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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### underwater

*adv.* below or under the surface of the water

*synonym*: submerged, undersea, submarine

(1) hold my breath **underwater**, (2) seals sleep **underwater**

He is good at swimming **underwater**.

### coral

*n.* a rock-like substance created in the sea by groupings of specific types of small animals, commonly used in jewelry

(1) **coral** island, (2) **coral** ornament

She is wearing a **coral** necklace.

### reef

*n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface

(1) barrier **reef**, (2) coral **reefs**

The vessel ran aground on a **reef**.

### individual

*n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group

*synonym*: person, being, self

(1) a private **individual**, (2) **individual** freedom

As an **individual**, he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.

## colony

*n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away

*synonym*: settlement, territory, plantation

(1) plant a **colony**, (2) a **colony** of bacteria

The **colony** declared its independence and became a republic.

## norm

*n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

*synonym*: criterion, mean, standard

(1) **norm** of action, (2) cultural **norm**

The systems we have developed has accepted as industry **norms**.

## hurricane

*n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

*synonym*: cyclone, typhoon, storm

(1) a **hurricane** of applause, (2) the ravages of a **hurricane**

The devastating **hurricane** caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

## smashing

*adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

*synonym*: great, wonderful, breaking

(1) a **smashing** blow, (2) give **smashing** results

The band's new album was a **smashing** success, reaching the top of the charts.

## rip

*v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly

*synonym*: tear, cut, slit

(1) **rip** a notebook apart, (2) **rip** a hole in the roof

During transit, the stuff may **rip** off the luggage tag.

## tissue

*n.* an ensemble of similar cells of the animal or plant that together carry out a specific function

*synonym*: structure, texture, anatomy

(1) a facial **tissue**, (2) loss of muscle **tissue**

The researcher separated the nervous **tissue** for microscopic examinations.

## healing

*n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again

*synonym*: recovery, recuperation, convalescence

(1) natural **healing** ability, (2) part of the **healing** process

Each ancient tribe has its **healing** traditions.

## patch

*n.* a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose

*synonym*: mend, repair, fix

(1) **patch** of grass, (2) software **patch**

I need to sew a **patch** onto my jeans that ripped.

## skeleton

*n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant

*synonym*: bones, frame, structure

(1) the steel **skeleton** of a building, (2) **skeleton** hand

Scientists studied the ancient **skeleton** to learn more about the creature's anatomy.

## overgrown

*adj.* covered in plants that have been allowed to grow naturally and have not been controlled

*synonym*: leafy, lush, verdant

(1) an **overgrown** garden, (2) **overgrown** child

The wooden gate had been damaged, and the hedge had become **overgrown**.

## algae

*n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots

(1) **algae** biofuel, (2) blue **algae**

**Algae** has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.

## damage

- v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

*synonym*: harm, impair, injure

(1) **damage** a relationship, (2) **damage** assessment

During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to **damage** a blood vessel.

## stretch

- v. to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking

*synonym*: lengthen, prolong, extend

(1) **stretch** along the coast, (2) **stretch** a story

Some herds have been observed to **stretch** hundreds of kilometers.

## sink

- v. to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

*synonym*: descend, drop, plummet

(1) **sink** a lot of capital, (2) **sink** a buzzer-beater

The abandoned ship slowly began to **sink** into the murky waters of the harbor.

## sand

- n. finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

*synonym*: grit, dust, powder

(1) **sand** dunes, (2) **sand** castle

The **sand** on the beach was warm and golden.

## scuba

- n. an acronym for Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus, a device used for underwater diving

*synonym*: diving gear, underwater equipment

(1) **scuba** diving class, (2) **scuba** gear

The **scuba** divers explored the coral reefs to learn more about the ecosystem.

## gear

*n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose

*synonym*: equipment, tools, apparatus

(1) sports **gear**, (2) a **gear** change lever

She checked her **gear** before embarking on the hike.

## 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.

## mask

*v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it

*synonym*: disguise, camouflage, conceal

(1) **mask** body odor, (2) an oxygen **mask**

The politician tried to **mask** the corruption.

## survey

*n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

*synonym*: study, examination, poll

(1) a comprehensive **survey**, (2) recent **survey**

That **survey** shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.

## weep

*v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain

*synonym*: cry, sob, mourn

(1) **weep** bitter tears, (2) **weep** for joy

I'm easily moved to tears, so I would **weep** in sympathy if I saw that movie.

## 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.

## climate

*n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

*synonym*: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change  
**Climate** and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

## function

*n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

*synonym*: purpose, mapping, job

(1) **function** properly, (2) immune **function**  
The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's **function**.

## normally

*adv.* usually; under normal conditions

*synonym*: commonly, generally, naturally

(1) complete **normally**, (2) not **normally** drink much  
I don't **normally** take a vacation in the middle of summer.

