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Session 1: Word List

mammal

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

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

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

vertebrate

adj. relating to animals that have a backbone or spinal column, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish

synonym: animal, chordate, backboned

(1) the muscle tissue of a **vertebrate**, (2) **vertebrate** biology

The presence of a backbone is a defining characteristic of **vertebrate** animals.

backbone

n. the spinal column of a vertebrate; a symbolic representation of strength and resilience

synonym: spine, courage, fortitude

(1) **backbone** of society, (2) **backbone** curve

She showed great **backbone** when standing up for her beliefs in opposition.

distinguished

adj. (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation

synonym: famous, outstanding, eminent

(1) a **distinguished** ancestry, (2) **distinguished** war services

The new CEO has a **distinguished** career

feat

n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery

synonym: achievement, accomplishment, exploit

(1) intellectual **feat**, (2) **feat** accomplishment

It is an incredible **feat** to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.

fur

n. the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick

synonym: hair, coat, pelt

(1) an artificial **fur**, (2) **fur** coat

The **fur** of the animal was thick and soft to the touch.

lung

n. either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing

(1) **lung** capacity, (2) do **lung** transplantation

He has terminal **lung** cancer.

nourishing

adj. providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth

synonym: nutritious, healthy, sustaining

(1) **nourishing** broth, (2) **nourishing** ingredients

My mother always made sure she had a **nourishing** breakfast before school.

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.

biology

n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things

(1) evolutionary **biology**, (2) cell and molecular **biology**

In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in **biology** class.

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.

placenta

n. a temporary organ that feeds a fetus (= unborn and developing baby) inside its mother's womb

(1) **placenta** blood, (2) fetal **placenta**

The **placenta** produces various hormones that help maintain the pregnancy.

giraffe

n. a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves

synonym: gazelle, okapi, camelopard

(1) **giraffe** pattern, (2) **giraffe** exhibit

The **giraffe's** long neck makes reaching leaves high up in the trees easy.

whale

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

synonym: porpoise, giant

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

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

solid

adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality

synonym : stable, reliable, hard

(1) **solid** ally, (2) **solid** employment measures

The **solid-state** of water is called ice.

disk

n. a flat, circular plate, typically made of metal, glass, or plastic, used for storing data or playing music

synonym : record, platter, plate

(1) **disk** drive, (2) **disk** space

The computer's hard **disk** was full, so she had to delete some files.

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.

attache

n. a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase

synonym : diplomat, envoy, briefcase

(1) a commercial **attache**, (2) black **attache** case

A prime minister talked with a military **attache** of the country's embassy.

uterus

n. a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth

synonym : womb

(1) **uterus** cancer, (2) bleeding from **uterus**

The physician prescribed medication to relieve the contraction of the **uterus**.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve

greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

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

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

embryo

n. an animal organism in the early stages of growth, either in its mother's womb or in an egg, or a plant that is developing in a seed

synonym: fetus, seed, origin

(1) destruction of human **embryos**, (2) **embryo** cloning

Our latest project is still at the **embryo** stage.

calf

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

synonym: baby cow, heifer, yearling

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

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

pregnant

adj. having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

synonym: expectant

(1) needs of **pregnant** women, (2) a silence **pregnant** with suspense

She vacated the position when she got **pregnant**.

funnel

n. a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

synonym: filter, chimney

(1) separatory **funnel**, (2) a **funnel-shaped** device

We have to use a **funnel** to pour petrol into the tank.

nutrient

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

synonym : food, vitamin

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

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

oxygen

n. the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live

(1) the hydrogen binds the **oxygen**, (2) lack of **oxygen**

The passenger grabbed for the **oxygen** mask.

straight

adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

synonym : linear, honest, consecutive

(1) a **straight** line, (2) **straight** for two months

He was sick for five **straight** days.

umbilical

n. relating to a flexible cord-like structure that connects a developing fetus to the placenta in the mother's uterus during pregnancy, called umbilical cord; connected or corresponding closely to something essential, such as a source of nourishment or support

synonym : navel, belly button, cord

(1) **umbilical** blood, (2) **umbilical** hernia

The **umbilical** cord is a vital lifeline between a mother and her unborn baby.

cord

n. a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment

synonym : wire, cable, string

(1) spinal **cord**, (2) electrical **cord**

Your spinal **cord** is located deep within your body.

