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Session 1: Word List

furious

adj. extremely angry; full of rage

synonym : angry, rageful, livid

(1) **furious** anger, (2) a **furious** sea

The coach was **furious** with the players for their lack of effort during the game.

encrust

v. to cover or coat something with a crust (= hard outer layer), often as a result of an accumulation of materials over time

synonym : coat, cover

(1) **encrust** coral reef, (2) **encrust** the rim of the glass

The jeweler **encrusted** the crown with a variety of precious stones.

cannon

n. a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting

synonym : artillery, gun, ordnance

(1) **cannon** salute, (2) **cannon** ball

The heavy **cannon** fired a loud shot that echoed across the battlefield.

dainty

adj. delicately small and charming

synonym : delicate, refined, exquisite

(1) a **dainty** dish, (2) **dainty** necklace

A dining table covered with a **dainty** breakfast.

fishy

adj. suspicious or untrustworthy; having the qualities or taste of fish

synonym : suspicious, shady, questionable

(1) **fishy** smell, (2) **fishy** evidence

The politician's explanation for his sudden wealth seemed **fishy** to the reporters.

humpback

n. a large whale that has a hump on its back and long flippers, found in both the northern and southern hemispheres

synonym : whale, cetacean, mammal

(1) **humpback** mountain, (2) **humpback** bridge

The **humpback** whale is known for its distinctive songs that can travel great distances.

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.

privy

adj. sharing in knowledge or information that is known by only a select few; having knowledge of something secret or confidential; participating or involved in something, often in a private or hidden way

synonym : informed, aware, knowledgeable

(1) **privy** chamber, (2) **privy** to the details

The employees were **privy** to confidential information regarding the company's upcoming merger.

pristine

adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination

synonym : chaste, pure, immaculate

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

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

compress

v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

synonym: condense, constrict, squeeze

(1) **compress** the chest, (2) **compress** gas

She **compressed** the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

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.

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.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

indifference

n. a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

synonym: apathy, disinterest, unconcern

(1) **indifference** to pain, (2) general **indifference**

I tried to assume an air of **indifference**.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

matchmake

v. to arrange or facilitate a romantic relationship or marriage between two people; to act as a matchmaker

synonym: arrange marriages, pair up, introduce people

(1) **matchmake** a couple, (2) **matchmake** people based on their interests

She tried to **matchmake** her two friends on a blind date, but it was a disaster.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

shoal

n. a shallow area in a body of water, such as a river, lake, or sea, where the depth is significantly less than surrounding areas; a sandbar or underwater ridge that can be a hazard to navigation; a large group of fish or other aquatic animals swimming together

synonym : sandbank, sandbar, shallows

(1) **shoal** of fish, (2) reef **shoal**

The fisherman's boat narrowly avoided hitting a dangerous **shoal** in the shallow waters.

sardine

n. a small saltwater fish that is often canned and used for food; a crowded or tightly packed space or area

synonym : pilchard, anchovy, sprat

(1) a **sardine** fishery, (2) grilled **sardine**

I opened the can of **sardines**, and the oily smell filled the room.

westward

adj. directed or going towards the west; located in the west; moving or facing towards the west

synonym : western, westerly, westbound

(1) **westward** expansion, (2) **westward** migration

Lewis and Clark's **westward** journey was an important exploration of the newly acquired Louisiana Territory.

hoard

v. to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly;
(noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use

synonym : stockpile, accumulation, stash

(1) **hoard** my possessions, (2) plutonium **hoard**

They **hoarded** a common secret instead of sharing it.

agile

adj. able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

synonym : nimble, quick, flexible

(1) an **agile** mind, (2) **agile** in his movements

The **agile** development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.

dolphin

n. a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid

synonym : porpoise, cetacean, marine mammal

(1) **dolphin** show, (2) **dolphin-watching** tour

The large group of **dolphins** swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.