## spit

*v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

*synonym*: expectorate, saliva, spew

(1) **spit** a bullet, (2) **spit** a mouthful of saliva  
She tried to **spit** out the gum that she had been chewing.

## bleach

v. to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach

*synonym* : whiten, lighten, blanch

(1) **bleach** stains, (2) **bleach** hair

I need to **bleach** this shirt to remove the stains.

## starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

*synonym* : famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

## rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

*synonym* : perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

## unbelievable

*adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising

*synonym* : unimaginable, incredible, fantastical

(1) **unbelievable** beauty, (2) cause **unbelievable** damage

He drinks an **unbelievable** amount of beer.

## barrier

n. a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

*synonym* : border, barricade, fence

(1) cost **barrier**, (2) information **barrier**

The police placed a **barrier** across the street to halt traffic.

## 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.

## suffer

v. to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

*synonym*: endure, undergo, tolerate

(1) **suffer** a setback, (2) **suffer** bad grades

The older man **suffers** from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.

## intense

*adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

*synonym*: extreme, fierce, harsh

(1) **intense** heat, (2) develop **intense** itching

That statement by the prime minister drew **intense** international criticism.

## abuse

*n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner

*synonym*: misuse, misconduct, vilification

(1) the problem of drug **abuse**, (2) victim of sexual **abuse**

Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for **abuse** of authority.

## predict

v. to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience

*synonym*: forecast, anticipate, foresee

(1) **predict** the future, (2) **predict** when she will arrive

It's notoriously challenging to **predict** birth rates.

## consult

v. to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject

*synonym*: confer, consider, see

(1) regularly **consult** with a doctor, (2) **consult** my wallet

Always **consult** a lawyer before launching a business.



## graph

*n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other

*synonym* : chart, diagram, figure

(1) **graph** theory, (2) a **graph** sample

This bar **graph** shows sales over the past five years.

## invention

*n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

*synonym* : creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention**

Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

## seafloor

*n.* the bottom of the ocean

*synonym* : ocean floor, benthic zone, abyssal plain

(1) **seafloor** exploration, (2) **seafloor** mapping

The oceanographer studied the **seafloor** topography to understand how it had changed over time.

## ratchet

*n.* a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement

*synonym* : gear, wrench, spanner

(1) **ratchet** wrench, (2) **ratchet** effect

He turned the bolt with the **ratchet**, making sure it was secure.

## 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**.

## calm

*adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves

*synonym* : quiet, peaceful, tranquility

(1) **calm** sea, (2) **calm** manner

It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly **calm** and at peace.

### sketchy

*adj.* lacking in detail or completeness; vague, uncertain, or unreliable; suspicious or questionable

*synonym*: suspicious, dubious, questionable

(1) **sketchy** sources, (2) **sketchy** behavior

The neighborhood had a **sketchy** reputation due to its high crime rate.

### compass

*n.* a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability

*synonym*: guideline, borderline, ambit

(1) read a **compass**, (2) sailing without a **compass**

The results were beyond our **compass** of imagination.

### shark

*n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest

*synonym*: swindler, con artist, crook

(1) a man-eating **shark**, (2) card **shark**

He borrowed money from a loan **shark**.

### shock

*n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

*synonym*: amazement, surprise, stunner

(1) death from **shock**, (2) **shock-resistant**

He got an electric **shock** at work.

### colon

*n.* the punctuation mark ( : ) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system

(1) **colon** examination, (2) the **colon** at the end of the

sentence

Consumption of vegetables may aid in the prevention of **colon** cancer.

## 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**.

## massive

*adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid

*synonym*: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

## ragged

*adj.* (of clothing) frayed or not in good condition; tattered

*synonym*: tattered, frayed, worn

(1) **ragged** edge, (2) **ragged** clothing

The old flag was **ragged** and torn.

## shoreline

*n.* a line that separates land and sea

(1) **shoreline** erosion, (2) coral-reef **shoreline**

Flooding occurs along the city's **shoreline** due to the storm surge.

## frequent

*adj.* happening constantly

*synonym*: periodic, recurring, routine

(1) **frequent** absence, (2) **frequent** use

His heartaches are less **frequent** now.

## recover

*v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength

*synonym*: come back, convalesce, heal

(1) **recover** a loss, (2) **recover** approval ratings

She is still **recovering** from a shot to her shoulder.

## boulder

*n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion

*synonym* : rock, stone, clump

(1) **boulder** field, (2) lava **boulder**

The hikers had to climb over a **boulder** that was blocking their path.

## polyp

*n.* (of zoology) a small, typically sessile, marine animal with a hollow, cylindrical body and tentacles surrounding a central mouth, often found in colonies and sometimes forming coral reefs; (of gastroenterology) an abnormal tissue growth that can occur in the colon, rectum, or other parts of the gastrointestinal tract

*synonym* : polypus, hydra, anemone

(1) the **polyp** on the hydra's tentacle, (2) gastric **polyp**

The coral reef was home to various **polyps** and other sea creatures.

