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Session 1: Word List

rubric

n. a set of established guidelines or instructions, particularly for academic or assessment purposes; a title or heading that indicates the nature or purpose of a particular section of a text

synonym : heading, title, category

(1) **rubric** template, (2) assessment **rubric**

My teacher provided a detailed **rubric** for our group project.

epoch

n. a particular period of time, usually marked by significant events or developments; a division of geologic time

synonym : era, age, period

(1) **epoch-making** event, (2) post-modern **epoch**

The Industrial Revolution is often considered an **epoch** in human history.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym : extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic
Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

centimeter

n. a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter

(1) **centimeter** measurement, (2) thirty **centimeters** tall
The room was only one **centimeter** wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.

microbe

n. a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease

synonym: germ, microorganism, bacterium

(1) pathogenic **microbe**, (2) **microbes** sterilizer

Microbes thrive on the surface of the human skin.

untouched

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

synonym: untarnished, pristine, intact

(1) **untouched** wilderness, (2) **untouched** landscape

The abandoned house was **untouched** for years, with vines growing all over it.

slew

v. to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay;
(noun) a large number or amount or extent

synonym: slide, curve, (noun) heap

(1) **slew** around suddenly, (2) have a **slew** of ideas

He **slew** many Trojan warriors in this war.

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.

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.

saber

n. a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing

synonym: sword, cutlass, blade

(1) **saber** fencing, (2) ceremonial **saber**

The military commander drew his **saber** and shouted orders to the troops.

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.

ripple

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

synonym: wave, undulation, fluctuation

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

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

grassland

n. a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock

synonym: meadow, plain, savanna

(1) endangered **grassland**, (2) vast **grassland**

Meadows and pastures are examples of smaller-scale **grasslands** in many parts of the world.

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 **prehistorical** findings.

colonize

v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

synonym: settle, occupy, inhabit

(1) **colonize** planets, (2) **colonize** for cultivation

European powers **colonized** much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym: buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

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.

canoe

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

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

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

domesticate

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

synonym: tame, naturalize, cultivate

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

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

thatch

n. a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings

synonym: straw, grass, reed

(1) cover with **thatch**, (2) **thatch** of hair

The **thatch** roof was made from local grasses and was a

traditional design.

anthropology

n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

(1) social **anthropology**, (2) **anthropology** of religion

The areas of **anthropology** and psychology are significantly related to one another.

monarch

n. a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen
synonym: ruler, sovereign, majesty

(1) an absolute **monarch**, (2) **monarch** butterflies

She came from a commoner background but eventually became the **monarch** of that country.

caterpillar

n. the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth
synonym: larva, grub, worm

(1) **caterpillar** of a butterfly, (2) **caterpillar** in a cocoon

The wooly bear **caterpillar** munched on leaves all day.

munch

v. to chew or eat something noisily, often with the sound of crunching or crunching

synonym: chew, nibble, gnaw

(1) **munch** on an apple, (2) **munch** away on crisps

I love to **munch** on popcorn while I watch a movie.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

untended

adj. not cared for or looked after; neglected; lacking attention or maintenance

synonym: neglected, abandoned, disregarded

(1) **untended** consequences, (2) **untended** hair

The **untended** garden had become overrun with weeds and pests.

crater

n. a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

synonym : cavity, hole, pit

(1) **crater** lake, (2) lunar **crater**

An enormous **crater** marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.

charismatic

adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

synonym : mesmerizing, alluring, captivating

(1) **charismatic** chairman, (2) **charismatic** personality

He was a **charismatic** leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

blister

n. a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely

synonym : sore, vesicle, pustule

(1) **blister** after walking for miles, (2) **blister** treatment

The new hiking shoes gave me a **blister** on my heel after just a few miles of walking.

beetle

n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings

(1) **beetle** brows, (2) a **beetle** larva

In ancient civilizations, the scarab **beetle** was worshiped as a sacred creature.

