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Session 1: Word List

alien

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

synonym: foreigner, unfamiliar, unknown

(1) **alien** fungi, (2) resident **aliens**

Alien species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

fantasy

n. a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

synonym: fiction, illusion, fabrication

(1) **fantasy** novel, (2) confuse **fantasy** with reality

Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a **fantasy**.

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.

shark

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

is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest

synonym: swindler, con artist, crook

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

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

chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

synonym: series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

grace

n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

synonym: charm, poise, elegance

(1) say a **grace**, (2) end of the **grace** period

The old oak tree stood with **grace** and majesty in the park's center.

reef

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

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

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

marine

adj. relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there

synonym: sea-dwelling, maritime, aquatic

(1) **marine** insurance, (2) variety of **marine** life

Seals and whales are **marine** animals beloved by the people.

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.

photograph

n. a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym : photo, picture, snapshot

(1) **photograph** album, (2) **photograph** memories

I found an old **photograph** of my grandparents from their wedding day.

magical

adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers

synonym : enchanting, occult, supernatural

(1) **magical** place, (2) **magical** powers

When I was a child, my mother often cast **magical** spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.

underwater

adv. below or under the surface of the water

synonym : submerged, undersea, submarine

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

He is good at swimming **underwater**.

vivid

adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

synonym : intense, powerful, dazzling

(1) **vivid** colors, (2) still **vivid** in my memory

She made a **vivid** impression.

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.

fin

n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance

synonym : flipper, appendage, stabilizer

(1) back **fin**, (2) a **fin** of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

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.

shallow

adj. not having much distance from the top to the bottom

synonym : superficial, external, surface

(1) **shallow** people, (2) **shallow** water

Shallow brooks are noisier than deep rivers.

grab

v. to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

synonym : clutch, snatch, grasp

(1) **grab** an audience, (2) **grab** an opportunity

Shall we **grab** a bite to eat?

instantly

adv. immediately

synonym : immediately, right away, directly

(1) **instantly** cope with, (2) be killed **instantly**

I remembered that person **instantly** and never forgot.

surround

v. to be all around something or somebody

synonym : encircle, encompass, envelop

(1) **surround** a town, (2) a stone wall **surrounds** the palace

On three sides, mountains **surround** the settlement.

rainbow

n. an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain

synonym : spectrum, iridescence, prism

(1) marine **rainbow**, (2) **rainbow** after a storm

She was mesmerized by the **rainbow's** colors.

conservation

n. the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity

synonym : preservation, protection, saving

(1) soil **conservation**, (2) the **conservation** law of physics

The forest was recently designated a **conservation** area.

planet

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

synonym : earth, world, globe

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

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

privilege

n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

synonym : benefit, authorization, advantage

(1) a breach of **privilege**, (2) **privilege** of membership

In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the **privilege** of royalty and nobility.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

(1) **incredible** amount, (2) at **incredible** speed

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

geography

n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
synonym: landscape, terrain, topography

(1) **geography** class, (2) economic **geography**

She did well on her **geography** exam.

foundation

n. the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

synonym: base, support, groundwork

(1) **foundation** course, (2) weak **foundation**

The **foundation** of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.

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.

palm

n. the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family *Palmae* having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves

synonym: hand, fist

(1) the **palm** side of the forearm, (2) coconut **palm** trees

This high-performance camera is compact enough to fit in the **palm** of your hand.

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.

breath

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

synonym : air, puff, whiff

(1) hold your **breath**, (2) **breath** of wind

He bated his **breath** when talking about this affair.

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.

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**.

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.

ritual

n. any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

synonym: tradition, ceremony, routine

(1) a **ritual** dance, (2) morning **ritual**

The woman of the house does the holy **ritual** of lighting two candles.

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.

threaten

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

synonym: endanger, terrorize, intimidate

(1) **threaten** a healthy relationship, (2) **threaten** national security

Various artificially induced causes are **threatening** our ecosystem.

maintain

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

synonym: preserve, uphold, sustain

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

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

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.

wit

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

synonym: humor, comedy, funniness

(1) the **wit** of man, (2) full of **wit**

He has the **wit** to keep talking about this topic.

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**.

shock

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

synonym: amazement, surprise, stunner

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

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

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.

merit

n. the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward

synonym: worth, excellence, quality

(1) **merit-based**, (2) the order of **merit**

She was promoted based on her **merits** as a hardworking and dedicated employee.

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**.

ecosystem

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

(1) marine **ecosystem**, (2) change the **ecosystem**

Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the **ecosystem**.

beneath

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

synonym : down, under, low

(1) the ground **beneath** my feet, (2) **beneath** contempt

A great stretch of the lake lay **beneath** them.

champion

n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

synonym : victor, winner, fighter

(1) a **champion** of peace, (2) the grand **champion**

The **champion** bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

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.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym : discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

incredibly

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

synonym: enormously, exceptionally, extraordinarily

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

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

enormous

adj. extremely large or great

synonym: huge, giant, gigantic

(1) **enormous** amount, (2) **enormous** potential

Shakespeare's output of poetry was **enormous**.

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.

mass

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

synonym : abundance, crowd, mob

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

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

migration

n. the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change

synonym : exodus

(1) the **migration** of birds, (2) overseas **migration**

There was a **migration** of impoverished farmers into the towns.

pursue

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

synonym : seek, hunt, chase

(1) **pursue** a goal, (2) **pursue** freedoms

She intends to **pursue** a political career.

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.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

separate

v. to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different

synonym : disunite, isolate, ramify

(1) **separate** video into chapter, (2) **separate** cream from milk

We need to **separate** the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.

bait

n. a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way

synonym : lure, enticement, temptation

(1) **bait** and switch, (2) fishing **bait**

The **bait** brought the fish into the trap.

trap

n. a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping

synonym : catch, snare, pinfall

(1) set a **trap**, (2) **trap** an animal

The enemy fell right into the **trap**.

upward

adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher

place

synonym : skyward, uphill

(1) look **upward**, (2) demonstrate an **upward** trend
The company adjusted the revenue **upward**.

din

n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

synonym : noise, racket, clamor

(1) **din** of traffic, (2) mighty **din**

The **din** of the city was overwhelming.

pulse

n. the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves

synonym : beat, vibration, throb

(1) a weak **pulse**, (2) **pulse** waves

The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your **pulse**.

feast

n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion

synonym : banquet, celebration, dinner

(1) a **feast** for the eyes, (2) a nightly **feast**

The royal **feast** celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.

mortal

adj. subject to death; unrelenting and deadly

synonym : deathly, perishable, non-eternal

(1) a **mortal** combat, (2) this **mortal** life

All humans are **mortal** and will eventually die.