## reclaim

*v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

*synonym* : recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

## territory

*n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state

*synonym* : domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

## regrow

*v.* to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation

*synonym* : regenerate

(1) **regrow** hair, (2) **regrow** vegetation

Lizards can **regrow** their tails if they are cut off.

## temperature

*n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place  
*synonym*: climate, warmth, degree

(1) extreme **temperatures**, (2) the atmospheric **temperature**

Cities around the world set records for highest **temperatures** this summer.

## 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.

## sew

*v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

*synonym*: stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

## pollution

*n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change

*synonym*: corrosion, deterioration, corruption

(1) environmental **pollution**, (2) high levels of air **pollution**

The **pollution** is endangering the local plants and animals.

## fertilizer

*n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully

*synonym*: manure

(1) a chemical **fertilizer**, (2) nonsynthetic **fertilizer**

Nitrogen fixation by the Haber-Bosch method leads to the mass production of **fertilizers**.

## dredge

*v.* to remove debris or objects from a body of water or other areas by scooping or dragging, often using special equipment called a dredge; to bring something to the

surface by this process

*synonym* : dig, scoop, unearth

(1) **dredge** up memories, (2) **dredge** a river

The environmental group demanded that the government stop the plans to **dredge** the wetlands for oil drilling.

## construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

*synonym* : build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

## stabilize

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

*synonym* : brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels

The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

## process

n. a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

*synonym* : procedure, method, system

(1) **process** improvement, (2) decision-making **process**

The **process** for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.

## planet

n. any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

*synonym* : earth, world, globe

(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**

Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.

## fragile

*adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged

*synonym* : delicate, brittle, breakable

(1) politically **fragile** nation, (2) **fragile** ecosystem

The vase was made of **fragile** ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.

## 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.

## cousin

*n.* the child of your aunt or uncle

*synonym* : relative

(1) cross- **cousin** marriage, (2) **cousin's** family

I used to play with my younger male **cousins** when I was a little girl.

## aim

*v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something

*synonym* : aspire, direct, target

(1) **aim** at a specific target, (2) **aim** to be a nurse

We **aim** for an overseas expansion.

## horizon

*n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated

*synonym* : skyline, view, visible boundary

(1) the event **horizon** of a black hole, (2) business **horizon**

As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the **horizon**, creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.

## incredibly

*adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely

*synonym* : enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

(1) **incredibly** cheerful character, (2) get **incredibly**

insecure

Several cities are experiencing **incredibly** high unemployment rates.

## pessimistic

*adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

*synonym* : cynical, defeatist, despairing

(1) take a **pessimistic** view of life, (2) **pessimistic** for our survival

She was unduly **pessimistic** about her future.

## mourn

*v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone

*synonym* : grieve, lament, weep

(1) **mourn** with deep grief, (2) **mourn** death

We **mourned** the loss of our dear friend at the memorial service.

## grant

*v.* to agree to give or allow somebody

*synonym* : allocate, authorize, give

(1) **grant** a new license, (2) **grant** a land

The chairperson **granted** him the right to speak.

## optimistic

*adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful

*synonym* : hopeful, auspicious, cheery

(1) he is **optimistic**, (2) **optimistic** outlook

Most executives were **optimistic** about future business conditions.

## ambitious

*adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth

*synonym* : enterprising, challenging, earnest

(1) achieve **ambitious** goals, (2) with an **ambitious** eye

Their company has been in business for a short time but has **ambitious** goals.



## government

*n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state

*synonym*: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

## 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.

## dinosaur

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

*synonym*: reptile, beast, monster

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

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

## tremendous

*adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good

*synonym*: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **tremendous** amount, (2) **tremendous** popularity

We had a **tremendous** time yesterday.

## trauma

*n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience

*synonym*: agony, injury, ordeal

(1) psychic **trauma**, (2) **trauma** care

Many civilians have suffered **trauma** as a result of the war.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. driving di____ce                | <i>n.</i> 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 |
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21. w\_\_p bitter tears      *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
22. achieve am\_\_\_\_\_us goals      *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
23. cultural n\_\_m      *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
24. the ravages of a hu\_\_\_\_\_ne      *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
25. gr\_\_t a new license      *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
26. high levels of air po\_\_\_\_\_on      *n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
27. the po\_\_p on the hydra's tentacle      *n.* (of zoology) a small, typically sessile, marine animal with a hollow, cylindrical body and tentacles surrounding a central mouth, often found in colonies and sometimes forming coral reefs; (of gastroenterology) an abnormal tissue growth that can occur in the colon, rectum, or other parts of the gastrointestinal tract

