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Session 1: Word List

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym : determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

claw

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

synonym : paw, talon, nail

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

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

warn

v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future

synonym : alert, caution, admonish

(1) **warn** a reckless driver, (2) **warned** me of the plan

I attempted to **warn** him, but he ignored me.

mysterious

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

synonym :

enigmatic, cryptic, puzzling

(1) **mysterious** object, (2) **mysterious** stranger

The **mysterious** disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
synonym: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

extinct

adj. no longer in existence
synonym: dead, obsolete, abolished

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

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

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
synonym: big, gigantic, huge

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

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

sloth

n. laziness or lack of energy or motivation to do something; a slow-moving, arboreal mammal found in Central and South America

synonym: laziness, indolence, idleness

(1) lazy **sloth**, (2) overcome **sloth**

The **sloth's** slow movements are a product of their physiology.

prehistoric

adj. belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable

synonym: ancient, primitive, archaic

(1) **prehistoric** settlements, (2) **prehistoric** times

Scientists often fail to date archeological or **prehistoric**

findings.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym : being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

mastodon

n. a large, extinct elephant-like mammal that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, characterized by its long curved tusks and massive size

(1) **mastodon** fossils, (2) prehistoric **mastodon**

Archaeologists recently discovered **mastodon** bones in North America, proving that these animals once inhabited this region.

armadillo

n. a mammal with a protective bony armor covering its body, native to the Americas and known for its ability to roll into a ball for defense

synonym : armored mammal, pangolin

(1) **armadillo** shell, (2) **armadillo** burrow

The biologist is conducting a study on the dietary habits of the **armadillo**.

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.

weigh

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

synonym: consider, cogitate, count

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

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

metric

adj. using or relating to the meter as a unit of length; a system of related measures that facilitates the quantification of some particular characteristic

synonym: metrical, measured

(1) **metric** units, (2) key performance **metrics**

In the **metric** system, measurements are made in meters and liters.

amble

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

synonym: saunter, stroll, wander

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

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

savannah

n. a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close

synonym: grassland, plain

(1) **savannah** region, (2) tropical **savannah**

The birds live in tropical forests, **savannahs**, and arid semi-desert environments.

uproot

v. to remove or pull out by the roots, especially a plant or tree; to displace or remove someone or something from a particular place or position

synonym: remove, eradicate

(1) **uproot** the tree, (2) **uproot** tradition

We decided to **uproot** our lives and move to a new city.

graze

v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

synonym : nibble, feed, scrape

(1) turn cattle out to **graze**, (2) **graze** the left shoulder

The sheep **graze** on the green grass in the meadow.

avocado

n. a pear-shaped fruit with a hard skin and buttery flesh, commonly eaten raw in salads, sandwiches, or as guacamole

synonym : alligator pear, butter pear, midshipman's butter

(1) **avocado** toast, (2) **avocado** smoothie

I love adding **avocado** to my salads for that extra creaminess.

swallow

v. to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

synonym : consume, gulp, inhale

(1) **swallow** a handful of pills, (2) a **swallow** tail

I **swallowed** my anger and kept quiet.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym : boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym : fade, evaporate, vanish

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

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

hemisphere

n. half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere

(1) northern **hemisphere**, (2) cerebral **hemisphere**

This weather pattern is unique to the southern **hemisphere**.

oncoming

adj. approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer

synonym : approaching, incoming, imminent

(1) **oncoming** traffic, (2) **oncoming** disaster

The driver had to swerve to avoid an **oncoming** car that veered into his lane.

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym : contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

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.

migrate

v. to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally

synonym : relocate, emigrate, roam

(1) **migrate** across borders, (2) **migrate** a service

Many Germans **migrated** to South America in the mid-19th century.

treetop

n. the uppermost part of a tree, where the leaves or branches grow out from the trunk; the highest point of elevation within a forested area

synonym : canopy, crown

(1) **treetop** view, (2) climb **treetop**

The drone captured breathtaking footage of the forest **treetops** from above.

rainforest

n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

(1) **rainforest** destruction, (2) tropical **rainforest**

The destruction of the **rainforest** is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

canopy

n. a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it

synonym: cover, top, shade

(1) **canopy** layer, (2) under a **canopy** of smoke

The forest's **canopy** provides shade and protection for the plants and animals below.

