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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### landlocked

*adj.* referring to a country or region that is surrounded by land with no direct access to the sea or ocean

*synonym*: trapped, enclosed

(1) **landlocked** lake, (2) **landlocked** region

The **landlocked** country needed more access to ports and trade routes.

### tributary

*n.* a stream or river that flows into a larger one

*synonym*: stream, branch, feeder

(1) major **tributary**, (2) **tributary** stream

The **tributary** river flowed into the main river.

### highland

*adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain

*synonym*: upland, plateau

(1) **highland** Indian, (2) **highland** agriculture

This region has a humid subtropical and **highland** climate.

### terra

*n.* a Latin word meaning earth or land, often used in scientific or technical contexts to refer to the planet itself or the soil or ground of a particular area

*synonym*: earth, land, ground

(1) **terra** cotta, (2) **terra** firma

Scientists study the **terra** of other planets to learn more about

their formations and compositions.

## housekeeping

*n.* the management and upkeep of a household, hotel, or other living or working space, including cleaning, maintenance, organization, and other related tasks

*synonym*: cleaning, housework, tidying up

(1) **housekeeping** duties, (2) daily **housekeeping**

The hotel's **housekeeping** staff does a great job keeping the rooms clean and tidy.

## patchwork

*n.* a fabric made by stitching together small pieces of different colored and patterned fabrics; a mixture or grouping of diverse elements or components

*synonym*: assortment, jumble, mishmash

(1) the **patchwork** of legislation, (2) **patchwork** design

The **patchwork** approach to funding led to an uneven distribution of resources.

## floodplain

*n.* an area of flat land adjacent to a river or stream that is subject to periodic flooding

*synonym*: lowland, swamp, delta

(1) **floodplain** area, (2) **floodplain** management

The town was built on a **floodplain**, making it vulnerable to natural disasters.

## lagoon

*n.* a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean

*synonym*: pond, pool, bayou

(1) **lagoon** island, (2) **lagoon** paradise

The mangroves around the **lagoon** provide a habitat for a unique ecosystem

## rhinoceros

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

*synonym*: rhino, horned beast, pachyderm

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

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

## airlift

*n.* the transportation of people or goods by aircraft often used to refer to a major operation to move large numbers of people or supplies to or from an area in need, particularly in times of disaster or conflict

*synonym* : airdrop, air transport

(1) humanitarian **airlift**, (2) military **airlift**

The humanitarian organization organized an **airlift** of supplies to the disaster-stricken area.

## leopard

*n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia

(1) snow **leopard**, (2) **leopard** print

**Leopards** lurked in the grass to catch their prey.

## hyena

*n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs

*synonym* : jackal, coyote, wild dog

(1) **hyena** den, (2) spotted **hyena**

The **hyena's** powerful jaws and teeth enable it to crush bones and devour its prey.

## cheetah

*n.* a large, slender, and fast-running African cat with a yellowish-brown coat and black spots

*synonym* : leopard, jaguar, panther

(1) **cheetah** sprint, (2) **cheetah** habitat

The mother **cheetahs** fiercely protect their cubs, teaching them valuable hunting and survival skills before they venture out independently.

## baobab

*n.* a type of African tree with a large, bulbous trunk and sparse branches that often looks upside-down; also known as the "tree of life" due to its ability to store water during droughts

*synonym* : monkey bread tree, cream of tartar tree, bottle tree

(1) **baobab** pulp, (2) ancient **baobab**

The **baobab** tree can grow over 60 feet tall and live for thousands of years.

## **cathedral**

*n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

*synonym*: church, basilica, temple

(1) **cathedral** school, (2) **cathedral** choir

The **cathedral's** stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

## **reconnect**

*v.* to connect again after a break or interruption

*synonym*: reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

## **cosmos**

*n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system

*synonym*: universe, macrocosm

(1) exploration of **cosmos**, (2) origin of the **cosmos**

Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the **cosmos**.

## **drown**

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

*synonym*: douse, drench, overwhelm

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

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

## **wildebeest**

*n.* (also "gnu") a large African antelope with a broad muzzle and curved horns, known for its annual migration

*synonym*: gnu

(1) grazing **wildebeest**, (2) **wildebeest** herd

The migration of **wildebeest** across the Serengeti is an

awe-inspiring natural phenomenon.