export

v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

synonym :

ship, send, transfer

(1) **export** goods, (2) **export** the data

The country **exports** a large amount of agricultural products.

womb

n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

synonym: uterus, matrice

(1) tumor of **womb**, (2) **womb** transplant

The fertilized egg implanted itself in the **womb**.

instance

n. a particular example or single occurrence of something

synonym: example, sample, illustration

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

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

respiratory

adj. relating to the organs and processes involved in breathing, such as the lungs and the act of inhaling and exhaling air

synonym: breathing, pulmonary, lung

(1) **respiratory** failure, (2) alleviate **respiratory** ailments

Chronic **respiratory** disorders, such as asthma, can significantly impact a person's quality of life.

circulatory

adj. relating to the system that moves blood through the body, which includes the heart, arteries, and veins

synonym: circulative, rotating

(1) a **circulatory** disease, (2) cause **circulatory** failure shock

The **circulatory** system of the animal is also responsible for heat transportation.

dispose

v. to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away

synonym: get rid of, arrange, set

(1) **dispose** battleships for a battle, (2) **dispose** of a used

product

Generally speaking, the child is innately **disposed** to learn a language.

fatty

adj. containing a lot of fat

synonym: greasy, oily

(1) less **fatty** meat, (2) **fatty** acid

You should keep away from **fatty** foods.

marsupial

adj. relating to or characteristic of mammals of the order Marsupialia, which typically carry their newborn offspring in a pouch on their abdomen; referring to animals such as kangaroos, koalas, and opossums

synonym: pouched, kangaroo-like

(1) unique **marsupial** physiology, (2) **marsupial** species

The **marsupial** pouch provides a convenient and secure space for the young ones to grow.

pouch

n. a small bag or container with a drawstring or zipper used to carry small items; a small sac or pocket within an organ or tissue in the body

synonym: bag, sack, pocket

(1) paper **pouch**, (2) kangaroo **pouch**

My wallet wasn't big enough, so I kept my coins in a small **pouch**.

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.

gram

n. a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram

(1) centimeter- **gram-second** system, (2) **gram** amount

How much is it per one hundred **grams**?

equivalent

n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
synonym: equal, counterpart, match

(1) **equivalent** amounts, (2) **equivalent** in meaning
The European Central Bank is Europe's **equivalent** of the Federal Reserve.

grain

n. wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
synonym: seed, piece, cereal

(1) a **grain** of sand, (2) flour made from **grain**
Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen **grains**.

kangaroo

n. a large marsupial native to Australia with powerful hind legs for jumping and carrying young in a pouch on the mother's belly
synonym: bouncy, marsupial, joey

(1) giant **kangaroo**, (2) red **kangaroo**
The female **kangaroo** carries and nurses her young, or joey, in a pouch on her belly.

crawl

v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
synonym: creep, drag

(1) **crawl** across the floor, (2) **crawl** away from a car
Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses **crawl**.

vagina

n. the passage in the body of a woman or female animal that connects her outer sex organs to her uterus
synonym: genitalia, vulva, pudenda

(1) **vagina** cancer care, (2) infection of the **vagina**
The muscle around the **vagina** is elastic enough to allow the passage of a fetus.

suckle

v. to feed or nurse at the mother's breast or a similar source of fluid, usually used for infants or young animals obtaining milk

synonym : nurse, breastfeed, feed

(1) **suckle** a baby, (2) **suckle** from the breast

The newborn calf instinctively knows how to **suckle** for nourishment.

simultaneously

adv. at the same time

synonym : concurrently, coincidentally, together

(1) **simultaneously** affected, (2) take several inputs

simultaneously

Two students answered the teacher's question

simultaneously.

unfavorable

adj. not advantageous or beneficial; opposed to one's interests or desires

synonym : adverse, negative, hostile

(1) **unfavorable** situation, (2) **unfavorable** reviews

The unforeseen weather change resulted in an **unfavorable** outcome for the outdoor event.

pause

v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing

synonym : halt, break, intermit

(1) **pause** a moment, (2) **pause** for a reaction

The man **paused** before opening the door.

breast

n. either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth

synonym : bosom, chest, bust

(1) **breast** cancer, (2) the mountain's **breast**

He grilled the **breast** meat of a chicken.