coexist

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

synonym : cohabit, accompany, synchronize

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

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

disperse

v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

synonym : dissipate, spread, scatter

(1) **disperse** false information, (2) **disperse** the protesters

Before authorities **dispersed** the protesters, they yelled slogans.

slap

v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

synonym : smack, hit, whack

(1) **slap** on the back, (2) **slap** a heavy fine

The politician tried to **slap** down the rumors about his personal life.

rowdy

n. a person who behaves in a loud, rough, or disorderly manner, causing a disturbance or annoyance to others

synonym : hooligan, troublemaker, ruffian

(1) **rowdy** behavior, (2) **rowdy** fans

The **rowdy** crowd at the concert caused a disturbance and had to be escorted out by security.

archipelago

n. a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region

synonym : group of islands, island chain

(1) tropical **archipelago**, (2) volcanic **archipelago**

The Philippines is an **archipelago** made up of over 7,000 islands.

stormy

adj. marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation

synonym : tempestuous, turbulent, choppy

(1) **stormy** relationship, (2) **stormy** weather

The city council meeting was **stormy**, as people argued about a controversial new policy.

monsoon

n. a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas

synonym : rainy season, deluge, downpour

(1) **monsoon** season, (2) **monsoon** current

The **monsoon** rains often bring relief to areas suffering from drought.

manta

n. a large, flat-bodied fish related to rays found in warm ocean waters around the world

synonym : stingray, devilfish, mobula

(1) **manta** conservation, (2) **manta** dive

The marine biologist observed a graceful **manta** ray gliding through the ocean.

speck

n. a very small spot, piece, or amount

synonym : blot, dot, mark

(1) a **speck** of dust, (2) **speck** of suspicion

The plane was just a **speck** in the sky.

atoll

n. a ring-shaped coral reef or a chain of coral islands and reefs surrounding a central lagoon, typically formed by the subsidence of a volcanic island over time, leaving

only the coral reefs visible above the water surface

synonym: coral reef, islet, cay

(1) coral **atoll**, (2) lagoon **atoll**

The tourists were excited to explore the remote **atoll**, which was uninhabited and untouched.

crustacean

n. a type of arthropod, such as a crab, lobster, or shrimp, that has a hard outer shell or exoskeleton

synonym: lobster, crab, shrimp

(1) **crustacean** dish, (2) **crustacean** shell

A lobster is a type of **crustacean** found in the ocean.

mainstay

n. a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else

synonym: support, anchor, foundation

(1) the **mainstay** of the community, (2) country's **mainstay**

The company's **mainstay** product was a household appliance that was popular with consumers.

plankton

n. tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed

(1) **plankton** blooms, (2) **plankton** community

Plankton is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.

somersault

n. a complete forward or backward roll of the body, typically performed by tucking in the head and reaching out with the hands and feet

synonym: flip, tumble, cartwheel

(1) **somersault** flip, (2) backward **somersault**

The gymnast performed a perfect **somersault** during her routine.

morsel

n. a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something

synonym: bit, bite, fragment

(1) mouth-watering **morsel**, (2) tiny **morsel**

I only had a small **morsel** of cake while trying to watch my weight.

gobble

v. to eat or swallow something hurriedly, noisily, and greedily; to make the sound of a male turkey

synonym: devour, gulp, swallow

(1) **gobble** down food, (2) **gobble** up the competition

I always **gobble** my breakfast quickly because I'm usually in a rush.

cyclone

n. a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs

synonym: tornado, twister, hurricane

(1) **cyclone** warning, (2) devastating **cyclone**

The **cyclone's** strong winds and rough seas severely impacted the fishing industry.

swirl

v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern

synonym: spin, whirl, turn

(1) **swirl** the wine, (2) **swirl** up dirt and dust

The chef expertly **swirled** the sauce onto the plate.

vortex

n. a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind

synonym: whirlpool, whirlwind, maelstrom

(1) **vortex** formation, (2) blow in a **vortex**

The **vortex** of the tornado was massive and destructive.