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.

dough

n. a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta

synonym: flour, mix

(1) work **dough**, (2) **dough** for pastry

She mixed flour, yeast, sugar, and water to make **dough** for the bread.

spicy

adj. having a strong, pungent flavor or aroma, typically as a result of containing spices; exciting or thrilling

synonym: hot, fiery, piquant

(1) **spicy** appetizer, (2) **spicy** story

She added **spicy** peppers to the dish.

prey

n. the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating

synonym: target, quarry, chase

(1) **prey** of beast, (2) become **prey** to terrorists

The majority of snakes swallow their **prey** whole.

bump

v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

synonym: collide, hit, jolt

(1) **bump** against a wall, (2) **bump** up prices

She accidentally **bumped** into him in the crowded room.

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.

banquet

n. a lavish meal or feast, often for a large group of people, and often accompanied by entertainment and celebration

synonym: feast, meal, dinner

(1) **banquet** hall, (2) host a **banquet**

We had a delicious **banquet** at the hotel for our anniversary dinner.

shore

n. the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid

synonym: coast, seaside, beach

(1) a sandy **shore**, (2) **shore** up demand

The waves are beating against the **shore**.

vastness

n. the extent or size of something, often describing an ample space or area; the quality of being immense or immense in scale

synonym: immensity, enormity, vastitude

(1) limitless **vastness**, (2) scenic **vastness**

The **vastness** of the ocean was awe-inspiring and humbling.

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.

ray

n. a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy

synonym: beam, light, glimmer

(1) opaque to X- **rays**, (2) effect of cosmic **rays**

Gamma **rays** penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.

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.

pupil

n. the black circular opening in the center of the iris of the eye, through which light enters the eye; a student in school or university

synonym: iris, eye aperture, student

(1) **pupil** constriction, (2) attentive **pupil**

The **pupil** of your eye dilates in response to different light levels.

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.

diet

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

synonym: food, dietary

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

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

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.

concentration

n. the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.

synonym: attention, engagement, assiduity

(1) **concentration** of armaments, (2) his research area of **concentration**

This exam requires excellent **concentration** to pass.

patch

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

synonym: mend, repair, fix

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

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

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.

backward

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

synonym: back, rearward, in reverse

(1) walk **backward**, (2) **backward** angle

She falls over **backward** when she sees her mother-in-law.

puppy

n. a young dog, usually less than a year old

synonym: dog, young dog, pup

(1) **puppy** in a pet shop, (2) nurse a **puppy**

She adopted a small brown **puppy** from the shelter.

chase

v. to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

synonym : pursue, hunt, track

(1) **chase** a dream, (2) wild goose **chase**

The police officer **chased** the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

density

n. the quality of compactness of a substance

synonym : tightness, viscosity

(1) population **density**, (2) higher pixel **density**

Do you know the **density** of the population in Hong Kong?

tasty

adj. having a strong and pleasant flavor when it is eaten

synonym : flavorful, delectable, delicious

(1) **tasty** treats, (2) prepare **tasty** food

This meal wasn't as **tasty** as we had imagined.

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.

peak

n. the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

synonym : summit, vertex, apex

(1) at **peak** hour, (2) the **peak** current in the circuit

This measurement aims to reduce traffic at **peak** periods.

bay

n. a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building

synonym : inlet, cove, gulf

(1) **bay** area, (2) the mouth of a **bay**

She walked along the **bay** and collected shells.

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.

tight

adj. fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

synonym : closed, secured, cramped

(1) a **tight** game, (2) student on a **tight** budget

The national election was held amid **tight** security.

column

n. one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

synonym : line, pillar, cue

(1) the spinal **column**, (2) a **column** of water

The newspaper devoted several **columns** to the affair.

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.

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.

eventually

adv. finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

synonym : finally, someday, ultimately

(1) **eventually** become obsolete, (2) **eventually** succeed

The corporation **eventually** dominated the entire tobacco business.

fishery

n. an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish

synonym : fishing, piscary, angling

(1) **fishery** management, (2) commercial **fishery**

The majority of the people on the island are **fishery** folk.

tradition

n. a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym : custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition**

It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

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.

economy

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

synonym : finance, trade, business

(1) **economy** of scale, (2) **economy** class

The **economy** of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

excess

n. an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable

synonym : exuberance, glut, surplus

(1) lose **excess** weight, (2) an **excess** of exports

The road of **excess** leads to the palace of wisdom.

blank

adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

synonym : empty, void, barren

(1) **blank** expression, (2) **blank** paper

The computer screen displayed nothing but a **blank** white screen

dragon

n. a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous

synonym : wyvern, serpent, drake

(1) **dragon** fruit, (2) **dragon** wing

In Chinese mythology, **dragons** are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.

lane

n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

synonym : roadway, street, artery

(1) **lane** change, (2) first **lane**

We walked along a muddy **lane** to reach the farm.

fleet

n. a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast

synonym : armada, flotilla, (adjective) speedy

(1) **fleet** of foot, (2) a **fleet** horse

We destroyed a **fleet** of 70 enemy ships.

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.

barrier

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

synonym : border, barricade, fence

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

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

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

nursery

n. a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes

synonym : playroom, greenhouse, conservatory

(1) day **nursery**, (2) **nursery** school

I work at the breeding **nursery**, where we grow and sell a variety of plants.

shyness

n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

synonym : bashfulness, timidity, modesty

(1) lose some of my **shyness**, (2) **shyness** barrier

He finally overcame his **shyness**.

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.

bold

adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

synonym : brave, courageous, fearless

(1) a **bold** design, (2) big, **bold** piano sounds

The effort to alleviate climate change needs **bold** action.

abundant

adj. present in great quantity

synonym : ample, plentiful, generative

(1) live an **abundant** life, (2) an **abundant** supply of water

The country has **abundant** oil and natural gas resources.

encounter

v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

synonym : meet, run into, come across

(1) **encounter** a crisis, (2) **encounter** a storm

I'm prepared to **encounter** challenges throughout this adventure.

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.

assignment

n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies

synonym : task, duty, designation

(1) finish the **assignment**, (2) **assignment** of interest

My **assignment** was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.

halfway

adj. in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points

synonym : middle, median, center

(1) **halfway** through my journey, (2) **halfway** decent job

The famous restaurant stands **halfway** up the hill.

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.

pacific

adj. peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone;
(noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

synonym : calm, peaceful, tranquil

(1) **pacific-natured** disposition, (2) the **Pacific** Ocean
They adopted a **pacific** approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

critic

n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.

synonym : pundit, analyst, attacker

(1) art **critic**, (2) severe **critic**

Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their **critics**.