ANSWERS: 18. compass, 19. rot, 20. ratchet, 21. weep, 22. ambitious, 23. norm, 24. hurricane, 25. grant, 26. pollution, 27. polyp

28. inc\_\_\_\_\_ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
29. a\_m to be a nurse *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
30. re\_\_\_w vegetation *v.* to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation
31. the co\_\_n at the end of the sentence *n.* the punctuation mark ( : ) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system
32. barrier r\_\_f *n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
33. cost ba\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
34. pes\_\_\_\_\_ic for our survival *adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
35. a cold cl\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
36. mo\_\_n death *v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone
37. w\_\_p for joy *v.* to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain

ANSWERS: 28. incredibly, 29. aim, 30. regrow, 31. colon, 32. reef, 33. barrier, 34. pessimistic, 35. climate, 36. mourn, 37. weep

38. in\_\_\_\_\_e heat *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
39. hold my breath und\_\_\_\_\_er *adv.* below or under the surface of the water
40. tr\_\_\_a care *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
41. co\_\_\_\_\_ct a 3D image *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
42. co\_\_\_n's family *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
43. c\_\_\_m manner *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
44. an oxygen m\_\_\_k *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
45. ext\_\_\_\_\_on prevention *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
46. a comprehensive su\_\_\_y *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
47. fu\_\_\_\_\_on properly *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 38. intense, 39. underwater, 40. trauma, 41. construct, 42. cousin, 43. calm, 44. mask, 45. extinction, 46. survey, 47. function

48. coral-reef sh\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a line that separates land and sea
49. victim of sexual ab\_\_e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
50. fr\_\_\_\_\_e ecosystem *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
51. card sh\_\_k *n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
52. se\_\_\_\_\_or exploration *n.* the bottom of the ocean
53. te\_\_\_\_\_ry in charge *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
54. natural he\_\_\_\_\_g ability *n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
55. di\_\_\_\_\_ur fossil *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
56. se\_\_\_\_\_or mapping *n.* the bottom of the ocean
57. co\_\_n examination *n.* the punctuation mark ( : ) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system
58. a private ind\_\_\_\_\_al *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
59. da\_\_\_e a relationship *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

ANSWERS: 48. shoreline, 49. abuse, 50. fragile, 51. shark, 52. seafloor, 53. territory, 54. healing, 55. dinosaur, 56. seafloor, 57. colon, 58. individual, 59. damage

60. blue al\_\_e *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
61. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
62. a hu\_\_\_\_\_ne of applause *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
63. a facial ti\_\_\_e *n.* an ensemble of similar cells of the animal or plant that together carry out a specific function
64. part of the he\_\_\_\_\_g process *n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
65. business ho\_\_\_\_\_n *n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
66. complete no\_\_\_\_\_ly *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
67. the steel sk\_\_\_\_\_on of a building *n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
68. st\_\_\_e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
69. end\_\_\_\_\_ed ecosystem *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
70. s\_\_t a bullet *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth

ANSWERS: 60. algae, 61. government, 62. hurricane, 63. tissue, 64. healing, 65. horizon, 66. normally, 67. skeleton, 68. starve, 69. endangered, 70. spit



71. gr\_\_h theory *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
72. an ov\_\_\_\_\_wn garden *adj.* covered in plants that have been allowed to grow naturally and have not been controlled
73. the atmospheric tem\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
74. co\_\_\_\_\_ct a dam *v.* to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
75. pr\_\_\_\_\_t when she will arrive *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
76. end\_\_\_\_\_ed species *adj.* at risk of extinction because it is facing significant threats
77. take a pes\_\_\_\_\_ic view of life *adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome
78. 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
79. ma\_\_\_\_\_e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
80. information ba\_\_\_\_\_r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

ANSWERS: 71. graph, 72. overgrown, 73. temperature, 74. construct, 75. predict, 76. endangered, 77. pessimistic, 78. overfishing, 79. massive, 80. barrier

81. 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
82. hulking di\_\_\_\_\_ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
83. su\_\_\_\_r a setback *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
84. immune fu\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose
85. st\_\_\_\_\_ze prices *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
86. with an am\_\_\_\_\_us eye *adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
87. ra\_\_\_\_d clothing *adj.* (of clothing) frayed or not in good condition; tattered
88. su\_\_\_\_\_e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
89. nonsynthetic fer\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully

ANSWERS: 81. overfishing, 82. dinosaur, 83. suffer, 84. function, 85. stabilize, 86. ambitious, 87. ragged, 88. survive, 89. fertilizer

90. 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
91. m\_\_k body odor *v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
92. common in\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
93. n\_\_m of action *n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard
94. death from sh\_\_k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
95. cross-co\_\_\_\_n marriage *n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
96. bl\_\_\_\_h stains *v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach
97. extreme tem\_\_\_\_\_res *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
98. pa\_\_h of grass *n.* a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose
99. tre\_\_\_\_\_us popularity *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
100. acquire te\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state