misnomer

n. a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is naming

synonym : misnaming, misapplication, inaccuracy

(1) a **misnomer** for the term, (2) technical **misnomer**

The name "killer whale" is a **misnomer** as they rarely attack humans.

nipple

n. the dark part of the skin which sticks out from the breast of a mammal and from which milk can be secreted

synonym: teat, pap, mamilla

(1) rubber **nipple**, (2) baby sucking a **nipple**

Female children may experience growing breasts and **nipple** swelling.

monotreme

n. a primitive mammal that lays eggs instead of giving birth to live young, such as a platypus or echidna

synonym: primitive mammal, egg-laying mammal

(1) **monotreme** milk, (2) egg-laying **monotreme**

The platypus is a unique **monotreme** mammal that lays eggs instead of giving birth to live young.

arguably

adv. used when expressing an opinion or idea that you believe can be proven true

synonym: probably, possibly

(1) she is **arguably** the best singer, (2) **arguably** the greatest discovery

He is **arguably** regarded as the finest actor of his generation.

echidna

n. a solitary, burrowing, egg-laying mammal native to Australia and New Guinea, also known as a spiny anteater, which has a long, slender snout and a specialized tongue for capturing ants and termites

synonym: spiny anteater

(1) spiny **echidna**, (2) short-beaked **echidna**

The **echidna's** spines provide an excellent defense mechanism against predators.

duck-billed

adj. referring to the platypus or certain types of birds with a flat, broad bill or snout resembling that of a duck; describing something that has a bill or beak resembling that of a duck

(1) **duck-billed** dinosaur, (2) **duck-billed** mask

The **duck-billed** platypus is a unique mammal found in Australia.

platypus

n. a semiaquatic, egg-laying mammal native to Australia and Tasmania, having a broad tail, webbed feet, and a bill resembling that of a duck

synonym: duckbill, monotreme, marsupial

(1) duck-billed **platypus**, (2) **platypus** habitat

The **platypus** diet consists mainly of small invertebrates, insects, and crustaceans.

refer

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

synonym: cite, allude, mention

(1) **refer** to a book, (2) **refer** to a map

Please **refer** to the instruction manual for further assistance.

reproduction

n. the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work

synonym: procreation, replication, duplication

(1) **reproduction** rate, (2) **reproduction** system

The **reproduction** of the plant depends on the pollinators.

excretion

n. the process of eliminating waste products from the body; the waste products themselves

synonym: elimination, evacuation, secretion

(1) **excretion** system, (2) liquid **excretion**

The body's **excretion** of waste products is essential for maintaining good health.

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.

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.

shell

n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals

synonym: ammunition, armor, cover

(1) an egg **shell**, (2) a mollusk **shell**

The outermost electron **shell** determines the chemical properties of an atom.

hatch

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

synonym: incubate, breed, produce

(1) **hatch** a plan, (2) **hatch** a baby chick

The eggs began to **hatch**, and the small chicks emerged.

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.

associate

v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else

synonym: tie in, link, consociate

(1) **associate** alcohol with gambling, (2) **associate** with people widely

The majority of consumers **associate** this brand with quality.

mammalian

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

synonym: animal, mammal-like, warm-blooded

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

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

venomous

adj. extremely poisonous or injurious; containing or producing venom; marked by deep ill will

synonym: poisonous, toxic, lethal

(1) the **venomous** jellyfish's sting, (2) have **venomous** eyes

The **venomous** snake bit him, causing him to go into shock.

spur

n. a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

synonym: encouragement, motivation, stimulus

(1) **spur** of the moment, (2) **spur** a momentum of economic growth

The threat of losing his job was the **spur** he needed to work harder.

define

v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

synonym: characterize, depict, express

(1) **define** a word, (2) **define** my position

To advance this discussion, we must **define** "success" rigorously.

characteristic

n. a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody

synonym: feature, quality, attribute

(1) stripes **characteristic** of the zebra, (2) my friend's **characteristic** laugh

Bananas have their **characteristic** taste and odor.

evolutionary

adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms

synonym: developmental, mutative, transformative

(1) ecology and **evolutionary** biology, (2) the **evolutionary** process

Evolutionary algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.

bizarre

adj. very strange or unusual

synonym: abnormal, freaky, outlandish

(1) the story is **bizarre**, (2) **bizarre** behavior

The truth was more **bizarre** than expected.

millennium

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine

Our world is in the third **millennium**.

diversity

n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

synonym: variety, multiplicity, variousness

(1) the **diversity** policy of the university, (2) lingual **diversity**

He was impressed by the range and **diversity** of the collection.