seedling

n. a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots

synonym : sapling, sprout, shoot

(1) a green **seedling**, (2) **seedling** tray

The **seedlings** in the garden needed to be thinned out to have enough space to grow.

repellent

adj. serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust

synonym: disgusting, repulsive, offensive

(1) **repellent** odor, (2) **repellent** properties

She avoided the used car salesman because she found his pushy behavior **repellent**.

fir

n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

synonym: pine, spruce, cedar

(1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest

The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

reintroduce

v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

synonym: bring back, restore, reestablish

(1) **reintroduce** species, (2) **reintroduce** capital punishment

The government is planning to **reintroduce** wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

bison

n. a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

synonym: buffalo

(1) endangered **bison**, (2) American **bison's** meat

Large herds of **bison** used to live on the plains of this area.

campfire

n. an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social

event around such a fire

synonym : bonfire, blaze, fire pit

(1) **campfire** story, (2) roast marshmallows around the **campfire**

We sat around the **campfire** and told stories late into the night.

tinker

v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

synonym : fiddle, play, fix

(1) **tinker** with the bill, (2) **tinker** with the settings

He spent the afternoon **tinkering** with his car engine.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym : lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

scramble

v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you

synonym : jumble, disarrange

(1) **scramble** my mind, (2) **scramble** for support

Local business owners **scrambled** to find skilled workers.

meadow

n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

synonym : pasture, field, lawn

(1) graze in the **meadow**, (2) lowland **meadow**

The lush **meadow** was covered in wildflowers.

sequester

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

synonym : isolate, set apart, segregate

- (1) **sequester** ten percent of the annual carbon emissions,
(2) **sequester** myself from the world

He approved their requests to **sequester** the jury.

pollination

- n.* the transfer of pollen from the male reproductive organs of one flower to the female reproductive organs of another flower, resulting in fertilization and the production of seeds

synonym: flowering, fertilization, cross-fertilization

- (1) **pollination** by insect, (2) the cross- **pollination** of the arts

The **pollination** process is crucial for the growth and reproduction of many plants.

regrow

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

synonym: regenerate

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

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

fern

- n.* a non-flowering plant with long, feathery fronds that reproduce by spores rather than seeds

synonym: greenery, foliage, bracken

- (1) **fern** leaves, (2) tropical **ferns**

The garden was filled with various plants, including a beautiful maidenhair **fern**.

mow

- v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops

synonym: cut, trim, clip

- (1) **mow** the field, (2) **mow** a yard

My father likes to **mow** the lawn early on Saturday mornings.

ecologist

- n.* a person who studies the relationships between living organisms and their environment; the state of being

outside or directed toward or relating to the outside or exterior

synonym : conservationist, naturalist

(1) behavioral **ecologist**, (2) forestry **ecologist**

The forestry **ecologist** studied the interactions between the different species in the forest's ecosystem.

blitz

n. a sudden and intensive military attack designed to achieve a quick victory; a sudden and intense effort to accomplish a task or objective, often involving a rapid and concerted action

synonym : onslaught, assault, attack

(1) marketing **blitz**, (2) snowstorm **blitz**

The football team used the **blitz** strategy to overwhelm their opponents quickly.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym : surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ant_____ogy of religion *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species
2. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
3. the cross-pol_____on of the arts *n.* the transfer of pollen from the male reproductive organs of one flower to the female reproductive organs of another flower, resulting in fertilization and the production of seeds
4. m_w the field *v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
5. re_____nt odor *adj.* serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust
6. make a ca__e trip *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
7. vast gr_____nd *n.* a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock

ANSWERS: 1. anthropology, 2. dedicate, 3. pollination, 4. mow, 5. repellent, 6. canoe, 7. grassland