## coexist

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

*synonym*: cohabit, accompany, synchronize

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

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

## transect

*v.* to cut or divide something by means of a transverse line, typically for surveying or scientific study

*synonym*: intersect, divide, bisect

(1) **transect** a forest, (2) **transect** the area

The new highway will **transect** the wilderness, potentially disrupting local wildlife.

## pristine

*adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination

*synonym*: chaste, pure, immaculate

(1) **pristine** beach, (2) maintain the **pristine** condition

It is terrific to camp in **pristine** nature.

## bushman

*n.* a person who lives in a rural or remote area, often with a deep knowledge of local natural resources and survival skills; a hunter-gatherer lifestyle or an indigenous person of southern Africa

*synonym*: bushwhacker, frontiersman, pioneer

(1) **bushman's** instinct, (2) **bushman** tribes

The **bushman's** lifestyle involves being intimately connected with nature and living sustainably.

## pilgrim

*n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion

*synonym*: traveler, wayfarer, sojourner

(1) shrine for **pilgrims**, (2) **pilgrim** site

The group of **pilgrims** walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.

## dugout

*n.* a partially enclosed area or shelter often dug into the ground or located at ground level behind the benches, used for players or coaches in sports such as baseball, cricket, or field hockey

*synonym*: bench, shelter, dugout seat

(1) baseball **dugout**, (2) construction **dugout**

The baseball players retreated to the **dugout** after the inning was over.

## canoe

*n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

(1) **canoe** race, (2) make a **canoe** trip

After the accident, the police found an empty **canoe**.

## medicinal

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

*synonym*: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

## domesticate

*v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

*synonym*: tame, naturalize, cultivate

(1) easy to **domesticate**, (2) **domesticate** the plant

We **domesticate** cows to gain milk and meat.

## 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.

## 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**.

## minefield

*n.* an area or situation that contains a hidden danger or risk, particularly a literal minefield of explosives or a figurative minefield of potential problems or missteps

*synonym*: hazard, danger, obstacle course

(1) enter a political **minefield**, (2) navigate the **minefield**  
The corporate restructuring process was a **minefield** with many obstacles that needed to be navigated.

## undocumented

*adj.* not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission

(1) **undocumented** worker, (2) **undocumented** command  
The border patrol has recently been focusing on cracking down on **undocumented** non-citizens.

## otherworldly

*adj.* supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world

*synonym*: celestial, ethereal, unearthly

(1) **otherworldly** experience, (2) **otherworldly** creature  
The **otherworldly** landscape was filled with strange, glowing plants.

## untouched

*adj.* not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way

*synonym*: untarnished, pristine, intact

(1) **untouched** wilderness, (2) **untouched** landscape  
The abandoned house was **untouched** for years, with vines growing all over it.

## paddle

*n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance

*synonym*: oar, oarlock, scull

(1) **paddle** strokes, (2) canoe **paddle**

The **paddle** boarders glided across the crystal-clear waters of

the cove.

## ripple

*n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

*synonym*: wave, undulation, fluctuation

(1) a **ripple** of laughter, (2) **ripple** in the water

Many businesses felt the **ripple** effect of the economy's decline.

## eddy

*n.* a circular current of water or air that flows in the opposite direction to the main current, causing a small whirlpool; a current of opinion, activity, or trend that goes against the main current

*synonym*: whirlpool, vortex, swirl

(1) **eddy** of water, (2) **eddy** of leaves

Unfortunately, the swirling **eddy** in the river made it difficult to swim.

## lily

*n.* a flowering plant with large, showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, typically symbolizing purity, innocence, and beauty

(1) **lily** perfume, (2) water **lily**

The beautiful **lily** garden in the park was a sight to behold.

## choke

*v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

*synonym*: strangle, suffocate, clog

(1) **choke** with anger, (2) **choke** off the blood supply

The baby started to **choke** on a piece of apple.

## landmine

*n.* an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle

*synonym*: mine, explosive device, antipersonnel mine

(1) destroy a **landmine**, (2) **landmine** removal

The antipersonnel **landmine** was a dangerous obstacle in the war-torn area.



## unseen

*adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived

*synonym* : invisible, hidden, undercover

(1) **unseen** danger, (2) an **unseen** force

The consequences of the pandemic remain **unseen** as scientists continue to research the virus.

## hippopotamus

*n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature

*synonym* : river horse, water horse, hippo

(1) **hippopotamus** habitat, (2) giant **hippopotamus**

The zoo has a new **hippopotamus** exhibit that popularly attracts families.