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.

wholesale

n. the sale of goods in large quantities, typically for resale by retailers; of or relating to goods or services that are sold in large quantities, typically for resale by retailers or other intermediaries

synonym : bulk, quantity, mass

(1) **wholesale** business, (2) **wholesale** dealer in fish
Our company specializes in the **wholesale** of office supplies.

slaughter

n. the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals

synonym: thrashing, massacre, carnage

(1) **slaughter** of animals, (2) senseless **slaughter**

The **slaughter** of endangered animals must be stopped.

survivor

n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

synonym: subsister

(1) ovarian cancer **survivor**, (2) a single **survivor**

The shipwreck **survivor** was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.

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.

interact

v. to communicate or react with somebody

synonym: cooperate, combine, collaborate

(1) **interact** directly with customers, (2) **interact** with one another

He should **interact** more with his colleagues.

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.

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.

collapse

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

synonym: tumble, spill, bankruptcy

(1) the stock market **collapsed**, (2) ready to **collapse**

The roof finally **collapsed** after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

convinced

adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion

synonym : confident, positive, indoctrinated

(1) **convinced** of the idea, (2) **convinced** criminal
The public is **convinced** that the prime minister has committed fraud.

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.

reserve

v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance

synonym : keep, hold, preserve

(1) **reserve** the right, (2) **reserve** a concert ticket

You can easily **reserve** seats over the telephone.

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.

recover

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

synonym : come back, convalesce, heal

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

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

dense

adj. containing a large number of people or something with little space between them

synonym : heavy, thick, idiotic

(1) nutrient- **dense** foods, (2) **dense** forests

The entire mountain is covered in **dense** rainforest.

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.

showcase

n. a display or exhibition of something, typically as a way of promoting it

synonym: exhibit, display, presentation

(1) museum **showcase**, (2) **showcase** of innovation

The museum's new exhibition is a **showcase** of contemporary art.

thrive

v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress

synonym: bloom, flourish, prosper

(1) **thrive** in a society, (2) **thrive** on pressure

Without investment, a business cannot **thrive**.

survive

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

synonym: endure, persist, stay

(1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash

These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

profession

n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training

synonym: occupation, vocation, trade

(1) **profession** choice, (2) healthcare **profession**

Being a doctor is considered a highly respected **profession**.

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.

assume

v. to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance

synonym: guess, presume, suppose

(1) **assume** a lousy attitude to his boss, (2) **assume** an important role

The following example **assumes** that the capacity of each battery is the same.

Session 2: Spelling

1. cru_____an shell
n. a type of arthropod, such as a crab, lobster, or shrimp, that has a hard outer shell or exoskeleton
2. en_____er a crisis
v. to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
3. b_y area
n. a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
4. ma_____l powers
adj. produced by or containing supernatural powers
5. country's ma_____ay
n. a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else
6. a fl__t horse
n. a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast
7. day nu_____y
n. a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes
8. marine ec_____em
n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
9. ovarian cancer su_____or
n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

ANSWERS: 1. crustacean, 2. encounter, 3. bay, 4. magical, 5. mainstay, 6. fleet, 7. nursery, 8. ecosystem, 9. survivor

10. healthcare pro_____on *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
11. ou_____p belt *n.* a visible, exposed rock formation at the surface of the ground
12. ind_____nce to pain *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
13. as___e a lousy attitude to his boss *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
14. 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
15. the Pa_____c Ocean *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
16. hold my breath und_____er *adv.* below or under the surface of the water
17. eve_____ly succeed *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
18. inc_____ly cheerful character *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
19. ha_____y decent job *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
20. coconut p__m trees *n.* the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves

ANSWERS: 10. profession, 11. outcrop, 12. indifference, 13. assume, 14. ripple, 15. pacific, 16. underwater, 17. eventually, 18. incredibly, 19. halfway, 20. palm

21. fou_____on course *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes
22. mo_____n current *n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas
23. do__h for pastry *n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta
24. se_____te video into chapter *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
25. ready to co_____se *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
26. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
27. na_____n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
28. lose ex___s weight *n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
29. fi_____y management *n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
30. 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: 21. foundation, 22. monsoon, 23. dough, 24. separate, 25. collapse, 26. chain, 27. nation, 28. excess, 29. fishery, 30. slap

31. th____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
32. co____t with nature *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
33. bl__k expression *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
34. set a t__p *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
35. wh_____le business *n.* the sale of goods in large quantities, typically for resale by retailers; of or relating to goods or services that are sold in large quantities, typically for resale by retailers or other intermediaries
36. the mouth of a b_y *n.* a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
37. an ag__e mind *adj.* able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
38. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
39. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
40. higher pixel de_____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance

ANSWERS: 31. threaten, 32. coexist, 33. blank, 34. trap, 35. wholesale, 36. bay, 37. agile, 38. firsthand, 39. hunt, 40. density

41. sl_____er of animals *n.* the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals
42. still vi__d in my memory *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
43. 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
44. get inc_____ly insecure *adv.* in a way that is very difficult to believe; exceedingly or extremely
45. re_____e the right *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
46. re_____e a concert ticket *v.* to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
47. this mo___l life *adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
48. 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
49. vi__d colors *adj.* producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind
50. 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

ANSWERS: 41. slaughter, 42. vivid, 43. dolphin, 44. incredibly, 45. reserve, 46. reserve, 47. mortal, 48. whale, 49. vivid, 50. nudge

51. say a gr__e *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
52. a weak pu__e *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
53. artificial cr____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
54. b__p against a wall *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
55. a mo___l combat *adj.* subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
56. lo___e a tumor *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
57. sw__l the wine *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
58. pu___e a goal *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
59. wh_____le dealer in fish *n.* the sale of goods in large quantities, typically for resale by retailers; of or relating to goods or services that are sold in large quantities, typically for resale by retailers or other intermediaries

ANSWERS: 51. grace, 52. pulse, 53. creature, 54. bump, 55. mortal, 56. locate, 57. swirl, 58. pursue, 59. wholesale

60. a co___n of water *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
61. 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
62. work do__h *n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta
63. unf_____ble moment *adj.* impossible to forget
64. 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
65. sh_____s barrier *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
66. inc_____le amount *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
67. an ab_____nt supply of water *adj.* present in great quantity
68. des_____nt gene *adj.* going or coming down; derived from an ancestor
69. in_____ly cope with *adv.* immediately
70. a breach of pr_____ge *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society

ANSWERS: 60. column, 61. hoard, 62. dough, 63. unforgettable, 64. dolphin, 65. shyness, 66. incredible, 67. abundant, 68. descendent, 69. instantly, 70. privilege

71. al__n fungi *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
72. pl_____on blooms *n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
73. sp__k of suspicion *n.* a very small spot, piece, or amount
74. 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
75. ma__a dive *n.* a large, flat-bodied fish related to rays found in warm ocean waters around the world
76. hold your br___h *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
77. 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
78. de__e forests *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
79. first l__e *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver

ANSWERS: 71. alien, 72. plankton, 73. speck, 74. hoard, 75. manta, 76. breath, 77. hunch, 78. dense, 79. lane

80. pu___e freedoms *v.* to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them
81. re____r a loss *v.* to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
82. rai_____st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
83. tropical rai_____st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
84. sh_____se of innovation *n.* a display or exhibition of something, typically as a way of promoting it
85. in_____ct with one another *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
86. ra_____w after a storm *n.* an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain
87. end of the gr__e period *n.* a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal
88. prepare ta__y food *adj.* having a strong and pleasant flavor when it is eaten
89. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
90. co_____ss the chest *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

ANSWERS: 80. pursue, 81. recover, 82. rainforest, 83. rainforest, 84. showcase, 85. interact, 86. rainbow, 87. grace, 88. tasty, 89. incredible, 90. compress

91. co_____ed of the idea *adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
92. pa_____c-natured disposition *adj.* peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions
93. a sp__k of dust *n.* a very small spot, piece, or amount
94. en_____us potential *adj.* extremely large or great
95. opaque to X-r_ys *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy
96. g__b an opportunity *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
97. resident al__ns *n.* a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere
98. ha_____y through my journey *adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points
99. ta__y treats *adj.* having a strong and pleasant flavor when it is eaten
100. general ind_____nce *n.* a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something
101. sw__l up dirt and dust *v.* to move in a circular or spiral pattern
102. a nightly fe__t *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion

ANSWERS: 91. convinced, 92. pacific, 93. speck, 94. enormous, 95. ray, 96. grab, 97. alien, 98. halfway, 99. tasty, 100. indifference, 101. swirl, 102. feast

103. 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
104. fi__y smell *adj.* suspicious or untrustworthy; having the qualities or taste of fish
105. his research area of
con_____ion *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
106. walk ba____rd *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
107. excessive op____st *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
108. 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
109. D__t approval *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
110. the w_t of man *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
111. have an unf_____ble night *adj.* impossible to forget
112. sp__y story *adj.* having a strong, pungent flavor or aroma, typically as a result of containing spices; exciting or thrilling
113. me__t-based *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward

ANSWERS: 103. encrust, 104. fishy, 105. concentration, 106. backward, 107. optimist, 108. lagoon, 109. diet, 110. wit, 111. unforgettable, 112. spicy, 113. merit

114. 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
115. a da___y dish *adj.* delicately small and charming
116. 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
117. coral r__fs *n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
118. the con_____ion law of physics *n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
119. pl___t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
120. se_____te cream from milk *v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
121. 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
122. software pa__h *n.* a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose

ANSWERS: 114. cyclone, 115. dainty, 116. calve, 117. reef, 118. conservation, 119. planet, 120. separate, 121. calve, 122. patch

123. fl__t of foot *n.* a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast
124. nutrient-de__e foods *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
125. en____us amount *adj.* extremely large or great
126. ar__t supporter *adj.* having or showing a strong enthusiasm or devotion; passionate
127. confuse fa____y with reality *n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
128. en____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
129. 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
130. su____nd a town *v.* to be all around something or somebody
131. ma____l place *adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
132. save the pl__t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 123. fleet, 124. dense, 125. enormous, 126. ardent, 127. fantasy, 128. encounter, 129. rev, 130. surround, 131. magical, 132. planet

133. an ou____p of a stratum *n.* a visible, exposed rock formation at the surface of the ground
134. pro_____on choice *n.* an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
135. go___e up the competition *v.* to eat or swallow something hurriedly, noisily, and greedily; to make the sound of a male turkey
136. critical m__s *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
137. ro__y fans *n.* a person who behaves in a loud, rough, or disorderly manner, causing a disturbance or annoyance to others
138. sexual pr_____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
139. seals sleep und_____er *adv.* below or under the surface of the water
140. cell and molecular bi_____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
141. fu_____s anger *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
142. tropical arc_____go *n.* a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region
143. ca___n ball *n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
144. blow in a vo___x *n.* a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind

ANSWERS: 133. outcrop, 134. profession, 135. gobble, 136. mass, 137. rowdy, 138. predator, 139. underwater, 140. biology, 141. furious, 142. archipelago, 143. cannon, 144. vortex

145. 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
146. ar___t love *adj.* having or showing a strong enthusiasm or devotion; passionate
147. a sandy sh__e *n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
148. go___e down food *v.* to eat or swallow something hurriedly, noisily, and greedily; to make the sound of a male turkey
149. coral at__l *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
150. ch__e a dream *v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
151. information ba____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective

ANSWERS: 145. rev, 146. ardent, 147. shore, 148. gobble, 149. atoll, 150. chase, 151. barrier

152. grilled sa_____e *n.* a small saltwater fish that is often canned and used for food; a crowded or tightly packed space or area
153. full of w_t *n.* the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way
154. ec_____y of scale *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel
155. dr____n wing *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
156. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
157. eat a vegetarian d__t *n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
158. a mir_____us encounter *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
159. weak fou_____on *n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

ANSWERS: 152. sardine, 153. wit, 154. economy, 155. dragon, 156. opportune, 157. diet, 158. miraculous, 159. foundation

160. th___e on pressure *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
161. a stone wall su_____nds the palace *v.* to be all around something or somebody
162. maintain the pr_____ne condition *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
163. against tr_____on *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
164. look up____d *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
165. un_____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
166. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
167. d_n of traffic *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
168. ass_____nt of interest *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
169. cost ba_____r *n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
170. pr_____im law *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

ANSWERS: 160. thrive, 161. surround, 162. pristine, 163. tradition, 164. upward, 165. uncover, 166. survive, 167. din, 168. assignment, 169. barrier, 170. proclaim

171. scenic va_____ss *n.* the extent or size of something, often describing an ample space or area; the quality of being immense or immense in scale
172. demonstrate an up____d trend *adv.* toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place
173. pu__l constriction *n.* the black circular opening in the center of the iris of the eye, through which light enters the eye; a student in school or university
174. ro__y behavior *n.* a person who behaves in a loud, rough, or disorderly manner, causing a disturbance or annoyance to others
175. fishing b__t *n.* a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way
176. la____n paradise *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
177. di_____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
178. at p__k hour *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
179. be killed in_____ly *adv.* immediately

ANSWERS: 171. vastness, 172. upward, 173. pupil, 174. rowdy, 175. bait, 176. lagoon, 177. disturb, 178. peak, 179. instantly

180. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
181. the order of me__t *n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
182. br___h of wind *n.* the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs
183. the ma_____ay of the community *n.* a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else
184. volcanic arc_____go *n.* a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region
185. pu__e waves *n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
186. a b__d design *adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
187. 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
188. a ch_____on of peace *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
189. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