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym: empire, realm, land

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. a st_____ht line *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
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5. an egg sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
6. cr_____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
7. a subordinate ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
8. ut___s cancer *n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth
9. as_____te with people widely *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
10. ba_____ne curve *n.* the spinal column of a vertebrate; a symbolic representation of strength and resilience
11. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special

ANSWERS: 1. straight, 2. arguably, 3. unfavorable, 4. tissue, 5. shell, 6. creature, 7. kingdom, 8. uterus, 9. associate, 10. backbone, 11. remarkable

12. my friend's cha_____tic laugh *n.* a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
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22. va___a cancer care *n.* the passage in the body of a woman or female animal that connects her outer sex organs to her uterus

ANSWERS: 12. characteristic, 13. simultaneously, 14. instance, 15. womb, 16. simultaneously, 17. creature, 18. refer, 19. spur, 20. equivalent, 21. giraffe, 22. vagina

23. duc_____ed dinosaur *adj.* referring to the platypus or certain types of birds with a flat, broad bill or snout resembling that of a duck; describing something that has a bill or beak resembling that of a duck
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ANSWERS: 23. duck-billed, 24. fur, 25. venomous, 26. characteristic, 27. pregnant, 28. umbilical, 29. solid, 30. pouch, 31. circulatory

32. su___e a baby *v.* to feed or nurse at the mother's breast or a similar source of fluid, usually used for infants or young animals obtaining milk
33. hulking di____ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
34. d__k drive *n.* a flat, circular plate, typically made of metal, glass, or plastic, used for storing data or playing music
35. pa__e for a reaction *v.* to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
36. rep____ion rate *n.* the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work
37. so__d ally *adj.* hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
38. res____ry failure *adj.* relating to the organs and processes involved in breathing, such as the lungs and the act of inhaling and exhaling air
39. fossil re____e *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
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ANSWERS: 42. marsupial, 43. oxygen, 44. distinguished, 45. nipple, 46. excretion, 47. biology, 48. biology, 49. pause, 50. platypus

51. a facial ti___e *n.* an ensemble of similar cells of the animal or plant that together carry out a specific function
52. ver_____te biology *adj.* relating to animals that have a backbone or spinal column, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish
53. the evo_____ary process *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
54. a bull wh__e *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
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60. less fa__y meat *adj.* containing a lot of fat
61. ma_____an evolution *adj.* of or relating to mammals, a class of warm-blooded vertebrate animals that typically nurse their young and have hair or fur on their skin; characterized by mammalian qualities, such as nurturing and protective behavior

ANSWERS: 51. tissue, 52. vertebrate, 53. evolutionary, 54. whale, 55. misnomer, 56. nutrient, 57. lung, 58. reproduction, 59. gram, 60. fatty, 61. mammalian

62. di_____e of a used product *v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away
63. di_____ur fossil *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
64. ecology and evo_____ary biology *adj.* relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
65. ada_____on ability *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
66. we__h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
67. the story is bi_____e *adj.* very strange or unusual
68. the di_____ty policy of the university *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
69. st_____ht for two months *adj.* extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations
70. baby c__f *n.* a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals
71. the mountain's br____t *n.* either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth
72. alleviate res_____ry ailments *adj.* relating to the organs and processes involved in breathing, such as the lungs and the act of inhaling and exhaling air

ANSWERS: 62. dispose, 63. dinosaur, 64. evolutionary, 65. adaptation, 66. weigh, 67. bizarre, 68. diversity, 69. straight, 70. calf, 71. breast, 72. respiratory

73. the muscle tissue of a ver_____te *adj.* relating to animals that have a backbone or spinal column, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish
74. separatory fu____l *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
75. di_____e battleships for a battle *v.* to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away
76. ha__h a baby chick *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
77. needs of pr_____nt women *adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus
78. su____e from the breast *v.* to feed or nurse at the mother's breast or a similar source of fluid, usually used for infants or young animals obtaining milk
79. we__h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
80. a gr__n of sand *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
81. she is ar_____ly the best singer *adv.* used when expressing an opinion or idea that you believe can be proven true