## capsize

*v.* to overturn or tip over a boat or other watercraft; to turn upside down or on its side, often as a result of a sudden force or imbalance

*synonym* : overturn, overturning, tipping

(1) **capsize** a boat, (2) **capsize** in the middle of the storm

The strong wind caused the kayak to **capsize**, throwing the paddler into the water.

## tusk

*n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging

*synonym* : ivory, tush, horn

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

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

## puncture

*n.* a small hole or wound made by piercing, such as with a needle, nail, or pointed object

*synonym* : piercing, prick, hole

(1) bicycle **puncture**, (2) needle **puncture**

The tire had a **puncture** and needed to be replaced.

## terrifying

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

*synonym* : frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

## birthplace

*n.* the house, town, etc., where someone was born

*synonym* : hometown, native place, origin

(1) ancestral **birthplaces**, (2) **birthplace** of modern soccer

The **birthplace** of civilization is a topic of much debate among historians.

## mystic

*adj.* having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension

*synonym* : secret, mystical, supernatural

(1) **mystic** teaching, (2) medieval **mystic**

He is interested in the **mystic** rites of that religion.

## unprotected

*adj.* not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense

*synonym* : uncovered, defenseless, vulnerable

(1) **unprotected** area, (2) **unprotected** Wi-Fi

It's important never to have **unprotected** sex to prevent the spread of STDs.

## 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.

## rediscover

*v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

*synonym* : recover, get back, revive

(1) **rediscover** a value, (2) **rediscover** an old truth

The painting was **rediscovered** in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

### **postwar**

*adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies

*synonym* : subsequent, aftermath

(1) **postwar** years, (2) **postwar** society

The **postwar** period was marked by economic growth and rebuilding efforts.

### **waterfall**

*n.* a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock

*synonym* : cascade, falls, rapids

(1) scenic **waterfall**, (2) a **waterfall** with a fall of ten feet

Years of river erosion have formed the uniquely shaped **waterfall** basin.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. bir\_\_\_\_\_ce of modern soccer *n.* the house, town, etc., where someone was born
2. pa\_\_\_\_\_rk design *n.* a fabric made by stitching together small pieces of different colored and patterned fabrics; a mixture or grouping of diverse elements or components
3. ancient ba\_\_\_\_b *n.* a type of African tree with a large, bulbous trunk and sparse branches that often looks upside-down; also known as the "tree of life" due to its ability to store water during droughts
4. ch\_\_e off the blood supply *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
5. wil\_\_\_\_\_st herd *n.* (also "gnu") a large African antelope with a broad muzzle and curved horns, known for its annual migration
6. white rhi\_\_\_\_\_os *n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.
7. a wa\_\_\_\_\_ll with a fall of ten feet *n.* a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock
8. navigate the mi\_\_\_\_\_ld *n.* an area or situation that contains a hidden danger or risk, particularly a literal minefield of explosives or a figurative minefield of potential problems or missteps

ANSWERS: 1. birthplace, 2. patchwork, 3. baobab, 4. choke, 5. wildebeest, 6. rhinoceros, 7. waterfall, 8. minefield

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10. medieval my\_\_\_c *adj.* having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding; (noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension
11. construction du\_\_\_t *n.* a partially enclosed area or shelter often dug into the ground or located at ground level behind the benches, used for players or coaches in sports such as baseball, cricket, or field hockey
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14. pr\_\_\_ne beach *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
15. major tr\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* a stream or river that flows into a larger one
16. dr\_\_n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
17. make a ca\_\_e trip *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

ANSWERS: 9. birthplace, 10. mystic, 11. dugout, 12. hippopotamus, 13. undocumented, 14. pristine, 15. tributary, 16. drown, 17. canoe

18. tackle the problem ur\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
19. ca\_\_\_\_\_e a boat *v.* to overturn or tip over a boat or other watercraft; to turn upside down or on its side, often as a result of a sudden force or imbalance
20. spotted hy\_\_a *n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs
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22. pa\_\_\_e strokes *n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance
23. oth\_\_\_\_\_dly creature *adj.* supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world
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ANSWERS: 18. urgently, 19. capsize, 20. hyena, 21. tributary, 22. paddle, 23. otherworldly, 24. patchwork, 25. landmine, 26. opportune, 27. floodplain

28. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
29. la\_\_\_n paradise *n.* a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean
30. red\_\_\_\_\_er an old truth *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
31. oth\_\_\_\_\_dly experience *adj.* supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world
32. origin of the co\_\_\_\_s *n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system
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34. daily hou\_\_\_\_\_ing *n.* the management and upkeep of a household, hotel, or other living or working space, including cleaning, maintenance, organization, and other related tasks
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37. hi\_\_\_\_\_nd agriculture *adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain
38. ch\_\_e with anger *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

ANSWERS: 28. terrifying, 29. lagoon, 30. rediscover, 31. otherworldly, 32. cosmos, 33. leopard, 34. housekeeping, 35. canoe, 36. domesticate, 37. highland, 38. choke

39. grazing wil\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* (also "gnu") a large African antelope with a broad muzzle and curved horns, known for its annual migration
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43. an un\_\_\_\_n force *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
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ANSWERS: 39. wildebeest, 40. baobab, 41. cosmos, 42. puncture, 43. unseen, 44. puncture, 45. coexist, 46. cathedral, 47. urgently, 48. landlocked



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50. ch\_\_\_\_h sprint *n.* a large, slender, and fast-running African cat with a yellowish-brown coat and black spots
51. humanitarian ai\_\_\_\_t *n.* the transportation of people or goods by aircraft often used to refer to a major operation to move large numbers of people or supplies to or from an area in need, particularly in times of disaster or conflict
52. te\_\_a firma *n.* a Latin word meaning earth or land, often used in scientific or technical contexts to refer to the planet itself or the soil or ground of a particular area
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ANSWERS: 57. pristine, 58. airlift, 59. eddy, 60. unprotected, 61. medicinal, 62. opportune, 63. coexist, 64. paddle, 65. tusk

66. tr\_\_\_\_ct a forest  
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81. te\_\_a cotta *n.* a Latin word meaning earth or land, often used in scientific or technical contexts to refer to the planet itself or the soil or ground of a particular area
82. tr\_\_\_\_\_ct the area *v.* to cut or divide something by means of a transverse line, typically for surveying or scientific study
83. ca\_\_\_\_\_al school *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
84. unp\_\_\_\_\_ed Wi-Fi *adj.* not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense

ANSWERS: 76. lagoon, 77. bushman, 78. mystic, 79. terrifying, 80. hyena, 81. terra, 82. transect, 83. cathedral, 84. unprotected

85. a ri\_\_\_e of laughter *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
86. ca\_\_\_\_\_e in the middle of the storm *v.* to overturn or tip over a boat or other watercraft; to turn upside down or on its side, often as a result of a sudden force or imbalance
87. po\_\_\_\_\_r society *adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies
88. pi\_\_\_\_\_m site *n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
89. e\_\_y of water *n.* a circular current of water or air that flows in the opposite direction to the main current, causing a small whirlpool; a current of opinion, activity, or trend that goes against the main current
90. enter a political mi\_\_\_\_\_ld *n.* an area or situation that contains a hidden danger or risk, particularly a literal minefield of explosives or a figurative minefield of potential problems or missteps
91. un\_\_\_\_\_ed landscape *adj.* not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way
92. hip\_\_\_\_\_mus habitat *n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature

ANSWERS: 85. ripple, 86. capsized, 87. postwar, 88. pilgrim, 89. eddy, 90. minefield, 91. untouched, 92. hippopotamus

93. re\_\_\_\_\_ct with family  
*v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
94. t\_\_k of an elephant  
*n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
95. un\_\_\_n danger  
*adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
96. snow le\_\_\_\_\_d  
*n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia
97. la\_\_\_\_\_ne removal  
*n.* an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle
98. I was dr\_\_ned in work  
*v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
99. bu\_\_\_\_\_n's instinct  
*n.* a person who lives in a rural or remote area, often with a deep knowledge of local natural resources and survival skills; a hunter-gatherer lifestyle or an indigenous person of southern Africa
100. flo\_\_\_\_\_in area  
*n.* an area of flat land adjacent to a river or stream that is subject to periodic flooding
101. lan\_\_\_\_\_ed region  
*adj.* referring to a country or region that is surrounded by land with no direct access to the sea or ocean
102. ri\_\_\_e in the water  
*n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind

ANSWERS: 93. reconnect, 94. tusk, 95. unseen, 96. leopard, 97. landmine, 98. drown, 99. bushman, 100. floodplain, 101. landlocked, 102. ripple