ANSWERS: 180. firsthand, 181. merit, 182. breath, 183. mainstay, 184. archipelago, 185. pulse, 186. bold, 187. peninsula, 188. champion, 189. maintain

190. back f_n *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
191. severe cr___c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
192. a m__s of molten rock *n.* a large amount of a substance with no definite shape or form; a large number of people or things grouped or crowded together
193. po_____nt memories *adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching
194. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
195. pho_____ph album *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
196. a ti__t game *adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
197. 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
198. a tr_____on of a culture *n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

ANSWERS: 190. fin, 191. critic, 192. mass, 193. poignant, 194. ecosystem, 195. photograph, 196. tight, 197. somersault, 198. tradition

199. 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
200. 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
201. a single su_____or *n.* a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died
202. finish the ass_____nt *n.* a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies
203. lagoon at__l *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
204. the mi_____on of birds *n.* the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
205. limitless va_____ss *n.* the extent or size of something, often describing an ample space or area; the quality of being immense or immense in scale
206. b__t and switch *n.* a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way
207. 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

ANSWERS: 199. overfishing, 200. matchmake, 201. survivor, 202. assignment, 203. atoll, 204. migration, 205. vastness, 206. bait, 207. whale

208. pr_____ge of membership *n.* a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
209. g__b an audience *v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way
210. be_____h contempt *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
211. rem_____le achievement *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
212. eve_____ly become obsolete *adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on
213. 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
214. 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
215. the ground be_____h my feet *adv.* in or to a lower place than someone or something
216. nurse a pu__y *n.* a young dog, usually less than a year old
217. cru_____an dish *n.* a type of arthropod, such as a crab, lobster, or shrimp, that has a hard outer shell or exoskeleton

ANSWERS: 208. privilege, 209. grab, 210. beneath, 211. remarkable, 212. eventually, 213. comeback, 214. develop, 215. beneath, 216. puppy, 217. crustacean

218. su____e a plane crash
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
219. sh__k-resistant
n. a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
220. big, b__d piano sounds
adj. brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks
221. re____r approval ratings
v. to return to a former condition, health, mind, or strength
222. attentive pu__l
n. the black circular opening in the center of the iris of the eye, through which light enters the eye; a student in school or university
223. re____nt population
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
224. commercial fi____y
n. an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
225. live an ab____nt life
adj. present in great quantity
226. ma____ke a couple
v. to arrange or facilitate a romantic relationship or marriage between two people; to act as a matchmaker
227. co____ed criminal
adj. completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
228. card sh__k
n. a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest

ANSWERS: 218. survive, 219. shock, 220. bold, 221. recover, 222. pupil, 223. resilient, 224. fishery, 225. abundant, 226. matchmake, 227. convinced, 228. shark

229. pr____im victory *v.* to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
230. a man-eating sh__k *n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
231. 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
232. pa__h of grass *n.* a small piece of material or fabric used to repair or reinforce a tear, hole, or damaged area; a small plot of land used for cultivation or a specific purpose
233. di_____se the protesters *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
234. museum sh_____se *n.* a display or exhibition of something, typically as a way of promoting it
235. 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
236. ho_____ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
237. en_____t the rim of the glass *v.* to cover or coat something with a crust (= hard outer layer), often as a result of an accumulation of materials over time
238. 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: 229. proclaim, 230. shark, 231. overfishing, 232. patch, 233. disperse, 234. showcase, 235. somersault, 236. hopeless, 237. encrust, 238. nudge

239. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
240. vo___x formation *n.* a mass of whirling air, water, dust, or smoke, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind
241. l___e change *n.* a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
242. sh_____w people *adj.* not having much distance from the top to the bottom
243. sh_____w water *adj.* not having much distance from the top to the bottom
244. a ri___l dance *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
245. pr_____ne beach *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
246. sh__l of fish *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
247. overseas mi_____on *n.* the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change
248. 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: 239. opportune, 240. vortex, 241. lane, 242. shallow, 243. shallow, 244. ritual, 245. pristine, 246. shoal, 247. migration, 248. cyclone

249. 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
250. des_____nt class *adj.* going or coming down; derived from an ancestor
251. ca___n salute *n.* a large, heavy gun fired from a fixed position or mounted on a vehicle, used in warfare or hunting
252. pu__y in a pet shop *n.* a young dog, usually less than a year old
253. mouth-watering mo___l *n.* a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something
254. as___e an important role *v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
255. the grand ch_____on *n.* someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief
256. cr_____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
257. teenage yo_____er *n.* a young person, typically a child or teenager; a creature that is still in its youth or early stages of development
258. senseless sl_____er *n.* the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals

ANSWERS: 249. stormy, 250. descendent, 251. cannon, 252. puppy, 253. morsel, 254. assume, 255. champion, 256. creature, 257. youngster, 258. slaughter

259. 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
260. we____rd migration *adj.* directed or going towards the west; located in the west; moving or facing towards the west
261. co____ss gas *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
262. 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
263. da___y necklace *adj.* delicately small and charming
264. economic ge_____hy *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
265. 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
266. pl_____on community *n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
267. di_____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

ANSWERS: 259. shoal, 260. westward, 261. compress, 262. slap, 263. dainty, 264. geography, 265. youngster, 266. plankton, 267. disturb

268. pho_____ph memories *n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
269. 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
270. sp__y appetizer *adj.* having a strong, pungent flavor or aroma, typically as a result of containing spices; exciting or thrilling
271. b__p up prices *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
272. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
273. dr____n fruit *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
274. 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
275. we_____rd expansion *adj.* directed or going towards the west; located in the west; moving or facing towards the west
276. effect of cosmic r_ys *n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy

ANSWERS: 268. photograph, 269. hunch, 270. spicy, 271. bump, 272. threaten, 273. dragon, 274. humpback, 275. westward, 276. ray

277. fi__y evidence *adj.* suspicious or untrustworthy; having the qualities or taste of fish
278. a fe__t for the eyes *n.* a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion
279. death from sh__k *n.* a strong feeling or physical reaction to a sudden and unexpected event or experience, especially something unpleasant
280. t__p an animal *n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
281. ba____t hall *n.* a lavish meal or feast, often for a large group of people, and often accompanied by entertainment and celebration
282. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
283. lose some of my sh____s *n.* the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people
284. nu____y school *n.* a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes
285. di_____se false information *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
286. ma__a conservation *n.* a large, flat-bodied fish related to rays found in warm ocean waters around the world

ANSWERS: 277. fishy, 278. feast, 279. shock, 280. trap, 281. banquet, 282. resilient, 283. shyness, 284. nursery, 285. disperse, 286. manta