ANSWERS: 73. vertebrate, 74. funnel, 75. dispose, 76. hatch, 77. pregnant, 78. suckle, 79. weigh, 80. grain, 81. arguably

82. bleeding from ut___s *n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth
83. kangaroo po__h *n.* a small bag or container with a drawstring or zipper used to carry small items; a small sac or pocket within an organ or tissue in the body
84. electrical c__d *n.* a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment
85. a mi_____er for the term *n.* a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is naming
86. flour made from gr__n *n.* wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
87. a nu_____nt for hair *n.* any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
88. de_____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
89. g__m amount *n.* a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram
90. ex___t goods *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use

ANSWERS: 82. uterus, 83. pouch, 84. cord, 85. misnomer, 86. grain, 87. nutrient, 88. develop, 89. gram, 90. export

91. ma_____al species *adj.* relating to or characteristic of mammals of the order Marsupialia, which typically carry their newborn offspring in a pouch on their abdomen; referring to animals such as kangaroos, koalas, and opossums
92. gi_____e exhibit *n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
93. em___o cloning *n.* an animal organism in the early stages of growth, either in its mother's womb or in an egg, or a plant that is developing in a seed
94. lingual di_____ty *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
95. duc_____ed mask *adj.* referring to the platypus or certain types of birds with a flat, broad bill or snout resembling that of a duck; describing something that has a bill or beak resembling that of a duck
96. past mil_____um *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
97. short-beaked ec_____a *n.* a solitary, burrowing, egg-laying mammal native to Australia and New Guinea, also known as a spiny anteater, which has a long, slender snout and a specialized tongue for capturing ants and termites

ANSWERS: 91. marsupial, 92. giraffe, 93. embryo, 94. diversity, 95. duck-billed, 96. millennium, 97. echidna

98. the rem_____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
99. l__g capacity *n.* either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
100. baby sucking a ni___e *n.* the dark part of the skin which sticks out from the breast of a mammal and from which milk can be secreted
101. a fu___l-shaped device *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
102. intellectual f__t *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
103. a mollusk sh__l *n.* hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
104. mo_____me milk *n.* a primitive mammal that lays eggs instead of giving birth to live young, such as a platypus or echidna
105. um_____al hernia *n.* relating to a flexible cord-like structure that connects a developing fetus to the placenta in the mother's uterus during pregnancy, called umbilical cord; connected or corresponding closely to something essential, such as a source of nourishment or support
106. de___e a word *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something

ANSWERS: 98. remarkable, 99. lung, 100. nipple, 101. funnel, 102. feat, 103. shell, 104. monotreme, 105. umbilical, 106. define

107. re__r to a book *v.* to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support
108. as_____te alcohol with gambling *v.* to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
109. br___t cancer *n.* either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth
110. egg-laying mo_____me *n.* a primitive mammal that lays eggs instead of giving birth to live young, such as a platypus or echidna
111. pl_____us habitat *n.* a semiaquatic, egg-laying mammal native to Australia and Tasmania, having a broad tail, webbed feet, and a bill resembling that of a duck
112. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
113. red ka_____oo *n.* a large marsupial native to Australia with powerful hind legs for jumping and carrying young in a pouch on the mother's belly
114. fa__y acid *adj.* containing a lot of fat
115. d__k space *n.* a flat, circular plate, typically made of metal, glass, or plastic, used for storing data or playing music

ANSWERS: 107. refer, 108. associate, 109. breast, 110. monotreme, 111. platypus, 112. develop, 113. kangaroo, 114. fatty, 115. disk

116. cr__l away from a car *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
117. cr__l across the floor *v.* to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
118. nou_____ng broth *adj.* providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth
119. bi_____e behavior *adj.* very strange or unusual
120. cause cir_____ry failure shock *adj.* relating to the system that moves blood through the body, which includes the heart, arteries, and veins
121. lack of ox___n *n.* the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live
122. language ada_____on *n.* the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
123. f__t accomplishment *n.* a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
124. equ_____nt in meaning *n.* having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
125. dis_____hed war services *adj.* (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation
126. destruction of human em___os *n.* an animal organism in the early stages of growth, either in its mother's womb or in an egg, or a plant that is developing in a seed

ANSWERS: 116. crawl, 117. crawl, 118. nourishing, 119. bizarre, 120. circulatory, 121. oxygen, 122. adaptation, 123. feat, 124. equivalent, 125. distinguished, 126. embryo