103. baseball du\_\_\_t                    *n.* a partially enclosed area or shelter often dug into the ground or located at ground level behind the benches, used for players or coaches in sports such as baseball, cricket, or field hockey
104. hou\_\_\_\_\_ing duties            *n.* the management and upkeep of a household, hotel, or other living or working space, including cleaning, maintenance, organization, and other related tasks
105. re\_\_\_\_\_ct a telephone            *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
106. hi\_\_\_\_\_nd Indian                    *adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain

ANSWERS: 103. dugout, 104. housekeeping, 105. reconnect, 106. highland

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He is interested in the \_\_\_\_\_ rites of that religion.  
*adj.* having spiritual powers or qualities that are beyond ordinary understanding;  
(noun) someone who believes in the existence of realities beyond human comprehension
2. The town was built on a \_\_\_\_\_ making it vulnerable to natural disasters.  
*n.* an area of flat land adjacent to a river or stream that is subject to periodic flooding
3. 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
4. After a long period of estrangement, they \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.  
*v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
5. Large earthquakes often generate \_\_\_\_\_ tsunamis.  
*adj.* very frightening or intimidating
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.  
*n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
7. The baby started to \_\_\_\_\_ on a piece of apple.  
*v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

ANSWERS: 1. mystic, 2. floodplain, 3. urgently, 4. reconnected, 5. terrifying, 6. cathedral's, 7. choke



8. The consequences of the pandemic remain \_\_\_\_\_ as scientists continue to research the virus.  
*adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ boarders glided across the crystal-clear waters of the cove.  
*n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance
10. The corporate restructuring process was a \_\_\_\_\_ with many obstacles that needed to be navigated.  
*n.* an area or situation that contains a hidden danger or risk, particularly a literal minefield of explosives or a figurative minefield of potential problems or missteps
11. Floods have the potential to \_\_\_\_\_ any subsurface animals easily.  
*v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
12. The abandoned house was \_\_\_\_\_ for years, with vines growing all over it.  
*adj.* not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ approach to funding led to an uneven distribution of resources.  
*n.* a fabric made by stitching together small pieces of different colored and patterned fabrics; a mixture or grouping of diverse elements or components
14. The beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ garden in the park was a sight to behold.  
*n.* a flowering plant with large, showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, typically symbolizing purity, innocence, and beauty
15. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 8. unseen, 9. paddle, 10. minefield, 11. drown, 12. untouched, 13. patchwork, 14. lily, 15. opportune

16. It's important never to have \_\_\_\_\_ sex to prevent the spread of STDs.  
*adj.* not guarded, covered, or shielded; vulnerable; without protection or defense
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ lifestyle involves being intimately connected with nature and living sustainably.  
*n.* a person who lives in a rural or remote area, often with a deep knowledge of local natural resources and survival skills; a hunter-gatherer lifestyle or an indigenous person of southern Africa
18. The \_\_\_\_\_ country needed more access to ports and trade routes.  
*adj.* referring to a country or region that is surrounded by land with no direct access to the sea or ocean
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. The mangroves around the \_\_\_\_\_ provide a habitat for a unique ecosystem  
*n.* a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean
21. \_\_\_\_\_ lurked in the grass to catch their prey.  
*n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia
22. The migration of \_\_\_\_\_ across the Serengeti is an awe-inspiring natural phenomenon.  
*n.* (also "gnu") a large African antelope with a broad muzzle and curved horns, known for its annual migration

ANSWERS: 16. unprotected, 17. bushman's, 18. landlocked, 19. decimated, 20. lagoon, 21. Leopards, 22. wildebeest

23. The \_\_\_\_\_ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

*adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

24. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ at the wildlife sanctuary was recently born and is very cute.