287. 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
288. go through a mir____us change *adj.* very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected
289. population de____y *n.* the quality of compactness of a substance
290. p__y of beast *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
291. ma____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
292. 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
293. tiny mo____l *n.* a small piece or fragment, particularly of food; a small, tasty, or pleasing bit of something
294. ba____rd angle *adv.* at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear
295. marine ra____w *n.* an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain
296. in____ct directly with customers *v.* to communicate or react with somebody
297. un____r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

ANSWERS: 287. sardine, 288. miraculous, 289. density, 290. prey, 291. maintain, 292. comeback, 293. morsel, 294. backward, 295. rainbow, 296. interact, 297. uncover

298. evolutionary bi____y *n.* the scientific study of life and the natural processes of living things
299. art cr____c *n.* someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
300. 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
301. a f_n of a plane *n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
302. the p__m side of the forearm *n.* the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves
303. 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
304. the spinal co____n *n.* one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument
305. 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

ANSWERS: 298. biology, 299. critic, 300. optimist, 301. fin, 302. palm, 303. privy, 304. column, 305. develop

306. wild goose ch__e
307. fa____y novel
308. sh__e up demand
309. student on a ti__t budget
310. ge_____hy class
311. hu_____ck bridge
312. ca___n tour
313. variety of ma___e life
314. h__t after knowledge
315. mo_____n season
- v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes
- n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen
- n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
- adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely
- n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
- n.* a large whale that has a hump on its back and long flippers, found in both the northern and southern hemispheres
- n.* a large, natural underground space
- adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
- v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
- n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas

ANSWERS: 306. chase, 307. fantasy, 308. shore, 309. tight, 310. geography, 311. humpback, 312. cavern, 313. marine, 314. hunt, 315. monsoon

316. lo___e a missing pet *v.* to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something
317. a yawning ca___n *n.* a large, natural underground space
318. apex pr____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
319. ho____ss at everything *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
320. an ex___s of exports *n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable
321. the rem____le breadth of knowledge *adj.* worthy of attention because unusual or special
322. become p__y to terrorists *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
323. bl__k paper *adj.* without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information
324. ag__e in his movements *adj.* able to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
325. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
326. con_____ion of armaments *n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
327. mighty d_n *n.* a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket
328. ec____y class *n.* the system by which a country or region produces manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

ANSWERS: 316. locate, 317. cavern, 318. predator, 319. hopeless, 320. excess, 321.

remarkable, 322. prey, 323. blank, 324. agile, 325. chain, 326. concentration, 327. din, 328. economy

329. the p__k current in the circuit *n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain
330. host a ba____t *n.* a lavish meal or feast, often for a large group of people, and often accompanied by entertainment and celebration
331. barrier r__f *n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
332. co____t with diversity *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
333. ma___e insurance *adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
334. st___y weather *adj.* marked by strong winds, heavy rain, thunder, and lightning; characterized by tumultuous or rough emotions, particularly in a relationship or situation
335. 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
336. the stock market co____sed *v.* to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart
337. morning ri___l *n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies
338. po____nt moment *adj.* evoking a keen sense of sadness or regret; emotionally moving; deeply affecting or touching

ANSWERS: 329. peak, 330. banquet, 331. reef, 332. coexist, 333. marine, 334. stormy, 335. ripple, 336. collapse, 337. ritual, 338. poignant

339. soil con_____ion *n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
340. a fu_____s sea *adj.* extremely angry; full of rage
341. 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
342. 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
343. th___e in a society *v.* to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
344. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

ANSWERS: 339. conservation, 340. furious, 341. peninsula, 342. privy, 343. thrive, 344. nation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. All humans are _____ and will eventually die.
adj. subject to death; unrelenting and deadly
2. The shark's powerful _____ allowed it to swim at high speeds.
n. a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
3. This high-performance camera is compact enough to fit in the _____ of your hand.
n. the inner surface of the hand from the wrist to the base of the fingers; any plant of the family Palmae having an unbranched trunk crowned by large pinnate or palmate leaves
4. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
5. Being a doctor is considered a highly respected _____.
n. an occupation or vocation requiring advanced education or specialized training
6. The majority of snakes swallow their _____ whole.
n. the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
7. Without investment, a business cannot _____.
v. to grow vigorously; to make steady progress
8. We destroyed a _____ of 70 enemy ships.
n. a group of military ships, aircraft, etc., operating together under the same ownership; (adjective) moving very fast

ANSWERS: 1. mortal, 2. fins, 3. palm, 4. nation, 5. profession, 6. prey, 7. thrive, 8. fleet

9. She did well on her _____ exam.
- n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
10. 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
11. 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
12. 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
13. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.
- n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
14. A dining table covered with a _____ breakfast.
- adj.* delicately small and charming
15. 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

ANSWERS: 9. geography, 10. shoal, 11. crustacean, 12. stormy, 13. chain, 14. dainty, 15. rowdy

16. The police placed a _____ across the street to halt traffic.
- n.* a fence or other obstruction that makes it hard to move or get in; any condition that makes it difficult to make progress or to achieve an objective
17. 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
18. The vessel ran aground on a _____.
- n.* a long chain or range of rocks or sand near the ocean's surface
19. 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
20. 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
21. I found an old _____ of my grandparents from their wedding day.
- n.* a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film
22. She walked along the _____ and collected shells.
- n.* a part of the coast that is partially enclosed by land; a compartment or section of a ship or building
23. The _____ of rock provided a scenic viewpoint for the hikers.
- n.* a visible, exposed rock formation at the surface of the ground

ANSWERS: 16. barrier, 17. optimist, 18. reef, 19. hunch, 20. peninsula, 21. photograph, 22. bay, 23. outcrop

24. The cardiac monitor displays the intensity of your _____.
- n.* the regular heartbeat as it sends blood around the body, especially when it is felt at the wrist or side of the neck; a solid regular vibration of sound, electric current, light, or other waves
25. The _____ brought the fish into the trap.
- n.* a type of food or lure used to attract fish, animals, or people; something used to provoke or irritate someone into responding or reacting in a certain way
26. When I was a child, my mother often cast _____ spells to ease my pain whenever I was injured.
- adj.* produced by or containing supernatural powers
27. 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
28. The entire mountain is covered in _____ rainforest.
- adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
29. 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
30. 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

ANSWERS: 24. pulse, 25. bait, 26. magical, 27. gobble, 28. dense, 29. cannon, 30. develop