8. marketing bl__z *n.* a sudden and intensive military attack designed to achieve a quick victory; a sudden and intense effort to accomplish a task or objective, often involving a rapid and concerted action
9. f_r forest *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
10. tropical f__ns *n.* a non-flowering plant with long, feathery fronds that reproduce by spores rather than seeds
11. sc_____le my mind *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
12. mu__h away on crisps *v.* to chew or eat something noisily, often with the sound of crunching or crunching
13. un_____ed landscape *adj.* not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way
14. cha_____ic personality *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
15. roast marshmallows around the
ca_____re *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
16. cr___r lake *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite

ANSWERS: 8. blitz, 9. fir, 10. fern, 11. scramble, 12. munch, 13. untouched, 14. charismatic, 15. campfire, 16. crater

17. 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
18. re___w vegetation *v.* to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation
19. American bi__n's meat *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
20. hu____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
21. pathogenic mi____e *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
22. rei_____ce species *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
23. mu__h on an apple *v.* to chew or eat something noisily, often with the sound of crunching or crunching
24. pre_____ic settlements *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
25. un_____ed wilderness *adj.* not touched or disturbed by anyone or anything; not having been altered, changed, or affected in any way
26. ep__h-making event *n.* a particular period of time, usually marked by significant events or developments; a division of geologic time

ANSWERS: 17. sloth, 18. regrow, 19. bison, 20. humming, 21. microbe, 22. reintroduce, 23. munch, 24. prehistoric, 25. untouched, 26. epoch

27. tropical rai_____st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
28. a ri___e of laughter *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
29. se_____er ten percent of the annual carbon emissions *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
30. ti___r with the bill *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
31. endangered gr_____nd *n.* a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock
32. ma_____on fossils *n.* a large, extinct elephant-like mammal that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, characterized by its long curved tusks and massive size
33. assessment ru___c *n.* a set of established guidelines or instructions, particularly for academic or assessment purposes; a title or heading that indicates the nature or purpose of a particular section of a text
34. ex_____t by human activity *adj.* no longer in existence
35. cen_____er measurement *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
36. dom_____te the plant *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

ANSWERS: 27. rainforest, 28. ripple, 29. sequester, 30. tinker, 31. grassland, 32. mastodon, 33. rubric, 34. extinct, 35. centimeter, 36. domesticate

37. ca__e race *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
38. s__w around suddenly *v.* to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay; (noun) a large number or amount or extent
39. ru___c template *n.* a set of established guidelines or instructions, particularly for academic or assessment purposes; a title or heading that indicates the nature or purpose of a particular section of a text
40. re_____nt properties *adj.* serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust
41. pe_____ve language *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
42. co_____ze for cultivation *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
43. long-ex_____t volcano *adj.* no longer in existence
44. cover with th___h *n.* a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings
45. lunar cr___r *n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
46. m_w a yard *v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops

ANSWERS: 37. canoe, 38. slew, 39. rubric, 40. repellent, 41. pervasive, 42. colonize, 43. extinct, 44. thatch, 45. crater, 46. mow

47. thirty cen_____ers tall *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
48. re___w hair *v.* to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation
49. rei_____ce capital punishment *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
50. ca_____re story *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
51. pre_____ic times *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
52. co_____ze planets *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
53. cat_____ar of a butterfly *n.* the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth
54. pol_____on by insect *n.* the transfer of pollen from the male reproductive organs of one flower to the female reproductive organs of another flower, resulting in fertilization and the production of seeds
55. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
56. the pa_____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

ANSWERS: 47. centimeter, 48. regrow, 49. reintroduce, 50. campfire, 51. prehistoric, 52. colonize, 53. caterpillar, 54. pollination, 55. dedicate, 56. paradox

57. snowstorm bl__z *n.* a sudden and intensive military attack designed to achieve a quick victory; a sudden and intense effort to accomplish a task or objective, often involving a rapid and concerted action
58. f__n leaves *n.* a non-flowering plant with long, feathery fronds that reproduce by spores rather than seeds
59. a green se_____ng *n.* a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots
60. mo_____h butterflies *n.* a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen
61. bl_____r treatment *n.* a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely
62. th___h of hair *n.* a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings
63. f_r branch *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
64. rai_____st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