cavern

n. a large, natural underground space

synonym: grotto, cave, cavity

(1) a yawning **cavern**, (2) **cavern** tour

The explorer discovered a large **cavern** deep underground.

unforgettable

adj. impossible to forget

synonym: indelible, ineffable, memorable

(1) have an **unforgettable** night, (2) **unforgettable** moment
The dinner we had at the five-star restaurant was an **unforgettable** culinary experience.

ardent

adj. having or showing a strong enthusiasm or devotion; passionate

synonym: passionate, fervent, eager

(1) **ardent** supporter, (2) **ardent** love

His **ardent** desire to succeed motivated him to work harder.

poignant

adj. evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching

synonym: touching, moving, emotional

(1) **poignant** moment, (2) **poignant** memories

The movie's **poignant** ending left most of the audience in tears.

lagoon

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

synonym: pond, pool, bayou

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

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

hunch

v. to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof

synonym: crouch, guess, speculate

(1) **hunch** against the rain, (2) **hunch** up the shoulders

I **hunch** over my computer all day, and my back aches after a while.

outcrop

n. a visible, exposed rock formation at the surface of the ground

synonym: protrusion, exposure, formation

(1) an **outcrop** of a stratum, (2) **outcrop** belt
The **outcrop** of rock provided a scenic viewpoint for the hikers.

peninsula

n. a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
synonym: cape, foreland

(1) the tip of the **peninsula**, (2) the Arab **peninsula**
That **peninsula** was an essential base for the country's defense.

calve

v. (of glaciology) to break off or shed smaller masses of ice; (of animal breeding) to give birth to a calf
synonym: give birth, break off, splinter

(1) **calve** from the glacier, (2) **calve** early in the morning
As global temperatures rise, more icebergs **calve** off from the polar ice caps.

descendent

adj. going or coming down; derived from an ancestor
synonym: downward, descending, inherited

(1) **descendent** class, (2) **descendent** gene
He hid the fact that he was a legitimate **descendent** of that family.

nudge

v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

synonym: bump, elbow, (noun) prod

(1) **nudge** price levels up, (2) give a person a **nudge**
The teacher **nudged** the student to get his attention and asked him a question.

youngster

n. a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development
synonym: child, youth, adolescent

(1) **youngster** education, (2) teenage **youngster**

The little **youngster** couldn't wait to open their birthday presents.

comeback

n. a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult

synonym: return, resurgence, revival

(1) political **comeback**, (2) career **comeback**

The musician made an impressive **comeback** with their latest album.

overfishing

n. the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem

synonym: overharvesting, over-exploitation, depletion

(1) **overfishing** crisis, (2) **overfishing** ban

The ocean's ecosystem is being threatened by **overfishing**, causing many species to become endangered.

proclaim

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

synonym: announce, declare, trumpet

(1) **proclaim** victory, (2) **proclaim** law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

miraculous

adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

synonym: amazing, astonishing, awesome

(1) a **miraculous** encounter, (2) go through a **miraculous** change

He made a **miraculous** recovery.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from

setbacks.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym: despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

optimist

n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

synonym: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright side.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a sp__k of dust | <i>n.</i> a very small spot, piece, or amount |
| 2. ro__y fans | <i>n.</i> a person who behaves in a loud, rough, or disorderly manner, causing a disturbance or annoyance to others |
| 3. volcanic arc_____go | <i>n.</i> a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region |
| 4. a ri___e of laughter | <i>n.</i> a small wave on the surface of a liquid, typically caused by an object falling into it or a slight wind |
| 5. an ag__e mind | <i>adj.</i> able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled |
| 6. we_____rd migration | <i>adj.</i> directed or going towards the west; located in the west; moving or facing towards the west |
| 7. sexual pr_____ors | <i>n.</i> an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others |
| 8. st___y weather | <i>adj.</i> marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation |
| 9. pl_____on community | <i>n.</i> tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed |
| 10. teenage yo_____er | <i>n.</i> a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development |