31. The manager tried to hear customers' voices _____.
- adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
32. This exam requires excellent _____ to pass.
- n.* the ability to focus all your time and energy on one thing without thinking about anything else.
33. We need to _____ the aspect of his personality from the part of his competence when making an investment decision.
- v.* to force, take, or pull apart; mark as different
34. He borrowed money from a loan _____.
- n.* a long-bodied, mostly predatory marine fish that has sharp teeth and a pointed fin on its back; a person who is ruthless, greedy, and dishonest
35. 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
36. The following example _____ that the capacity of each battery is the same.
- v.* to think or accept something to be true without having proof of it; to take or begin to have power; to begin to exhibit a specific quality or appearance
37. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
- v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
38. The national election was held amid _____ security.
- adj.* fixed, fastened, or kept together firmly or closely

ANSWERS: 31. firsthand, 32. concentration, 33. separate, 34. shark, 35. overfishing, 36. assumes, 37. survive, 38. tight

39. She made a _____ impression.

adj. producing very clear, powerful, and detailed images in the mind

40. In Chinese mythology, _____ are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.

n. a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous

41. The explorer discovered a large _____ deep underground.

n. a large, natural underground space

42. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

43. 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

44. 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

45. He should _____ more with his colleagues.

v. to communicate or react with somebody

46. The royal _____ celebrated the harvest, and the community enjoyed it.

n. a large meal, typically one served on a special occasion

ANSWERS: 39. vivid, 40. dragons, 41. cavern, 42. opportune, 43. morsel, 44. westward, 45. interact, 46. feast

47. The coach was _____ with the players for their lack of effort during the game.
adj. extremely angry; full of rage
48. 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
49. The politician's explanation for his sudden wealth seemed _____ to the reporters.
adj. suspicious or untrustworthy; having the qualities or taste of fish
50. Advocates for legal reform hear less harsh words from their _____.
n. someone who expresses opinions about the quality of books, music, etc.
51. She accidentally _____ into him in the crowded room.
v. to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
52. 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
53. We walked along a muddy _____ to reach the farm.
n. a narrow road in the countryside; a well-defined track or path for someone such as a swimmer or driver
54. The newspaper devoted several _____ to the affair.
n. one of the vertical blocks that split content on a page or screen from top to bottom; an upright pillar that often supports an arch, entablature, or other structure or stands alone as a monument

ANSWERS: 47. furious, 48. rainforest, 49. fishy, 50. critics, 51. bumped, 52. encrusted, 53. lane, 54. columns

55. This meal wasn't as _____ as we had imagined.

adj. having a strong and pleasant flavor when it is eaten

56. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.

adj. unbelievable; enormous

57. She falls over _____ when she sees her mother-in-law.

adv. at, to, or toward the direction or place that is behind or rear

58. I work at the breeding _____ where we grow and sell a variety of plants.

n. a place where babies and young children are cared for while their parents are at work; a place where plants are grown and nurtured, especially for commercial purposes

59. On three sides, mountains _____ the settlement.

v. to be all around something or somebody

60. The chef expertly _____ the sauce onto the plate.

v. to move in a circular or spiral pattern

61. The computer screen displayed nothing but a _____ white screen

adj. without any writing or printing; empty or devoid of ideas, information, or meaning; unable to remember or recall information

62. The shipwreck _____ was rescued after floating in the ocean for three days.

n. a person who remains alive after an event in which others have died

63. The _____ of the tornado was massive and destructive.

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

ANSWERS: 55. tasty, 56. incredible, 57. backward, 58. nursery, 59. surround, 60. swirled, 61. blank, 62. survivor, 63. vortex

64. 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
65. _____ brooks are noisier than deep rivers.
adj. not having much distance from the top to the bottom
66. 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
67. 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
68. In the Middle Ages, the right to hunt in the wild was the _____ of royalty and nobility.
n. a special right or advantage that only one person or group of people has, usually because they are rich and powerful in a society
69. She added _____ peppers to the dish.
adj. having a strong, pungent flavor or aroma, typically as a result of containing spices; exciting or thrilling
70. Do you know the _____ of the population in Hong Kong?
n. the quality of compactness of a substance
71. My _____ was overwhelming and complicated, but it was also exciting.
n. a duty or task given to someone, usually as part of their job or studies

ANSWERS: 64. somersault, 65. Shallow, 66. biology, 67. calve, 68. privilege, 69. spicy, 70. density, 71. assignment

72. 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

73. We had a delicious _____ at the hotel for our anniversary dinner.

n. a lavish meal or feast, often for a large group of people, and often accompanied by entertainment and celebration

74. The old oak tree stood with _____ and majesty in the park's center.

n. a quality of being pleasing, especially in appearance or manner; a temporary exemption, especially an extended period granted as a special favor; a short prayer of thanks before a meal

75. The _____ of your eye dilates in response to different light levels.

n. the black circular opening in the center of the iris of the eye, through which light enters the eye; a student in school or university

76. There was a _____ of impoverished farmers into the towns.

n. the movement of animals to a new location, frequently as the seasons change

77. The _____ of the city was overwhelming.

n. a loud, confused noise; a loud, persistent racket

78. The dinner we had at the five-star restaurant was an _____ culinary experience.

adj. impossible to forget

79. The roof finally _____ after three days and three nights of heavy snowfall.

v. to fall down or give way suddenly, often after breaking apart

ANSWERS: 72. mainstay, 73. banquet, 74. grace, 75. pupil, 76. migration, 77. din, 78. unforgettable, 79. collapsed

80. She mixed flour, yeast, sugar, and water to make _____ for the bread.
- n.* a mixture of flour, liquid, and other ingredients, typically used to make bread, pastry, or pasta
81. The enemy fell right into the _____.
- n.* a piece of equipment or hole for catching animals or people; (verb) to catch animals or people and prevent them from escaping
82. She was promoted based on her _____ as a hardworking and dedicated employee.
- n.* the quality of being particularly good or worthy, especially to deserve praise or reward
83. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
- n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
84. Seals and whales are _____ animals beloved by the people.
- adj.* relating to the sea and the creatures and plants that live there
85. A balanced _____ is more important for health than supplements.
- n.* the food and drink that a person, animal, or community eats and drinks regularly; a legislative assembly in certain countries, for example, Japan
86. The _____ of the building was cracked and needed to be repaired.
- n.* the lowest load-bearing part of a building, typically below ground level; a fundamental basis or principle upon which something is built or established; an organization that provides funding or support for charitable or educational purposes

ANSWERS: 80. dough, 81. trap, 82. merits, 83. predator's, 84. marine, 85. diet, 86. foundation

87. Shall we _____ a bite to eat?

- v.* to take hold of something or someone suddenly with a hand, especially in a violent way

88. He hid the fact that he was a legitimate _____ of that family.

- adj.* going or coming down; derived from an ancestor

89. 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

90. The famous restaurant stands _____ up the hill.

- adj.* in or at a point midway or an equal distance between two points

91. He is good at swimming _____.

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

92. The road of _____ leads to the palace of wisdom.

- n.* an amount or quantity beyond what is acceptable, expected, or reasonable

93. 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

94. The woman of the house does the holy _____ of lighting two candles.

- n.* any customary observance or practice; any prescribed procedure for conducting religious ceremonies