ANSWERS: 57. blitz, 58. fern, 59. seedling, 60. monarch, 61. blister, 62. thatch, 63. fir, 64. rainforest

65. French pa____x *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
66. graze in the me____w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
67. lowland me____w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
68. sc____le for support *v.* to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
69. post-modern ep__h *n.* a particular period of time, usually marked by significant events or developments; a division of geologic time
70. the pe____ve odor of garlic *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
71. be____e brows *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
72. sa__r fencing *n.* a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing
73. un____ed consequences *adj.* not cared for or looked after; neglected; lacking attention or maintenance
74. mi____es sterilizer *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
75. have a s__w of ideas *v.* to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay; (noun) a large number or amount or extent

ANSWERS: 65. paradox, 66. meadow, 67. meadow, 68. scramble, 69. epoch, 70. pervasive, 71. beetle, 72. saber, 73. untended, 74. microbe, 75. slew

76. un_____ed hair *adj.* not cared for or looked after; neglected; lacking attention or maintenance
77. ceremonial sa__r *n.* a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing
78. forestry ec_____st *n.* a person who studies the relationships between living organisms and their environment; the state of being outside or directed toward or relating to the outside or exterior
79. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
80. a be___e larva *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
81. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
82. 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
83. ri___e in the water *n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
84. bl_____r after walking for miles *n.* a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely

ANSWERS: 76. untended, 77. saber, 78. ecologist, 79. elevate, 80. beetle, 81. pave, 82. sloth, 83. ripple, 84. blister

85. se_____ng tray *n.* a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots
86. 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
87. cha_____ic chairman *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
88. easy to dom_____te *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
89. behavioral ec_____st *n.* a person who studies the relationships between living organisms and their environment; the state of being outside or directed toward or relating to the outside or exterior
90. an absolute mo_____h *n.* a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen
91. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
92. p__e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
93. cat_____ar in a cocoon *n.* the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth
94. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

ANSWERS: 85. seedling, 86. mastodon, 87. charismatic, 88. domesticate, 89. ecologist, 90. monarch, 91. elevate, 92. pave, 93. caterpillar, 94. humming

95. endangered bi__n *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
96. ti___r with the settings *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
97. se_____er myself from the world *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
98. social ant_____ogy *n.* the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 95. bison, 96. tinker, 97. sequester, 98. anthropology

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Suspicion and worry were _____ in our minds.
adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
2. We sat around the _____ and told stories late into the night.
n. an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
3. The smell of fresh ____ trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.
n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
4. The football team used the _____ strategy to overwhelm their opponents quickly.
n. a sudden and intensive military attack designed to achieve a quick victory; a sudden and intense effort to accomplish a task or objective, often involving a rapid and concerted action
5. He approved their requests to _____ the jury.
v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
6. In ancient civilizations, the scarab _____ was worshiped as a sacred creature.
n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
7. The areas of _____ and psychology are significantly related to one another.
n. the scientific study of humanity, concerned with human behavior, human biology, cultures, societies, and linguistics in both the present and past, including past human species

ANSWERS: 1. pervasive, 2. campfire, 3. fir, 4. blitz, 5. sequester, 6. beetle, 7. anthropology

8. 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
9. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
- v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
10. An enormous _____ marks the area where the vast volcanic explosion occurred.
- n.* a huge bowl-shaped cavity in the earth or an object in space, usually created by an explosion or the impact of a meteorite
11. The _____ process is crucial for the growth and reproduction of many plants.
- n.* the transfer of pollen from the male reproductive organs of one flower to the female reproductive organs of another flower, resulting in fertilization and the production of seeds
12. The woolly bear _____ munched on leaves all day.
- n.* the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth
13. We _____ cows to gain milk and meat.
- v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
14. The room was only one _____ wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.
- n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
15. He spent the afternoon _____ with his car engine.
- v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