ANSWERS: 1. speck, 2. rowdy, 3. archipelago, 4. ripple, 5. agile, 6. westward, 7. predator, 8. stormy, 9. plankton, 10. youngster

11. a fu____s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
12. hu____ck mountain *n.* a large whale that has a hump on its back and long flippers, found in both the northern and southern hemispheres
13. di____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
14. mo____n season *n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas
15. go____e up the competition *v.* to eat or swallow something hurriedly, noisily, and greedily; to make the sound of a male turkey
16. ar____t love *adj.* having or showing a strong enthusiasm or devotion; passionate
17. ro__y behavior *n.* a person who behaves in a loud, rough, or disorderly manner, causing a disturbance or annoyance to others
18. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
19. reef sh__l *n.* a shallow area in a body of water, such as a river, lake, or sea, where the depth is significantly less than surrounding areas; a sandbar or underwater ridge that can be a hazard to navigation; a large group of fish or other aquatic animals swimming together
20. blow in a vo____x *n.* a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind

ANSWERS: 11. furious, 12. humpback, 13. disturb, 14. monsoon, 15. gobble, 16. ardent, 17. rowdy, 18. opportune, 19. shoal, 20. vortex

21. en____t coral reef *v.* to cover or coat something with a crust (= hard outer layer), often as a result of an accumulation of materials over time
22. ma_____ke a couple *v.* to arrange or facilitate a romantic relationship or marriage between two people; to act as a matchmaker
23. give a person a nu__e *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
24. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
25. career co_____ck *n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
26. sw__l up dirt and dust *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
27. ma_____ke people based on their interests *v.* to arrange or facilitate a romantic relationship or marriage between two people; to act as a matchmaker
28. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 21. encrust, 22. matchmake, 23. nudge, 24. rev, 25. comeback, 26. swirl, 27. matchmake, 28. rev

29. co____t with nature *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
30. la___n island *n.* a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean
31. ca__e from the glacier *v.* (of glaciology) to break off or shed smaller masses of ice; (of animal breeding) to give birth to a calf
32. tropical arc_____go *n.* a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region
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34. di____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
35. unf_____ble moment *adj.* impossible to forget
36. hu__h against the rain *v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
37. s__p a heavy fine *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 29. coexist, 30. lagoon, 31. calve, 32. archipelago, 33. lagoon, 34. disturb, 35. unforgettable, 36. hunch, 37. slap

38. ho__d my possessions *v.* to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use
39. ho____ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
40. op____st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
41. ca____n salute *n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
42. di____se the protesters *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
43. des____nt class *adj.* going or coming down; derived from an ancestor
44. fi__y evidence *adj.* suspicious or untrustworthy; having the qualities or taste of fish
45. grilled sa____e *n.* a small saltwater fish that is often canned and used for food; a crowded or tightly packed space or area
46. ca____n tour *n.* a large, natural underground space
47. co____ss the chest *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
48. hear customer's voices fi____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
49. nu__e price levels up *v.* to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior

ANSWERS: 38. hoard, 39. hopeless, 40. optimist, 41. cannon, 42. disperse, 43. descendent, 44. fishy, 45. sardine, 46. cavern, 47. compress, 48. firsthand, 49. nudge

50. sp__k of suspicion *n.* a very small spot, piece, or amount
51. country's ma____ay *n.* a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else
52. ind_____nce to pain *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
53. pr_____im law *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
54. cru_____an dish *n.* a type of arthropod, such as a crab, lobster, or shrimp, that has a hard outer shell or exoskeleton
55. do_____n show *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
56. maintain the pr_____ne condition *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
57. di_____se false information *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
58. yo_____er education *n.* a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development
59. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
60. ar___t supporter *adj.* having or showing a strong enthusiasm or devotion; passionate
61. cy_____e warning *n.* a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs

ANSWERS: 50. speck, 51. mainstay, 52. indifference, 53. proclaim, 54. crustacean, 55. dolphin, 56. pristine, 57. disperse, 58. youngster, 59. resilient, 60. ardent, 61. cyclone

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64. pr_____ne beach *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
65. som_____lt flip *n.* a complete forward or backward roll of the body, typically performed by tucking in the head and reaching out with the hands and feet
66. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
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80. mouth-watering mo___l *n.* a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something
81. st___y relationship *adj.* marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation

ANSWERS: 72. manta, 73. shoal, 74. poignant, 75. outcrop, 76. coexist, 77. humpback, 78. descendent, 79. unforgettable, 80. morsel, 81. stormy

82. general ind_____nce *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
83. a yawning ca___n *n.* a large, natural underground space
84. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
85. co_____ss gas *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
86. ove_____ng crisis *n.* the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem
87. backward som_____lt *n.* a complete forward or backward roll of the body, typically performed by tucking in the head and reaching out with the hands and feet
88. ma__a conservation *n.* a large, flat-bodied fish related to rays found in warm ocean waters around the world
89. pr__y chamber *adj.* sharing in knowledge or information that is known by only a select few; having knowledge of something secret or confidential; participating or involved in something, often in a private or hidden way
90. 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
91. ca__e early in the morning *v.* (of glaciology) to break off or shed smaller masses of ice; (of animal breeding) to give birth to a calf

ANSWERS: 82. indifference, 83. cavern, 84. firsthand, 85. compress, 86. overfishing, 87. somersault, 88. manta, 89. privy, 90. ripple, 91. calve

92. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
93. ove_____ng ban *n.* the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem
94. go___e down food *v.* to eat or swallow something hurriedly, noisily, and greedily; to make the sound of a male turkey
95. s__p on the back *v.* to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
96. an ou_____p of a stratum *n.* a visible, exposed rock formation at the surface of the ground
97. un_____r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
98. mo_____n current *n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas
99. devastating cy_____e *n.* a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs
100. rai_____st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

ANSWERS: 92. opportune, 93. overfishing, 94. gobble, 95. slap, 96. outcrop, 97. uncover, 98. monsoon, 99. cyclone, 100. rainforest

101. fi__y smell *adj.* suspicious or untrustworthy; having the qualities or taste of fish
102. fu____s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
103. tiny mo___l *n.* a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something
104. excessive op____st *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
105. plutonium ho__d *v.* to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use
106. ca___n ball *n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
107. the ma____ay of the community *n.* a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else
108. political co____ck *n.* a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
109. we____rd expansion *adj.* directed or going towards the west; located in the west; moving or facing towards the west
110. pr__y to the details *adj.* sharing in knowledge or information that is known by only a select few; having knowledge of something secret or confidential; participating or involved in something, often in a private or hidden way

ANSWERS: 101. fishy, 102. furious, 103. morsel, 104. optimist, 105. hoard, 106. cannon, 107. mainstay, 108. comeback, 109. westward, 110. privy

111. hu__h up the shoulders *v.* to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
112. do_____n-watching tour *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
113. the tip of the pe_____la *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
114. pl_____on blooms *n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
115. tropical rai_____st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
116. a sa_____e fishery *n.* a small saltwater fish that is often canned and used for food; a crowded or tightly packed space or area
117. vo___x formation *n.* a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind
118. da___y necklace *adj.* delicately small and charming
119. ag___e in his movements *adj.* able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
120. sw___l the wine *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern

ANSWERS: 111. hunch, 112. dolphin, 113. peninsula, 114. plankton, 115. rainforest, 116. sardine, 117. vortex, 118. dainty, 119. agile, 120. swirl

121. go through a mir_____us change *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
122. a da___y dish *adj.* delicately small and charming
123. the Arab pe_____la *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
124. po_____nt moment *adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching
125. cru_____an shell *n.* a type of arthropod, such as a crab, lobster, or shrimp, that has a hard outer shell or exoskeleton
126. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