ANSWERS: 90. pacific, 91. mask, 92. invention, 93. norm, 94. shock, 95. cousin, 96. bleach, 97. temperature, 98. patch, 99. tremendous, 100. territory

101. a sm\_\_\_\_\_ng blow *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed
102. not no\_\_\_\_\_ly drink much *adv.* usually; under normal conditions
103. bo\_\_\_\_\_r field *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
104. 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
105. a gr\_\_h sample *n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
106. ra\_\_\_\_\_t wrench *n.* a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement
107. a man-eating sh\_\_k *n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
108. su\_\_\_r bad grades *v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant
109. s\_\_t a mouthful of saliva *v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
110. da\_\_\_e assessment *v.* to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity

ANSWERS: 101. smashing, 102. normally, 103. boulder, 104. shore, 105. graph, 106. ratchet, 107. shark, 108. suffer, 109. spit, 110. damage

111. s\_w a button      *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
112. st\_\_\_e to death      *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
113. pr\_\_\_\_t the future      *v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
114. c\_\_m sea      *adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
115. re\_\_\_\_m a competitive position      *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
116. a chemical fer\_\_\_\_er      *n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully
117. re\_\_\_\_r approval ratings      *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
118. psychic tr\_\_\_a      *n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
119. th\_\_\_e in a society      *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
120. mo\_\_n with deep grief      *v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone
121. s\_\_k a buzzer-beater      *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else

ANSWERS: 111. sew, 112. starve, 113. predict, 114. calm, 115. reclaim, 116. fertilizer, 117. recover, 118. trauma, 119. thrive, 120. mourn, 121. sink

122. sailing without a co\_\_\_\_s      *n.* a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability
123. re\_\_\_\_w hair      *v.* to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation
124. cause unb\_\_\_\_ble damage      *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
125. unb\_\_\_\_ble beauty      *adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
126. politically fr\_\_\_\_e nation      *adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged
127. he is opt\_\_\_\_ic      *adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
128. th\_\_\_\_e on pressure      *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
129. ind\_\_\_\_al freedom      *n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
130. 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
131. s\_\_d castle      *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action

ANSWERS: 122. compass, 123. regrow, 124. unbelievable, 125. unbelievable, 126. fragile, 127. optimistic, 128. thrive, 129. individual, 130. distance, 131. sand

132. r\_p a notebook apart      *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
133. lava bo\_\_\_\_r      *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
134. recent su\_\_\_\_y      *n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions
135. s\_\_d dunes      *n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
136. dr\_\_\_\_e up memories      *v.* to remove debris or objects from a body of water or other areas by scooping or dragging, often using special equipment called a dredge; to bring something to the surface by this process
137. co\_\_\_\_t my wallet      *v.* to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
138. co\_\_l island      *n.* a rock-like substance created in the sea by groupings of specific types of small animals, commonly used in jewelry
139. sk\_\_\_\_y behavior      *adj.* lacking in detail or completeness; vague, uncertain, or unreliable; suspicious or questionable

ANSWERS: 132. rip, 133. boulder, 134. survey, 135. sand, 136. dredge, 137. consult, 138. coral, 139. sketchy

140. the in\_\_\_\_\_on of new techniques      *n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
141. ma\_\_\_\_\_e amounts      *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
142. fr\_\_\_\_\_nt use      *adj.* happening constantly
143. pl\_\_\_\_t like the Earth      *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
144. st\_\_\_\_\_h a story      *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
145. sc\_\_a diving class      *n.* an acronym for Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus, a device used for underwater diving
146. a g\_\_r change lever      *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
147. sports g\_\_r      *n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
148. gastric po\_\_p      *n.* (of zoology) a small, typically sessile, marine animal with a hollow, cylindrical body and tentacles surrounding a central mouth, often found in colonies and sometimes forming coral reefs; (of gastroenterology) an abnormal tissue growth that can occur in the colon, rectum, or other parts of the gastrointestinal tract

ANSWERS: 140. invention, 141. massive, 142. frequent, 143. planet, 144. stretch, 145. scuba, 146. gear, 147. gear, 148. polyp



149. effects of cl\_\_\_\_e change      *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
150. st\_\_\_\_h along the coast      *v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
151. get inc\_\_\_\_ly insecure      *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
152. st\_\_\_\_ze blood sugar levels      *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
153. a\_m at a specific target      *v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something
154. develop in\_\_\_\_e itching      *adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe
155. sk\_\_\_\_on hand      *n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
156. dr\_\_\_\_e a river      *v.* to remove debris or objects from a body of water or other areas by scooping or dragging, often using special equipment called a dredge; to bring something to the surface by this process
157. ra\_\_\_\_d edge      *adj.* (of clothing) frayed or not in good condition; tattered
158. su\_\_\_\_e a plane crash      *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
159. sh\_\_\_\_ne erosion      *n.* a line that separates land and sea
160. give sm\_\_\_\_ng results      *adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