diet

n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan

synonym: food, dietary

(1) eat a vegetarian **diet**, (2) **Diet** approval

A balanced **diet** is more important for health than supplements.

drawback

n. a disadvantage or inconvenience that makes something less attractive

synonym: disadvantage, defect, weakness

(1) the **drawback** of his method, (2) one of the main **drawbacks**

He pointed out all the **drawbacks** to our plan.

extract

n. a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

synonym: excerpt, quote, distillation

(1) a brief **extract** from the book, (2) botanical **extract**

Anesthetize the gum before **extracting** the teeth.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym : preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health

I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

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.

survival

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

synonym : endurance, continuity

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

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

herbivore

n. an animal that eats only plants, such as a cow or a deer

synonym : plant-eater, browser, graminivore

(1) **herbivore** diet, (2) **herbivore** animals

A giraffe is an **herbivore** that primarily eats leaves and twigs.

supplement

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

synonym : complement, addendum, accessory

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

Certain **supplements** may promote tumor growth.

leafy

adj. covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat

synonym : verdant, leaf-covered, foliated

(1) **leafy** canopy, (2) **leafy** suburbs

The neighborhood is known for its **leafy** trees and verdant gardens.

rely v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym : depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him
Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

exclusive *adj.* not divided or shared with others

synonym : sole, deluxe, limited

(1) **exclusive** authority, (2) **exclusive** clubs
The condo offers **exclusive** access to the beach.

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

synonym : develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade
Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

strategy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym : approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**
Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

restricted *adj.* limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.

synonym : limited, determinate, fixed

(1) **restricted** area, (2) lactose **restricted** diet
The country has designated our products as **restricted** import goods.

chamber *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament

synonym : association, cabin, legislature

(1) a gas **chamber**, (2) the lower **chamber**

The surgeon made an incision in the **chambers** of the patient's heart.

stomach

n. the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach

synonym: belly, abdomen, gut

(1) upset **stomach**, (2) **stomach** virus

I have a **stomach** ache after overeating junk food.

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.

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym: plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

unhurried

adj. not feeling rushed

synonym: leisurely, easygoing, laid-back

(1) **unhurried** pace, (2) **unhurried** lifestyle

She took an **unhurried** walk through the park, enjoying the peaceful surroundings.

mass

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

synonym: abundance, crowd, mob

(1) a **mass** of molten rock, (2) critical **mass**

The **mass** of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

fluctuate

v. to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably

synonym: vary, oscillate, sway

(1) **fluctuate** prices, (2) **fluctuate** rapidly

Stock prices **fluctuate** daily based on market demand and supply.

degree

n. a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment

synonym: level, qualification, diploma

(1) bachelor's **degree**, (2) **degree** centigrade

She received her **degree** in psychology from the university.

cold-blooded

adj. of or relating to animals that cannot control their body temperature internally, typically reptiles, amphibians, and fish, and rely on external sources of heat to maintain their body temperature; figuratively, unemotional, callous, or lacking in empathy

synonym: callous, indifferent, unfeeling

(1) **cold-blooded** reptiles, (2) **cold-blooded** killers

Cold-blooded animals like reptiles and amphibians rely on external heat sources to regulate their body temperature.

reptile

n. a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles

synonym : lizard, serpent, snake

(1) **reptile** exhibition, (2) fossil **reptile**

Alligators are a type of **reptile** that live in swamps and rivers.

adaptation

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

synonym : adaption, adjustment, transformation

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

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

minimize

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

synonym : diminish, mitigate, belittle

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

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

expenditure

n. the act of spending money; the total amount of money spent

synonym : outlay, cost, expense

(1) energy **expenditure**, (2) **expenditure** planning

Almost \$1 billion in capital **expenditure** is still required.

metabolism

n. the set of chemical reactions in cells or organisms that are necessary for life-sustaining

(1) **metabolism** enzyme, (2) hemoglobin **metabolism**

Better sleep leads to increased **metabolism**.

moving

adj. causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

synonym : emotional, poignant, touching

(1) **moving** experience, (2) **moving** ceremony

His **moving** speech about his struggles with addiction

brought tears to the audience's eyes.

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**.