127. a sort of ma___l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
128. nou_____ng ingredients *adj.* providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth
129. a c__f elephant *n.* a young cow, bull, or other domestic bovine animals
130. the ve_____us jellyfish's sting *adj.* extremely poisonous or injurious; containing or producing venom; marked by deep ill will
131. liquid ex_____on *n.* the process of eliminating waste products from the body; the waste products themselves
132. pl_____ta blood *n.* a temporary organ that feeds a fetus (= unborn and developing baby) inside its mother's womb
133. s__r a momentum of economic growth *n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something
134. spiny ec_____a *n.* a solitary, burrowing, egg-laying mammal native to Australia and New Guinea, also known as a spiny anteater, which has a long, slender snout and a specialized tongue for capturing ants and termites
135. ba_____ne of society *n.* the spinal column of a vertebrate; a symbolic representation of strength and resilience

ANSWERS: 127. mammal, 128. nourishing, 129. calf, 130. venomous, 131. excretion, 132. placenta, 133. spur, 134. echidna, 135. backbone

136. fetal pl_____ta *n.* a temporary organ that feeds a fetus (= unborn and developing baby) inside its mother's womb
137. a primitive ma____l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
138. f_r coat *n.* the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
139. giant ka_____oo *n.* a large marsupial native to Australia with powerful hind legs for jumping and carrying young in a pouch on the mother's belly
140. ma_____an embryo *adj.* of or relating to mammals, a class of warm-blooded vertebrate animals that typically nurse their young and have hair or fur on their skin; characterized by mammalian qualities, such as nurturing and protective behavior
141. unf_____le reviews *adj.* not advantageous or beneficial; opposed to one's interests or desires
142. establish his ki_____m *n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
143. ha__h a plan *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
144. de___e my position *v.* to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
145. infection of the va___a *n.* the passage in the body of a woman or female animal that connects her outer sex organs to her uterus

ANSWERS: 136. placenta, 137. mammal, 138. fur, 139. kangaroo, 140. mammalian, 141. unfavorable, 142. kingdom, 143. hatch, 144. define, 145. vagina

146. tumor of w__b *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
147. ex__t the data *v.* to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
148. re____e exhibition *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
149. wh__e watching *n.* a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities
150. for in____ce *n.* a particular example or single occurrence of something
151. mil____um bottle of wine *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
152. black at____e case *n.* a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase

ANSWERS: 146. womb, 147. export, 148. reptile, 149. whale, 150. instance, 151. millennium, 152. attache

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The man _____ before opening the door.
v. to take a short break from talking or doing something before continuing
2. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.
n. the country ruled by a king or queen
3. She showed great _____ when standing up for her beliefs in opposition.
n. the spinal column of a vertebrate; a symbolic representation of strength and resilience
4. The platypus is a unique _____ mammal that lays eggs instead of giving birth to live young.
n. a primitive mammal that lays eggs instead of giving birth to live young, such as a platypus or echidna
5. A prime minister talked with a military _____ of the country's embassy.
n. a person who works at an embassy, usually having a specialized area of responsibility; a shallow and rectangular briefcase
6. He is _____ regarded as the finest actor of his generation.
adv. used when expressing an opinion or idea that you believe can be proven true
7. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.
adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special
8. Female children may experience growing breasts and _____ swelling.
n. the dark part of the skin which sticks out from the breast of a mammal and from which milk can be secreted

ANSWERS: 1. paused, 2. kingdom, 3. backbone, 4. monotreme, 5. attache, 6. arguably, 7. remarkable, 8. nipple

9. He grilled the _____ meat of a chicken.
n. either of the two round soft parts of a woman's chest which secrete milk after childbirth
10. Ordinary air purifiers cannot adequately remove pollen _____.
n. wheat or any other small hard seeds used as a food; a relatively small granular particle of a substance
11. The presence of a backbone is a defining characteristic of _____ animals.
adj. relating to animals that have a backbone or spinal column, such as mammals, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and fish
12. 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
13. The _____ produces various hormones that help maintain the pregnancy.
n. a temporary organ that feeds a fetus (= unborn and developing baby) inside its mother's womb
14. The company's _____ approach has been highly effective.
n. the action or process of changing to suit different conditions
15. The _____ of the plant depends on the pollinators.
n. the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work
16. The passenger grabbed for the _____ mask.
n. the chemical element with the symbol O that is present in air and water and is necessary for people, animals, and plants to live