ANSWERS: 121. miraculous, 122. dainty, 123. peninsula, 124. poignant, 125. crustacean, 126. resilient

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ rains often bring relief to areas suffering from drought.
 - n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas

2. The little _____ couldn't wait to open their birthday presents.
 - n.* a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development

3. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.
 - v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

4. The company's _____ product was a household appliance that was popular with consumers.
 - n.* a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else

5. I opened the can of _____ and the oily smell filled the room.
 - n.* a small saltwater fish that is often canned and used for food; a crowded or tightly packed space or area

6. The different species can _____ in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.
 - v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place

7. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud _____.
 - n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 1. monsoon, 2. youngster, 3. uncovered, 4. mainstay, 5. sardines, 6. coexist, 7. rev

8. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.
adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
9. The mangroves around the _____ provide a habitat for a unique ecosystem
n. a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean
10. The coach was _____ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.
adj. extremely angry; full of rage
11. The plane was just a _____ in the sky.
n. a very small spot, piece, or amount
12. The marine biologist observed a graceful _____ ray gliding through the ocean.
n. a large, flat-bodied fish related to rays found in warm ocean waters around the world
13. 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
14. The _____ whale is known for its distinctive songs that can travel great distances.
n. a large whale that has a hump on its back and long flippers, found in both the northern and southern hemispheres
15. The city council meeting was _____ as people argued about a controversial new policy.
adj. marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation

ANSWERS: 8. firsthand, 9. lagoon, 10. furious, 11. speck, 12. manta, 13. ripple, 14. humpback, 15. stormy,

16. I only had a small _____ of cake while trying to watch my weight.
n. a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something
17. His _____ desire to succeed motivated him to work harder.
adj. having or showing a strong enthusiasm or devotion; passionate
18. The movie's _____ ending left most of the audience in tears.
adj. evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching
19. I tried to assume an air of _____.
n. a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
20. The heavy _____ fired a loud shot that echoed across the battlefield.
n. a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
21. The employees were _____ to confidential information regarding the company's upcoming merger.
adj. sharing in knowledge or information that is known by only a select few; having knowledge of something secret or confidential; participating or involved in something, often in a private or hidden way
22. The dinner we had at the five-star restaurant was an _____ culinary experience.
adj. impossible to forget
23. The chef expertly _____ the sauce onto the plate.
v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern

ANSWERS: 16. morsel, 17. ardent, 18. poignant, 19. indifference, 20. cannon, 21. privy, 22. unforgettable, 23. swirled

24. As global temperatures rise, more icebergs _____ off from the polar ice caps.
v. (of glaciology) to break off or shed smaller masses of ice; (of animal breeding) to give birth to a calf
25. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
26. A lobster is a type of _____ found in the ocean.
n. a type of arthropod, such as a crab, lobster, or shrimp, that has a hard outer shell or exoskeleton
27. After months of job searching, he felt _____ and unsure of his future.
adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
28. The politician's explanation for his sudden wealth seemed _____ to the reporters.
adj. suspicious or untrustworthy; having the qualities or taste of fish
29. I _____ over my computer all day, and my back aches after a while.
v. to lean forward or arch one's back in a way that suggests a feeling of suspicion or uncertainty; to have a feeling or presentiment that something is true or likely to happen, without evidence or explicit proof
30. He made a _____ recovery.
adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
31. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

ANSWERS: 24. calve, 25. resilient, 26. crustacean, 27. hopeless, 28. fishy, 29. hunch, 30. miraculous, 31. predator's