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.

camouflage

n. an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment

synonym: guise, mask, cloak

(1) **camouflage** clothing, (2) work as **camouflage**

They utilized branches of trees as **camouflage**.

remarkable

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

synonym: outstanding, exceptional, extraordinary

(1) **remarkable** achievement, (2) the **remarkable** breadth of knowledge

The election was a **remarkable** success for the Whigs.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. su_____e a plane crash | v. | to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period |
| 2. id_____fy gene sequences | v. | to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are |
| 3. morning am___e | v. | to walk at a slow, leisurely pace; to stroll or saunter; (noun) a leisurely or relaxed walk, often taken for pleasure or exercise |
| 4. r___y on convenience stores | v. | to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed. |
| 5. D__t approval | n. | the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan |
| 6. wage sup_____nt | n. | something that is added to something else to make it better or complete it |
| 7. ma_____in good health | v. | to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true |
| 8. ev___e over the past decade | v. | to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually |
| 9. a sw_____w tail | v. | to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations |

ANSWERS: 1. survive, 2. identify, 3. amble, 4. rely, 5. diet, 6. supplement, 7. maintain, 8. evolve, 9. swallow

10. cerebral hem_____re *n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
11. ex_____ve clubs *adj.* not divided or shared with others
12. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
13. botanical ex_____t *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
14. we__h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
15. un_____ed lifestyle *adj.* not feeling rushed
16. pre_____ic settlements *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
17. prehistoric ma_____on *n.* a large, extinct elephant-like mammal that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, characterized by its long curved tusks and massive size
18. al__e biofuel *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
19. intraspecific com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
20. he_____re animals *n.* an animal that eats only plants, such as a cow or a deer

ANSWERS: 10. hemisphere, 11. exclusive, 12. strategy, 13. extract, 14. weigh, 15. unhurried, 16. prehistoric, 17. mastodon, 18. algae, 19. competition, 20. herbivore

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| 21. long-ex_____t volcano | <i>adj.</i> no longer in existence |
| 22. rai_____st destruction | <i>n.</i> a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall |
| 23. w__ned me of the plan | <i>v.</i> to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future |
| 24. di_____ar without a trace | <i>v.</i> to cease to exist or be visible |
| 25. rem_____le achievement | <i>adj.</i> worthy of attention because unusual or special |
| 26. fl_____te prices | <i>v.</i> to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably |
| 27. sa_____ah region | <i>n.</i> a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close |
| 28. hemoglobin met_____sm | <i>n.</i> the set of chemical reactions in cells or organisms that are necessary for life-sustaining |
| 29. mo_____g experience | <i>adj.</i> causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy |
| 30. de_____d a steep hill | <i>v.</i> to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood |
| 31. eat a vegetarian d__t | <i>n.</i> the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan |

ANSWERS: 21. extinct, 22. rainforest, 23. warn, 24. disappear, 25. remarkable, 26. fluctuate, 27. savannah, 28. metabolism, 29. moving, 30. descend, 31. diet

32. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
33. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
34. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
35. de_____e centigrade *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
36. ev_____e *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
37. mo_____g ceremony *adj.* causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy
38. un_____ed pace *adj.* not feeling rushed
39. way to mi_____ze conflict *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
40. res_____ed area *adj.* limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.
41. the dr_____ck of his method *n.* a disadvantage or inconvenience that makes something less attractive
42. mys_____us object *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
43. col_____ded reptiles *adj.* of or relating to animals that cannot control their body temperature internally, typically reptiles, amphibians, and fish, and rely on external sources of heat to maintain their body temperature; figuratively, unemotional, callous, or lacking in empathy

ANSWERS: 32. remarkable, 33. survival, 34. survive, 35. degree, 36. evolve, 37. moving, 38. unhurried, 39. minimize, 40. restricted, 41. drawback, 42. mysterious, 43.

cold-blooded

44. mi____e across borders *v.* to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
45. th___e on pressure *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
46. pre____ic times *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
47. tr____p view *n.* the uppermost part of a tree, where the leaves or branches grow out from the trunk; the highest point of elevation within a forested area
48. fl____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
49. av____o smoothie *n.* a pear-shaped fruit with a hard skin and buttery flesh, commonly eaten raw in salads, sandwiches, or as guacamole
50. av____o toast *n.* a pear-shaped fruit with a hard skin and buttery flesh, commonly eaten raw in salads, sandwiches, or as guacamole
51. lazy sl__h *n.* laziness or lack of energy or motivation to do something; a slow-moving, arboreal mammal found in Central and South America
52. under a ca___y of smoke *n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it
53. am__e along the beach *v.* to walk at a slow, leisurely pace; to stroll or saunter; (noun) a leisurely or relaxed walk, often taken for pleasure or exercise