ANSWERS: 9. breast, 10. grains, 11. vertebrate, 12. tissue, 13. placenta, 14. adaptation, 15. reproduction, 16. oxygen

17. The new CEO has a _____ career

adj. (used of persons or their work) standing above others in quality, attainment, or reputation

18. Two students answered the teacher's question _____.

adv. at the same time

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

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

20. The _____ spines provide an excellent defense mechanism against predators.

n. a solitary, burrowing, egg-laying mammal native to Australia and New Guinea, also known as a spiny anteater, which has a long, slender snout and a specialized tongue for capturing ants and termites

21. The threat of losing his job was the _____ he needed to work harder.

n. a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

22. The eggs began to _____ and the small chicks emerged.

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

23. The fertilized egg implanted itself in the _____.

n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

24. Please _____ to the instruction manual for further assistance.

v. to direct someone's attention, thoughts, or questions to another source or person; to mention, cite, or allude to something as evidence or support

ANSWERS: 17. distinguished, 18. simultaneously, 19. calf, 20. echidna's, 21. spur, 22. hatch, 23. womb, 24. refer

25. Marine _____ populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.
n. any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
26. _____ algorithms can find ways to optimize that humans do not anticipate.
adj. relating to or denoting how living things develop or change from earlier forms
27. The majority of consumers _____ this brand with quality.
v. to mentally connect someone or something with someone or something else
28. It is an incredible _____ to climb Mount Everest, the highest mountain in the world.
n. a notable or impressive achievement, especially one that requires great skill or bravery
29. Bananas have their _____ taste and odor.
n. a typical feature or quality that can identify, tell apart, or describe something or somebody
30. They used fast-acting _____ on the flowers in the flower beds.
n. any substance that is essential for the maintenance and growth of living things
31. 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
32. My mother always made sure she had a _____ breakfast before school.
adj. providing the necessary nutrients or sustenance to support health and growth

ANSWERS: 25. mammal, 26. Evolutionary, 27. associate, 28. feat, 29. characteristic, 30. nutrients, 31. dinosaur, 32. nourishing

33. How much is it per one hundred _____
n. a metric unit of weight equal to one-thousandth of a kilogram
34. The truth was more _____ than expected.
adj. very strange or unusual
35. We have to use a _____ to pour petrol into the tank.
n. a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
36. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.
n. a living being, especially an animal
37. The unforeseen weather change resulted in an _____ outcome for the outdoor event.
adj. not advantageous or beneficial; opposed to one's interests or desires
38. The _____ diet consists mainly of small invertebrates, insects, and crustaceans.
n. a semiaquatic, egg-laying mammal native to Australia and Tasmania, having a broad tail, webbed feet, and a bill resembling that of a duck
39. Along the gravel roads, sizeable yellow school buses _____.
v. to move forward slowly, as people or animals with their bodies near the ground
40. He was sick for five _____ days.
adj. extending or moving in one direction without bending or curving; having no deviations

ANSWERS: 33. grams?, 34. bizarre, 35. funnel, 36. creature, 37. unfavorable, 38. platypus, 39. crawl, 40. straight

41. The _____ pouch provides a convenient and secure space for the young ones to grow.
adj. relating to or characteristic of mammals of the order Marsupialia, which typically carry their newborn offspring in a pouch on their abdomen; referring to animals such as kangaroos, koalas, and opossums
42. The ____ of the animal was thick and soft to the touch.
n. the hairy coat of a mammal, especially when fine, soft, and thick
43. The _____ of water is called ice.
adj. hard or firm; characterized by good substantial quality
44. The female _____ carries and nurses her young, or joey, in a pouch on her belly.
n. a large marsupial native to Australia with powerful hind legs for jumping and carrying young in a pouch on the mother's belly
45. The _____ platypus is a unique mammal found in Australia.
adj. referring to the platypus or certain types of birds with a flat, broad bill or snout resembling that of a duck; describing something that has a bill or beak resembling that of a duck
46. 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
47. The computer's hard _____ was full, so she had to delete some files.
n. a flat, circular plate, typically made of metal, glass, or plastic, used for storing data or playing music