ANSWERS: 8. sloth's, 9. elevates, 10. crater, 11. pollination, 12. caterpillar, 13. domesticate, 14. centimeter, 15. tinkering

16. 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
17. The garden was filled with various plants, including a beautiful maidenhair ____.
- n.* a non-flowering plant with long, feathery fronds that reproduce by spores rather than seeds
18. He _____ many Trojan warriors in this war.
- v.* to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay; (noun) a large number or amount or extent
19. Large herds of _____ used to live on the plains of this area.
- n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
20. European powers _____ much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.
- v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
21. _____ thrive on the surface of the human skin.
- n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
22. The lush _____ was covered in wildflowers.
- n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

ANSWERS: 16. mastodon, 17. fern, 18. slew, 19. bison, 20. colonized, 21. Microbes, 22. meadow

23. I love to _____ on popcorn while I watch a movie.

- v.* to chew or eat something noisily, often with the sound of crunching or crunching

24. After the accident, the police found an empty _____.

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

25. Scientists often fail to date archeological or _____ findings.

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

26. The forestry _____ studied the interactions between the different species in the forest's ecosystem.

- n.* a person who studies the relationships between living organisms and their environment; the state of being outside or directed toward or relating to the outside or exterior

27. The new hiking shoes gave me a _____ on my heel after just a few miles of walking.

- n.* a small, fluid-filled bubble on the skin caused by friction, burning, or other skin irritation; can also refer to a similar bubble found in other materials; (verb) to become covered with blisters or to cause blisters to form; to criticize or rebuke severely

28. He was a _____ leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

- adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

29. The government is planning to _____ wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

- v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

ANSWERS: 23. munch, 24. canoe, 25. prehistorical, 26. ecologist, 27. blister, 28. charismatic, 29. reintroduce

30. She avoided the used car salesman because she found his pushy behavior _____.

adj. serving to drive away or repel something; unpleasant or offensive and causing a strong sense of aversion or disgust

31. The abandoned house was _____ for years, with vines growing all over it.

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

32. There are many theories to explain this _____.

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

33. Meadows and pastures are examples of smaller-scale _____ in many parts of the world.

n. a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock

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

adj. no longer in existence

35. My teacher provided a detailed _____ for our group project.

n. a set of established guidelines or instructions, particularly for academic or assessment purposes; a title or heading that indicates the nature or purpose of a particular section of a text

36. The _____ in the garden needed to be thinned out to have enough space to grow.

n. a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots

ANSWERS: 30. repellent, 31. untouched, 32. paradox, 33. grasslands, 34. extinct, 35. rubric, 36. seedlings

37. Local business owners _____ to find skilled workers.
v. to move or climb quickly and awkwardly, often using your hands to help you
38. The _____ garden had become overrun with weeds and pests.
adj. not cared for or looked after; neglected; lacking attention or maintenance
39. He _____ his life to helping others.
v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
40. They _____ the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.
v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
41. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.
adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
42. She came from a commoner background but eventually became the _____ of that country.
n. a person who rules a country, such as a king or queen
43. Lizards can _____ their tails if they are cut off.
v. to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation
44. My father likes to _____ the lawn early on Saturday mornings.
v. to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops

ANSWERS: 37. scrambled, 38. untended, 39. dedicated, 40. paved, 41. humming, 42. monarch, 43. regrow, 44. mow

45. The Industrial Revolution is often considered an _____ in human history.
- n.* a particular period of time, usually marked by significant events or developments; a division of geologic time
46. 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
47. Many businesses felt the _____ effect of the economy's decline.
- n.* a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind
48. The military commander drew his _____ and shouted orders to the troops.
- n.* a type of sword with a curved blade, typically used in cavalry or fencing
49. The _____ roof was made from local grasses and was a traditional design.
- n.* a material, such as straw or reeds, used to cover the roofs of houses or other buildings

ANSWERS: 45. epoch, 46. rainforest, 47. ripple, 48. saber, 49. thatch