ANSWERS: 44. migrate, 45. thrive, 46. prehistoric, 47. treetop, 48. flourish, 49. avocado, 50. avocado, 51. sloth, 52. canopy, 53. amble

54. pre-Christian an____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
55. one of the main dr____cks *n.* a disadvantage or inconvenience that makes something less attractive
56. c__w marks *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
57. ma____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
58. 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
59. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
60. fl____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
61. a brief ex____t from the book *n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force

ANSWERS: 54. ancient, 55. drawback, 56. claw, 57. maintain, 58. process, 59. rely, 60. flourish, 61. extract

62. key performance me___cs *adj.* using or relating to the meter as a unit of length; a system of related measures that facilitates the quantification of some particular characteristic
63. id___fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
64. work as cam_____ge *n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment
65. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
66. overcome sl__h *n.* laziness or lack of energy or motivation to do something; a slow-moving, arboreal mammal found in Central and South America
67. ada_____on ability *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
68. up___t tradition *v.* to remove or pull out by the roots, especially a plant or tree; to displace or remove someone or something from a particular place or position
69. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
70. cr_____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
71. mi_____e a service *v.* to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally

ANSWERS: 62. metric, 63. identify, 64. camouflage, 65. massive, 66. sloth, 67. adaptation, 68. uproot, 69. massive, 70. creature, 71. migrate

72. artificial cr____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
73. climb tr____p *n.* the uppermost part of a tree, where the leaves or branches grow out from the trunk; the highest point of elevation within a forested area
74. crossword pu____e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
75. mathematical pu____e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
76. gr__e the left shoulder *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
77. le__y suburbs *adj.* covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat
78. tropical rai____st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
79. turn cattle out to gr__e *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

ANSWERS: 72. creature, 73. treetop, 74. puzzle, 75. puzzle, 76. graze, 77. leafy, 78. rainforest, 79. graze

80. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
81. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
82. le__y canopy *adj.* covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat
83. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
84. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
85. extreme tem_____res *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
86. lactose res_____ed diet *adj.* limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.
87. fossil re_____e *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
88. ar_____lo burrow *n.* a mammal with a protective bony armor covering its body, native to the Americas and known for its ability to roll into a ball for defense

ANSWERS: 80. competition, 81. mass, 82. leafy, 83. mass, 84. strategy, 85. temperature, 86. restricted, 87. reptile, 88. armadillo

89. sexual pr____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
90. he_____re diet *n.* an animal that eats only plants, such as a cow or a deer
91. cam_____ge clothing *n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment
92. me___c units *adj.* using or relating to the meter as a unit of length; a system of related measures that facilitates the quantification of some particular characteristic
93. mi_____ze a loss *v.* to make something, especially something bad, small or less serious
94. the lower ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
95. up___t the tree *v.* to remove or pull out by the roots, especially a plant or tree; to displace or remove someone or something from a particular place or position
96. northern hem_____re *n.* half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
97. re_____e exhibition *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
98. we__h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

ANSWERS: 89. predator, 90. herbivore, 91. camouflage, 92. metric, 93. minimize, 94. chamber, 95. uproot, 96. hemisphere, 97. reptile, 98. weigh

99. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
100. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
101. ex_____ve authority *adj.* not divided or shared with others
102. exp_____re planning *n.* the act of spending money; the total amount of money spent
103. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
104. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
105. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
106. tropical sa_____ah *n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
107. mys_____us stranger *adj.* difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement
108. the atmospheric tem_____re *n.* the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place
109. upset st_____h *n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach
110. col_____ded killers *adj.* of or relating to animals that cannot control their body temperature internally, typically reptiles, amphibians, and fish, and rely on external sources of heat to maintain their body temperature; figuratively, unemotional, callous, or lacking in empathy

ANSWERS: 99. giant, 100. survival, 101. exclusive, 102. expenditure, 103. giant, 104. disappear, 105. descend, 106. savannah, 107. mysterious, 108. temperature, 109.