ANSWERS: 41. marsupial, 42. fur, 43. solid-state, 44. kangaroo, 45. duck-billed, 46. reptile, 47. disk

48. Your spinal _____ is located deep within your body.
- n.* a strong, thick, or thin thread or rope; a piece of plastic-coated wire used to transport electricity to a piece of equipment
49. The _____ long neck makes reaching leaves high up in the trees easy.
- n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
50. The physician prescribed medication to relieve the contraction of the _____.
- n.* a hollow muscular organ in the body of a woman or other female mammal in which a baby or young animal develops before birth
51. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
- v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
52. The _____ cord is a vital lifeline between a mother and her unborn baby.
- n.* relating to a flexible cord-like structure that connects a developing fetus to the placenta in the mother's uterus during pregnancy, called umbilical cord; connected or corresponding closely to something essential, such as a source of nourishment or support
53. The _____ snake bit him, causing him to go into shock.
- adj.* extremely poisonous or injurious; containing or producing venom; marked by deep ill will
54. She vacated the position when she got _____.
- adj.* having a baby or young animal developing in the uterus

ANSWERS: 48. cord, 49. giraffe's, 50. uterus, 51. develop, 52. umbilical, 53. venomous, 54. pregnant

55. The European Central Bank is Europe's _____ of the Federal Reserve.
n. having the same value, quality, meaning, purpose, etc.
56. He was impressed by the range and _____ of the collection.
n. the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
57. Chronic _____ disorders, such as asthma, can significantly impact a person's quality of life.
adj. relating to the organs and processes involved in breathing, such as the lungs and the act of inhaling and exhaling air
58. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.
v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
59. You should keep away from _____ foods.
adj. containing a lot of fat
60. The outermost electron _____ determines the chemical properties of an atom.
n. hard outer covering or case of eggs, nuts, some seeds, and some animals
61. The country _____ a large amount of agricultural products.
v. to send goods or services to another country for sale; to transfer electronic data out of a database or document in a format that other programs can use
62. The body's _____ of waste products is essential for maintaining good health.
n. the process of eliminating waste products from the body; the waste products themselves

ANSWERS: 55. equivalent, 56. diversity, 57. respiratory, 58. weighs, 59. fatty, 60. shell, 61. exports, 62. excretion

63. The name "killer whale" is a _____ as they rarely attack humans.
n. a name or term that is inaccurate or misleading, often because it does not accurately describe the thing it is naming
64. _____ milk is known to be rich in protein and essential vitamins.
adj. of or relating to mammals, a class of warm-blooded vertebrate animals that typically nurse their young and have hair or fur on their skin; characterized by mammalian qualities, such as nurturing and protective behavior
65. In junior high school, we had to dissect a frog in _____ class.
n. the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
66. The newborn calf instinctively knows how to _____ for nourishment.
v. to feed or nurse at the mother's breast or a similar source of fluid, usually used for infants or young animals obtaining milk
67. To advance this discussion, we must _____ "success" rigorously.
v. to state or explain precisely the nature, scope, or meaning of something
68. He has terminal _____ cancer.
n. either of the two organs in the chest that people and some animals use for breathing
69. These articles cite five _____ of climate change.
n. a particular example or single occurrence of something
70. The _____ system of the animal is also responsible for heat transportation.
adj. relating to the system that moves blood through the body, which includes the heart, arteries, and veins

ANSWERS: 63. misnomer, 64. Mammalian, 65. biology, 66. suckle, 67. define, 68. lung, 69. instances, 70. circulatory

71. Our world is in the third _____.

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

72. My wallet wasn't big enough, so I kept my coins in a small _____.

n. a small bag or container with a drawstring or zipper used to carry small items; a small sac or pocket within an organ or tissue in the body

73. Our latest project is still at the _____ stage.

n. an animal organism in the early stages of growth, either in its mother's womb or in an egg, or a plant that is developing in a seed

74. The muscle around the _____ is elastic enough to allow the passage of a fetus.

n. the passage in the body of a woman or female animal that connects her outer sex organs to her uterus

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

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

76. Generally speaking, the child is innately _____ to learn a language.

v. to put things or people in a particular manner or position; to incline someone towards a specific activity or mood; throw or cast away

ANSWERS: 71. millennium, 72. pouch, 73. embryo, 74. vagina, 75. whale, 76. disposed