ANSWERS: 149. climate, 150. stretch, 151. incredibly, 152. stabilize, 153. aim, 154. intense, 155. skeleton, 156. dredge, 157. ragged, 158. survive, 159. shoreline, 160. smashing

161. seals sleep und\_\_\_\_\_er *adv.* below or under the surface of the water
162. s\_\_k a lot of capital *v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
163. tre\_\_\_\_\_us amount *adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
164. r\_p a hole in the roof *v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
165. begin to r\_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
166. 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
167. software pa\_\_h *n.* a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose
168. gr\_\_t a land *v.* to agree to give or allow somebody
169. the problem of drug ab\_\_e *n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
170. decision-making pr\_\_\_\_\_s *n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 161. underwater, 162. sink, 163. tremendous, 164. rip, 165. rot, 166. shore, 167. patch, 168. grant, 169. abuse, 170. process

171. gov\_\_\_\_\_nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
172. coral r\_\_fs *n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
173. loss of muscle ti\_\_\_e *n.* an ensemble of similar cells of the animal or plant that together carry out a specific function
174. al\_\_e biofuel *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
175. a co\_\_\_y of bacteria *n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
176. ov\_\_\_\_\_wn child *adj.* covered in plants that have been allowed to grow naturally and have not been controlled
177. brink of ext\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
178. save the pl\_\_\_t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 171. government, 172. reef, 173. tissue, 174. algae, 175. colony, 176. overgrown, 177. extinction, 178. planet

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Many civilians have suffered \_\_\_\_\_ as a result of the war.
  - n.* an emotional wound or shock often has long-lasting effects caused by a highly upsetting or shocking experience
  
2. Scientists studied the ancient \_\_\_\_\_ to learn more about the creature's anatomy.
  - n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
  
3. You may be entitled to \_\_\_\_\_ some tax.
  - v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
  
4. The devastating \_\_\_\_\_ caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.
  - n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
  
5. These birds can only \_\_\_\_\_ in temperate climates.
  - v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
  
6. This bar \_\_\_\_\_ shows sales over the past five years.
  - n.* a picture consisting of a line, lines, points, etc., that shows how two or more sets of certain quantities are related to each other
  
7. The brain is an incredibly complex organ that controls the body's \_\_\_\_\_.
  - n.* the purpose or use of an object, system, or process; a particular activity or operation that is designed to serve a specific purpose; a mathematical concept that describes a relationship between two sets of values, called the input and output sets; (verb) to operate or work in a specific way, or to perform a particular task or purpose

ANSWERS: 1. trauma, 2. skeleton, 3. reclaim, 4. hurricane, 5. survive, 6. graph, 7. function

8. Please refrigerate the meat, or it will \_\_\_\_.
- v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ is endangering the local plants and animals.
- n.* the introduction of harmful substances or waste into the natural environment that causes adverse change
10. They incorporated the conquered \_\_\_\_\_ into their nation.
- n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
11. If you don't eat soon, you're going to \_\_\_\_\_.
- v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
12. It was the first time in a long time that I felt truly \_\_\_\_\_ and at peace.
- adj.* not excited, angry, or nervous; free from wind, large waves
13. He is good at swimming \_\_\_\_\_.
- adv.* below or under the surface of the water
14. The vessel ran aground on a \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
15. He turned the bolt with the \_\_\_\_\_ making sure it was secure.
- n.* a mechanical device with a toothed wheel that can rotate in only one direction used to transmit or control motion or to prevent backward movement
16. The older man \_\_\_\_\_ from arthritis and finds it difficult to move around.
- v.* to experience pain, distress, or hardship; to undergo or endure something painful or unpleasant

ANSWERS: 8. rot, 9. pollution, 10. territory, 11. starve, 12. calm, 13. underwater, 14. reef, 15. ratchet, 16. suffers

17. Lizards can \_\_\_\_\_ their tails if they are cut off.
- v.* to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation
18. She is wearing a \_\_\_\_\_ necklace.
- n.* a rock-like substance created in the sea by groupings of specific types of small animals, commonly used in jewelry
19. The wooden gate had been damaged, and the hedge had become \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* covered in plants that have been allowed to grow naturally and have not been controlled
20. As an \_\_\_\_\_ he had the right to make his own decisions and live his life as he saw fit.
- n.* a single person or thing, as distinct from a group
21. Cities around the world set records for highest \_\_\_\_\_ this summer.
- n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
22. She is still \_\_\_\_\_ from a shot to her shoulder.
- v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
23. Some herds have been observed to \_\_\_\_\_ hundreds of kilometers.
- v.* to make or be capable of making anything longer or broader without hurting or breaking
24. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ this shirt to remove the stains.
- v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach

ANSWERS: 17. regrow, 18. coral, 19. overgrown, 20. individual, 21. temperatures, 22. recovering, 23. stretch, 24. bleach

25. 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
26. Several cities are experiencing \_\_\_\_\_ high unemployment rates.
- adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
27. The coral reef was home to various \_\_\_\_\_ and other sea creatures.
- n.* (of zoology) a small, typically sessile, marine animal with a hollow, cylindrical body and tentacles surrounding a central mouth, often found in colonies and sometimes forming coral reefs; (of gastroenterology) an abnormal tissue growth that can occur in the colon, rectum, or other parts of the gastrointestinal tract
28. 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
29. The researcher separated the nervous \_\_\_\_\_ for microscopic examinations.
- n.* an ensemble of similar cells of the animal or plant that together carry out a specific function
30. Most executives were \_\_\_\_\_ about future business conditions.
- adj.* hoping or expecting that good thing will happen or something will be successful
31. That \_\_\_\_\_ shows that people are accepting the tax increase to some extent.
- n.* an investigation of the opinions, behavior, etc. of a particular group of people, made by asking people questions

ANSWERS: 25. distance, 26. incredibly, 27. polyps, 28. overfishing, 29. tissue, 30. optimistic, 31. survey

32. The results were beyond our \_\_\_\_\_ of imagination.  
*n.* a navigational instrument for finding directions with a needle that can move easily and that always points to the north; the limit or range of capability
33. He drinks an \_\_\_\_\_ amount of beer.  
*adj.* beyond belief or understanding and extremely surprising
34. The neighborhood had a \_\_\_\_\_ reputation due to its high crime rate.  
*adj.* lacking in detail or completeness; vague, uncertain, or unreliable; suspicious or questionable
35. Mercury is the closest \_\_\_\_\_ to the sun.  
*n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
36. During transit, the stuff may \_\_\_\_ off the luggage tag.  
*v.* to tear something or be torn violently or suddenly
37. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.  
*n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
38. She tried to \_\_\_\_ out the gum that she had been chewing.  
*v.* to eject saliva or other liquid from the mouth
39. Consumption of vegetables may aid in the prevention of \_\_\_\_\_ cancer.  
*n.* the punctuation mark ( : ) used to introduce a list, summary, explanation, etc., or before reporting what someone has said; a significant part of the large intestine, the final section of the digestive system

ANSWERS: 32. compass, 33. unbelievable, 34. sketchy, 35. planet, 36. rip, 37. extinction, 38. spit, 39. colon



40. The \_\_\_\_\_ on the beach was warm and golden.  
*n.* finely granulated particles of rock or mineral material typically found along beaches, deserts, or riverbeds; used in construction, landscaping, and other applications requiring drainage or abrasive action
41. \_\_\_\_\_ has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.  
*n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
42. Their company has been in business for a short time but has \_\_\_\_\_ goals.  
*adj.* having a great desire to attain achievement, power, or wealth
43. Flooding occurs along the city's \_\_\_\_\_ due to the storm surge.  
*n.* a line that separates land and sea
44. We \_\_\_\_\_ the loss of our dear friend at the memorial service.  
*v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone
45. Our company has an audit team that monitors directors for \_\_\_\_\_ of authority.  
*n.* the use of something in an incorrect or harmful manner
46. The discovery of a new \_\_\_\_\_ species made headlines in the scientific community.  
*n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
47. The vase was made of \_\_\_\_\_ ceramic and easily broke when it was dropped.  
*adj.* delicate or easily broken or damaged

ANSWERS: 40. sand, 41. Algae, 42. ambitious, 43. shoreline, 44. mourned, 45. abuse, 46. dinosaur, 47. fragile

48. She was unduly \_\_\_\_\_ about her future.

*adj.* tending to see the worst aspect of things or expecting the worst possible outcome

49. Without investment, a business cannot \_\_\_\_\_.

*v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

50. The band's new album was a \_\_\_\_\_ success, reaching the top of the charts.

*adj.* very successful or impressive; causing something to be broken or destroyed

51. The hikers had to climb over a \_\_\_\_\_ that was blocking their path.

*n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion

52. The police placed a \_\_\_\_\_ across the street to halt traffic.

*n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

53. 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

54. I need to sew a \_\_\_\_\_ onto my jeans that ripped.

*n.* a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose

55. The government has implemented policies to protect the habitat of \_\_\_\_\_ animals.

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

ANSWERS: 48. pessimistic, 49. thrive, 50. smashing, 51. boulder, 52. barrier, 53. pacific, 54. patch, 55. endangered