stomach, 110. cold-blooded

111. c__w hammer *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
112. language ada_____on *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
113. pr_____s improvement *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
114. met_____sm enzyme *n.* the set of chemical reactions in cells or organisms that are necessary for life-sustaining
115. th___e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
116. ex_____t by human activity *adj.* no longer in existence
117. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
118. sw_____w a handful of pills *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

ANSWERS: 111. claw, 112. adaptation, 113. process, 114. metabolism, 115. thrive, 116. extinct, 117. ancient, 118. swallow

119. ca___y layer *n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it
120. a gas ch_____r *n.* a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
121. energy exp_____re *n.* the act of spending money; the total amount of money spent
122. blue al___e *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
123. on_____ng disaster *adj.* approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer
124. bachelor's de___e *n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
125. use of dietary sup_____nts *n.* something that is added to something else to make it better or complete it
126. fl_____te rapidly *v.* to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably
127. w___n a reckless driver *v.* to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
128. st_____h virus *n.* the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach

ANSWERS: 119. canopy, 120. chamber, 121. expenditure, 122. algae, 123. oncoming, 124. degree, 125. supplement, 126. fluctuate, 127. warn, 128. stomach

129. apex pr____or
130. ar_____lo shell
131. on_____ng traffic
132. ma_____on fossils
- n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
- n.* a mammal with a protective bony armor covering its body, native to the Americas and known for its ability to roll into a ball for defense
- adj.* approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer
- n.* a large, extinct elephant-like mammal that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, characterized by its long curved tusks and massive size

ANSWERS: 129. predator, 130. armadillo, 131. oncoming, 132. mastodon

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. This weather pattern is unique to the southern _____.
n. half of the terrestrial globe; half of a sphere
2. The birds live in tropical forests, _____ and arid semi-desert environments.
n. a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
3. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.
n. a living being, especially an animal
4. Certain _____ may promote tumor growth.
n. something that is added to something else to make it better or complete it
5. The neighborhood is known for its _____ trees and verdant gardens.
adj. covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat
6. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.
n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
7. The country has designated our products as _____ import goods.
adj. limited in extent, number, scope, or action, especially by official rules, laws, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. hemisphere, 2. savannahs, 3. creature, 4. supplements, 5. leafy, 6. puzzle, 7. restricted

8. She was _____ from an old Italian noble family.
- v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
9. The forest's _____ provides shade and protection for the plants and animals below.
- n.* a covering, typically of fabric, supported on poles or suspended above a bed, throne, or other object, used to shelter or screen the person or object below it
10. Better sleep leads to increased _____.
- n.* the set of chemical reactions in cells or organisms that are necessary for life-sustaining
11. Alligators are a type of _____ that live in swamps and rivers.
- n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
12. Anesthetize the gum before _____ the teeth.
- n.* a short passage taken from a book, piece of music, etc.; a substance obtained from something through a specific process; (verb) to obtain from something or to remove something by effort or force
13. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.
- adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
14. Many Germans _____ to South America in the mid-19th century.
- v.* to move from one country or region to another and settle there; to move from one place to another periodically or seasonally
15. I _____ my anger and kept quiet.
- v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

ANSWERS: 8. descended, 9. canopy, 10. metabolism, 11. reptile, 12. extracting, 13. massive, 14. migrated, 15. swallowed

16. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
17. The sheep _____ on the green grass in the meadow.
v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
18. They utilized branches of trees as _____.
n. an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment
19. The biologist is conducting a study on the dietary habits of the _____.
n. a mammal with a protective bony armor covering its body, native to the Americas and known for its ability to roll into a ball for defense
20. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
21. A balanced _____ is more important for health than supplements.
n. the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
22. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.
v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
23. The destruction of the _____ is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.
n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

ANSWERS: 16. identify, 17. graze, 18. camouflage, 19. armadillo, 20. remarkable, 21. diet, 22. rely, 23. rainforest

24. His _____ speech about his struggles with addiction brought tears to the audience's eyes.

adj. causing strong emotions or feelings, especially sadness or sympathy

25. Without investment, a business cannot _____.

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

26. _____ has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.

