barbecues.
n. a type of fish that is commonly found in the North Atlantic and North Pacific oceans

ANSWERS: 17. spawn, 18. kingdom, 19. decimated, 20. vital, 21. communicate, 22. contribution, 23. endangered, 24. salmon

25. Herbs require _____ soil in a sunny, sheltered location.
adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
26. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
27. The onset of _____ can bring about various physical and emotional changes in women.
n. the natural cessation of menstruation and fertility in women, typically occurring between the ages of 45 and 55
28. The _____ of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.
n. a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
29. He should _____ more with his colleagues.
v. to communicate or react with somebody
30. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
31. The industrial _____ laws were passed with little to no alteration.
n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
32. She explained the _____ surrounding the accident.
n. the specific conditions or events that surround a particular situation or occurrence

ANSWERS: 25. fertile, 26. survive, 27. menopause, 28. matriarch, 29. interact, 30. opportune, 31. relations, 32. circumstances

33. The sun set over the crest of _____ hills.

adj. far away in space, time, or where you are; far apart in relevance, relationship, or kinship

34. They adopted a _____ approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

adj. peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

35. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

36. The new prime minister has vowed to take measures against the _____ economic crisis.

adj. continuing to exist or develop, or currently happening

37. The new job opportunity offered by the company is highly _____.

adj. providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial

38. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.

n. the first existence or beginning of something

39. In _____ societies, lineages are traced through the mother's side of the family.

adj. (the antonym of "patrilineal") tracing familial descent through the mother's side of the family, meaning that the family heritage and inheritance are passed down from mother to daughter rather than from father to son

ANSWERS: 33. distant, 34. pacific, 35. destruction, 36. ongoing, 37. advantageous, 38. origin, 39. matrilineal

40. This site _____ shares high-quality academic materials.

adv. at regular intervals or times

41. She is quite _____ about the latest trends in technology.

adj. having or showing extensive knowledge, expertise, or understanding of a particular subject or field

42. The drought led to widespread _____ in the region.

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

43. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

44. Visa renewal for _____ foreigners in this country is once every five years.

n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

45. The newborn _____ stood on wobbly legs, trying to find its mother's milk.

n. a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals

46. In this class, you will learn how to solve quadratic _____.

n. the act of regarding as equal; (mathematics) a statement that expresses the equality of two expressions by connecting them with the equals sign

47. The _____ spoken in the region differed from other parts of the country.

n. a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics

48. The ocean's ecosystem is being threatened by _____ causing many species to become endangered.

n. the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem

ANSWERS: 40. regularly, 41. knowledgeable, 42. starvation, 43. uncovered, 44. resident, 45. calf, 46. equations, 47. dialect, 48. overfishing,

49. We _____ heavy snowfall tomorrow.

v. to expect or predict that something will happen; to tell in advance

50. The grandparents take care of their _____ while the parents are at work.

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

51. By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria _____.

v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

52. I need to send this email _____.

adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

53. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

54. 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

55. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

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

56. The _____ of whales swam gracefully through the water.

n. a seed case, especially of a leguminous plant such as a pea or bean; a detachable container of something, especially on an airplane

57. Before authorities _____ the protesters, they yelled slogans.

v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

ANSWERS: 49. anticipate, 50. grandchild, 51. reproduce, 52. urgently, 53. critics, 54. hunt, 55. evolved, 56. pod, 57. dispersed

58. The _____ melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.
adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
59. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.
n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
60. Unfortunately, the radio _____ made it difficult to hear the broadcast.
n. the act or process of getting involved in and trying to influence a specific situation; the state of being affected and influenced with
61. Later, his claim was found to be _____ false.
adv. completely
62. That car has a low environmental _____.
n. a duty, responsibility, etc. that is oppressive or worrisome; a load, typically a heavy one that is difficult to carry
63. I have no idea what sort of folks _____ the neighborhood.
v. to live in a specific location; to reside
64. The suspect _____ capture for weeks before being caught by the police.
v. to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
65. Certain _____ may promote tumor growth.
n. something that is added to something else to make it better or complete it
66. The _____ of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.
n. the complete disappearance of a species from the earth

ANSWERS: 58. unheard, 59. survival, 60. interference, 61. entirely, 62. burden, 63. inhabit, 64. eluded, 65. supplements, 66. extinction

67. Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a _____.

- n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

ANSWERS: 67. whale