56. During the surgery, the doctor had to be extremely cautious not to \_\_\_\_\_ a blood vessel.
- v. to harm or cause injury to something or someone, often resulting in decreased value or functionality; to impair or negatively affect something, such as a reputation or relationship; (noun) harm or injury that is caused to a person, thing, or entity
57. My mother taught me how to \_\_\_\_.
- v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
58. \_\_\_\_\_ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
- n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
59. Always \_\_\_\_\_ a lawyer before launching a business.
- v. to seek or get advice or information from a person, book, or other source having special knowledge on a particular subject
60. I'm easily moved to tears, so I would \_\_\_\_\_ in sympathy if I saw that movie.
- v. to cry tears because of sadness, rage, or pain
61. He \_\_\_\_\_ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.
- v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
62. The \_\_\_\_\_ divers explored the coral reefs to learn more about the ecosystem.
- n. an acronym for Self-Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus, a device used for underwater diving
63. The raising of interest rates \_\_\_\_\_ the inflation rate.
- v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

ANSWERS: 56. damage, 57. sew, 58. Climate, 59. consult, 60. weep, 61. constructs, 62. scuba, 63. stabilizes

64. I don't \_\_\_\_\_ take a vacation in the middle of summer.

*adv.* usually; under normal conditions

65. Necessity is the mother of \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

66. The old flag was \_\_\_\_\_ and torn.

*adj.* (of clothing) frayed or not in good condition; tattered

67. The systems we have developed has accepted as industry \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* something that is regarded as usual, typical, or standard

68. That statement by the prime minister drew \_\_\_\_\_ international criticism.

*adj.* (especially of a feeling) very strong; extremely sharp or severe

69. We \_\_\_ for an overseas expansion.

*v.* to try or plan to get or achieve something

70. He got an electric \_\_\_\_\_ at work.

*n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant

71. The oceanographer studied the \_\_\_\_\_ topography to understand how it had changed over time.

*n.* the bottom of the ocean

72. The chairperson \_\_\_\_\_ him the right to speak.

*v.* to agree to give or allow somebody

ANSWERS: 64. normally, 65. invention, 66. ragged, 67. norms, 68. intense, 69. aim, 70. shock, 71. seafloor, 72. granted

73. The \_\_\_\_\_ declared its independence and became a republic.  
*n.* a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful country that is often far away
74. She checked her \_\_\_\_\_ before embarking on the hike.  
*n.* a toothed wheel that engages another toothed mechanism to change the speed or direction of transmitted motion; a set of tools, equipment, or other items for a particular purpose
75. As the sun set, the colors of the sky merged with the \_\_\_\_\_ creating a beautiful orange and pink hue.  
*n.* the line at which the earth's surface and the sky appear to meet; the range of interest or activity that can be anticipated
76. The recent economic downturn has resulted in \_\_\_\_\_ layoffs.  
*adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
77. The abandoned ship slowly began to \_\_\_\_\_ into the murky waters of the harbor.  
*v.* to submerge or go down below the surface of a liquid or substance; to decline or deteriorate; to cause something to go down into a liquid substance or sink into something else
78. We had a \_\_\_\_\_ time yesterday.  
*adj.* very great in degree or extent or amount or impact; extremely good
79. Nitrogen fixation by the Haber-Bosch method leads to the mass production of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a natural or chemical substance added to soil to make plants grow more successfully

ANSWERS: 73. colony, 74. gear, 75. horizon, 76. massive, 77. sink, 78. tremendous, 79. fertilizers

80. The politician tried to \_\_\_\_\_ the corruption.
- v.* to conceal something; (noun) a covering that you wear over your face to hide it
81. Each ancient tribe has its \_\_\_\_\_ traditions.
- n.* the process of becoming or making somebody or something well again
82. The environmental group demanded that the government stop the plans to \_\_\_\_\_ the wetlands for oil drilling.
- v.* to remove debris or objects from a body of water or other areas by scooping or dragging, often using special equipment called a dredge; to bring something to the surface by this process
83. The federal \_\_\_\_\_ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
- n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
84. I used to play with my younger male \_\_\_\_\_ when I was a little girl.
- n.* the child of your aunt or uncle
85. It's notoriously challenging to \_\_\_\_\_ birth rates.
- v.* to state beforehand that something will happen in the future, mainly based on knowledge or experience
86. 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
87. The \_\_\_\_\_ for applying for a visa can be lengthy and complicated.
- n.* a series of actions or operations performed to achieve a particular outcome or goal; a systematic procedure or approach used to accomplish a specific task or objective; a method of treating milk to make it suitable for consumption or use in other dairy products

ANSWERS: 80. mask, 81. healing, 82. dredge, 83. government, 84. cousins, 85. predict, 86. shore, 87. process

88. His heartaches are less \_\_\_\_\_ now.

*adj.* happening constantly

89. He borrowed money from a loan \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest

ANSWERS: 88. frequent, 89. shark