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

27. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

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

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

29. The _____ slow movements are a product of their physiology.

n. laziness or lack of energy or motivation to do something; a slow-moving, arboreal mammal found in Central and South America

30. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

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

31. _____ animals like reptiles and amphibians rely on external heat sources to regulate their body temperature.

adj. of or relating to animals that cannot control their body temperature internally, typically reptiles, amphibians, and fish, and rely on external sources of heat to maintain their body temperature; figuratively, unemotional, callous, or lacking in empathy

ANSWERS: 24. moving, 25. thrive, 26. Algae, 27. maintain, 28. amble, 29. sloth's, 30. survival, 31. Cold-blooded

32. The company's _____ approach has been highly effective.

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

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

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

34. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

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

35. They have been living near water since _____ times.

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

36. The _____ disappearance of the ship remains unsolved.

adj. difficult to understand, explain, or identify; having an aura of secrecy, intrigue, or puzzlement

37. I bought a gadget before my trip to help _____ stress during the flight.

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

38. I love adding _____ to my salads for that extra creaminess.

n. a pear-shaped fruit with a hard skin and buttery flesh, commonly eaten raw in salads, sandwiches, or as guacamole

39. Many species have become _____ due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

adj. no longer in existence

ANSWERS: 32. adaptation, 33. claw, 34. giant, 35. ancient, 36. mysterious, 37. minimize, 38. avocado, 39. extinct

40. We decided to _____ our lives and move to a new city.
- v.* to remove or pull out by the roots, especially a plant or tree; to displace or remove someone or something from a particular place or position
41. Archaeologists recently discovered _____ bones in North America, proving that these animals once inhabited this region.
- n.* a large, extinct elephant-like mammal that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, characterized by its long curved tusks and massive size
42. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
- n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
43. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.
- n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
44. She received her _____ in psychology from the university.
- n.* a unit of measurement for angles, temperature, or level of proficiency or achievement; a rank or level of academic or professional attainment
45. The driver had to swerve to avoid an _____ car that veered into his lane.
- adj.* approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer
46. The condo offers _____ access to the beach.
- adj.* not divided or shared with others
47. Stock prices _____ daily based on market demand and supply.
- v.* to rise and fall irregularly or unexpectedly; to vary or change often and unpredictably

ANSWERS: 40. uproot, 41. mastodon, 42. predator's, 43. competition, 44. degree, 45. oncoming, 46. exclusive, 47. fluctuate

48. The surgeon made an incision in the _____ of the patient's heart.
n. a large room used for a formal, public, or particular purpose; one of the parts of a parliament
49. I attempted to _____ him, but he ignored me.
v. to make someone aware of potential danger or difficulty, particularly one that may occur in the future
50. 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
51. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
52. She took an _____ walk through the park, enjoying the peaceful surroundings.
adj. not feeling rushed
53. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
54. Scientists often fail to date archeological or _____ findings.
adj. belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
55. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.
v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

ANSWERS: 48. chambers, 49. warn, 50. process, 51. flourished, 52. unhurried, 53. strategy, 54. prehistorical, 55. weighs

56. Almost \$1 billion in capital _____ is still required.

n. the act of spending money; the total amount of money spent

57. The drone captured breathtaking footage of the forest _____ from above.

n. the uppermost part of a tree, where the leaves or branches grow out from the trunk; the highest point of elevation within a forested area

58. In the _____ system, measurements are made in meters and liters.

adj. using or relating to the meter as a unit of length; a system of related measures that facilitates the quantification of some particular characteristic

59. Cities around the world set records for highest _____ this summer.

n. the degree of hotness or coldness of a thing or place

60. He pointed out all the _____ to our plan.

n. a disadvantage or inconvenience that makes something less attractive

61. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.

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

62. A giraffe is an _____ that primarily eats leaves and twigs.

n. an animal that eats only plants, such as a cow or a deer

63. Eyeless fish _____ in dark caves.

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

64. I have a _____ ache after overeating junk food.

n. the internal organ in the body where food is digested, situated in the abdomen; the part of the body below the chest that contains the stomach

ANSWERS: 56. expenditure, 57. treetops, 58. metric, 59. temperatures, 60. drawbacks, 61. survive, 62. herbivore, 63. evolved, 64. stomach

65. They watched the train _____ into the distance.

v. to cease to exist or be visible

66. The _____ of people who do not own property is politically impotent.

n. a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together

ANSWERS: 65. disappear, 66. mass