32. The _____ crowd at the concert caused a disturbance and had to be escorted out by security.
- n.* a person who behaves in a loud, rough, or disorderly manner, causing a disturbance or annoyance to others
33. He hid the fact that he was a legitimate _____ of that family.
- adj.* going or coming down; derived from an ancestor
34. She is a confident _____ who always looks on the bright side.
- n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
35. 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
36. The leader _____ a state of emergency in the country.
- v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
37. The _____ of rock provided a scenic viewpoint for the hikers.
- n.* a visible, exposed rock formation at the surface of the ground
38. It is terrific to camp in _____ nature.
- adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
39. _____ is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.
- n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed

ANSWERS: 32. rowdy, 33. descendent, 34. optimist, 35. rainforest, 36. proclaimed, 37. outcrop, 38. pristine, 39. Plankton

40. I always _____ my breakfast quickly because I'm usually in a rush.
- v. to eat or swallow something hurriedly, noisily, and greedily; to make the sound of a male turkey
41. The _____ strong winds and rough seas severely impacted the fishing industry.
- n. a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs
42. She tried to _____ her two friends on a blind date, but it was a disaster.
- v. to arrange or facilitate a romantic relationship or marriage between two people; to act as a matchmaker
43. The tourists were excited to explore the remote _____ which was uninhabited and untouched.
- n. a ring-shaped coral reef or a chain of coral islands and reefs surrounding a central lagoon, typically formed by the subsidence of a volcanic island over time, leaving only the coral reefs visible above the water surface
44. The politician tried to _____ down the rumors about his personal life.
- v. to strike something or someone with an open palm or flat object, producing a sharp sound or sensation; to place something firmly, suddenly, or unexpectedly
45. They _____ a common secret instead of sharing it.
- v. to collect money, valuables, etc., for future use secretly; (noun) a secret store or collection of money, valuables, etc., for future use
46. She _____ the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.
- v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

ANSWERS: 40. gobble, 41. cyclone's, 42. matchmake, 43. atoll, 44. slap, 45. hoarded, 46. compressed

47. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

48. The ocean's ecosystem is being threatened by _____ causing many species to become endangered.

n. the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem

49. The explorer discovered a large _____ deep underground.

n. a large, natural underground space

50. The fisherman's boat narrowly avoided hitting a dangerous _____ in the shallow waters.

n. a shallow area in a body of water, such as a river, lake, or sea, where the depth is significantly less than surrounding areas; a sandbar or underwater ridge that can be a hazard to navigation; a large group of fish or other aquatic animals swimming together

51. The large group of _____ swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.

n. a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid

52. The Philippines is an _____ made up of over 7,000 islands.

n. a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region

53. The gymnast performed a perfect _____ during her routine.

n. a complete forward or backward roll of the body, typically performed by tucking in the head and reaching out with the hands and feet

ANSWERS: 47. opportune, 48. overfishing, 49. cavern, 50. shoal, 51. dolphins, 52. archipelago, 53. somersault

54. The teacher _____ the student to get his attention and asked him a question.
- v. to push someone or something gently, especially with your elbow, to attract the person's attention; (noun) a small push or prod to encourage a desired action or behavior
55. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.
- v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
56. That _____ was an essential base for the country's defense.
- n. a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
57. The _____ of the tornado was massive and destructive.
- n. a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind
58. The musician made an impressive _____ with their latest album.
- n. a return to popularity, success, or performance after a decline or period of inactivity; a quick, witty response to a criticism or insult
59. The jeweler _____ the crown with a variety of precious stones.
- v. to cover or coat something with a crust (= hard outer layer), often as a result of an accumulation of materials over time
60. A dining table covered with a _____ breakfast.
- adj. delicately small and charming
61. Before authorities _____ the protesters, they yelled slogans.
- v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

ANSWERS: 54. nudged, 55. disturb, 56. peninsula, 57. vortex, 58. comeback, 59. encrusted, 60. dainty, 61. dispersed

62. The _____ development process allowed the team to make changes quickly.
adj. able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
63. Lewis and Clark's _____ journey was an important exploration of the newly acquired Louisiana Territory.
adj. directed or going towards the west; located in the west; moving or facing towards the west

ANSWERS: 62. agile, 63. westward