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

25. It is terrific to camp in \_\_\_\_\_ nature.

*adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination

26. Supercomputers enable scientists to create computational models of the \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* another name for the universe, mainly used when it is thought of as an ordered system

27. The zoo has a new \_\_\_\_\_ exhibit that popularly attracts families.

*n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature

28. The strong wind caused the kayak to \_\_\_\_\_ throwing the paddler into the water.

*v.* to overturn or tip over a boat or other watercraft; to turn upside down or on its side, often as a result of a sudden force or imbalance

29. The \_\_\_\_\_ landscape was filled with strange, glowing plants.

*adj.* supernatural, other than worldly; not of this world

ANSWERS: 23. medicinal, 24. rhinoceros, 25. pristine, 26. cosmos, 27. hippopotamus, 28. capsize, 29. otherworldly

30. Scientists study the \_\_\_\_\_ of other planets to learn more about their formations and compositions.
- n.* a Latin word meaning earth or land, often used in scientific or technical contexts to refer to the planet itself or the soil or ground of a particular area
31. Unfortunately, the swirling \_\_\_\_\_ in the river made it difficult to swim.
- n.* a circular current of water or air that flows in the opposite direction to the main current, causing a small whirlpool; a current of opinion, activity, or trend that goes against the main current
32. The tire had a \_\_\_\_\_ and needed to be replaced.
- n.* a small hole or wound made by piercing, such as with a needle, nail, or pointed object
33. The border patrol has recently been focusing on cracking down on \_\_\_\_\_ non-citizens.
- adj.* not supported by written evidence or having the necessary written permission
34. Many businesses felt the \_\_\_\_\_ effect of the economy's decline.
- n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ of civilization is a topic of much debate among historians.
- n.* the house, town, etc., where someone was born
36. The new highway will \_\_\_\_\_ the wilderness, potentially disrupting local wildlife.
- v.* to cut or divide something by means of a transverse line, typically for surveying or scientific study

ANSWERS: 30. terra, 31. eddy, 32. puncture, 33. undocumented, 34. ripple, 35. birthplace, 36. transect

37. This region has a humid subtropical and \_\_\_\_\_ climate.

*adj.* an area of elevated land or hilly terrain

38. The different species can \_\_\_\_\_ in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.

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

39. The mother \_\_\_\_\_ fiercely protect their cubs, teaching them valuable hunting and survival skills before they venture out independently.

*n.* a large, slender, and fast-running African cat with a yellowish-brown coat and black spots

40. The \_\_\_\_\_ river flowed into the main river.

*n.* a stream or river that flows into a larger one

41. Years of river erosion have formed the uniquely shaped \_\_\_\_\_ basin.

*n.* a point in a river or stream where water falls from a high place, for example, over a cliff or rock

42. The \_\_\_\_\_ powerful jaws and teeth enable it to crush bones and devour its prey.

*n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs

43. The humanitarian organization organized an \_\_\_\_\_ of supplies to the disaster-stricken area.

*n.* the transportation of people or goods by aircraft often used to refer to a major operation to move large numbers of people or supplies to or from an area in need, particularly in times of disaster or conflict

ANSWERS: 37. highland, 38. coexist, 39. cheetahs, 40. tributary, 41. waterfall, 42. hyena's, 43. airlift

44. The antipersonnel \_\_\_\_\_ was a dangerous obstacle in the war-torn area.  
*n.* an explosive device hidden underground and designed to be detonated by the presence, proximity, or contact with a person or vehicle
45. The \_\_\_\_\_ tree can grow over 60 feet tall and live for thousands of years.  
*n.* a type of African tree with a large, bulbous trunk and sparse branches that often looks upside-down; also known as the "tree of life" due to its ability to store water during droughts
46. The painting was \_\_\_\_\_ in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.  
*v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
47. The group of \_\_\_\_\_ walked in silence, deep in thought and prayer.  
*n.* a person who journeys, especially a long distance, to a sacred place as an act of religious devotion
48. After the accident, the police found an empty \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
49. The baseball players retreated to the \_\_\_\_\_ after the inning was over.  
*n.* a partially enclosed area or shelter often dug into the ground or located at ground level behind the benches, used for players or coaches in sports such as baseball, cricket, or field hockey
50. The \_\_\_\_\_ period was marked by economic growth and rebuilding efforts.  
*adj.* relating to the period following a war, particularly World War II; characterized by the rebuilding and recovery of countries and societies
51. We \_\_\_\_\_ cows to gain milk and meat.  
*v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

ANSWERS: 44. landmine, 45. baobab, 46. rediscovered, 47. pilgrims, 48. canoe, 49. dugout, 50. postwar, 51. domesticate

52. The hotel's \_\_\_\_\_ staff does a great job keeping the rooms clean and tidy.

- n.* the management and upkeep of a household, hotel, or other living or working space, including cleaning, maintenance, organization, and other related tasks

53. The ivory poacher was arrested for possession of illegal \_\_\_\_\_.

- n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging

ANSWERS: 52. housekeeping, 53. tusks