95. I'm prepared to _____ challenges throughout this adventure.

- v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 87. grab, 88. descendent, 89. comeback, 90. halfway, 91. underwater, 92. excess, 93. matchmake, 94. ritual, 95. encounter

96. She was mesmerized by the _____ colors.
- n.* an arch of colors in the sky caused by the refraction and dispersion of sunlight through rain
97. 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
98. It is a _____ in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.
- n.* a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
99. She adopted a small brown _____ from the shelter.
- n.* a young dog, usually less than a year old
100. 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
101. The waves are beating against the _____.
- n.* the land along the edge of a sea, lake, broad river, or other large body of water; (verb) to support by placing against something solid or rigid
102. The public is _____ that the prime minister has committed fraud.
- adj.* completely certain about something; having a strong belief or conviction in a particular religion
103. 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

ANSWERS: 96. rainbow's, 97. slap, 98. tradition, 99. puppy, 100. compressed, 101. shore, 102. convinced, 103. manta

104. He bated his _____ when talking about this affair.

n. the air that is taken into and expelled from your lungs; the process of taking into and expelling air from your lungs

105. 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

106. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

107. After months of job searching, he felt _____ and unsure of his future.

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

108. I need to sew a _____ onto my jeans that ripped.

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

109. 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

110. _____ species have drastically altered the ecosystem in this area.

n. a person who comes from a different country, race, or group; a form of life assumed to exist outside the Earth or its atmosphere

111. Several cities are experiencing _____ high unemployment rates.

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

ANSWERS: 104. breath, 105. lagoon, 106. resilient, 107. hopeless, 108. patch, 109. humpback, 110. Alien, 111. incredibly

112. They adopted a _____ approach to resolving their differences, emphasizing dialogue and understanding.

adj. peaceful in character or intent; tending to lessen or avoid conflict; calm or soothing in manner or tone; (noun, as "Pacific") the largest and deepest of Earth's oceanic divisions

113. The museum's new exhibition is a _____ of contemporary art.

n. a display or exhibition of something, typically as a way of promoting it

114. He has the ____ to keep talking about this topic.

n. the ability to say or write things or ideas in a clever and humorous way

115. The company adjusted the revenue _____.

adv. toward the top or highest point, or a higher position or level; (adjective) extending or moving toward a higher place

116. 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

117. His _____ desire to succeed motivated him to work harder.

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

118. The robot can accurately _____ construction material.

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

119. 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

ANSWERS: 112. pacific, 113. showcase, 114. wit, 115. upward, 116. sardines, 117. ardent, 118. locate, 119. coexist

120. The forest was recently designated a _____ area.
- n.* the protection of something important, such as the natural environment or artificial structures, especially from the damaging effects of human activity
121. 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
122. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.
- n.* a living being, especially an animal
123. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.
- v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
124. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.
- v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
125. The majority of the people on the island are _____ folk.
- n.* an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish
126. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.
- v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
127. Gamma _____ penetrate body tissues and cause cell damage.
- n.* a narrow line of light, heat, or another form of energy

ANSWERS: 120. conservation, 121. rev, 122. creature, 123. uncovered, 124. maintain, 125. fishery, 126. threatening, 127. rays

128. He made a _____ recovery.

adj. very effective or lucky, or completely unexpected

129. Mercury is the closest _____ to the sun.

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

130. It is terrific to camp in _____ nature.

adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination

131. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

132. Before authorities _____ the protesters, they yelled slogans.

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

133. Shakespeare's output of poetry was _____.

adj. extremely large or great

134. 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

135. The election was a _____ success for the Whigs.

adj. worthy of attention because unusual or special

136. He got an electric _____ at work.

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

ANSWERS: 128. miraculous, 129. planet, 130. pristine, 131. ecosystem, 132. dispersed, 133. enormous, 134. youngster, 135. remarkable, 136. shock

137. The leader _____ a state of emergency in the country.

v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully

138. He finally overcame his _____.

n. the quality or state of being worried or embarrassed about meeting and speaking to other people

139. 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

140. 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

141. A great stretch of the lake lay _____ them.

adv. in or to a lower place than someone or something

142. Our company specializes in the _____ of office supplies.

n. the sale of goods in large quantities, typically for resale by retailers; of or relating to goods or services that are sold in large quantities, typically for resale by retailers or other intermediaries

143. She intends to _____ a political career.

v. to do something or attempt to attain something over time; to follow or seek someone or something, especially in trying to catch them

144. The plane was just a _____ in the sky.

n. a very small spot, piece, or amount

ANSWERS: 137. proclaimed, 138. shyness, 139. monsoon, 140. privy, 141. beneath, 142. wholesale, 143. pursue, 144. speck

145. 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
146. I remembered that person _____ and never forgot.
adv. immediately
147. The country has _____ oil and natural gas resources.
adj. present in great quantity
148. 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
149. 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
150. 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
151. I tried to assume an air of _____.
n. a lack of interest, enthusiasm, or sympathy towards someone or something

ANSWERS: 145. nudged, 146. instantly, 147. abundant, 148. atoll, 149. cyclone's, 150. whale, 151. indifference

152. 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

153. Composition by artificial intelligence is no longer a _____.

- n.* a fiction with a large amount of imagination in it; a pleasant situation that you imagine but that is unlikely to happen

154. This measurement aims to reduce traffic at _____ periods.

- n.* the point to which something or someone is at its strongest, best, or most successful; the pointed top of a mountain

155. She is still _____ from a shot to her shoulder.

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

156. _____ 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

157. The corporation _____ dominated the entire tobacco business.

- adv.* finally, particularly after a long time or a lot of struggle, complications, and so on

158. The effort to alleviate climate change needs _____ action.

- adj.* brave, daring, and confident; not frightened of danger or afraid to say what you feel or to take risks

159. The police officer _____ the suspect through the crowded streets until they finally caught him.

- v.* to pursue something or someone to catch or capture them; to go after something vigorously or with determination; (noun) a pursuit or a hunt; a narrow groove or channel cut into a surface, often used for decorative purposes

ANSWERS: 152. hoarded, 153. fantasy, 154. peak, 155. recovering, 156. Plankton, 157. eventually, 158. bold, 159. chased

160. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

161. 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

162. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.

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

163. The _____ of the country is struggling due to the recent political instability.

n. the system by which a country or region produces, manages, and distributes goods and services, including the money and finances involved in these activities; (of an airline) the lowest-priced, most basic option for seating in commercial travel

164. The _____ bicyclist outrode all his competitors.

n. someone who has won first place in a competition; someone who fights for a specific group of people or a belief

165. The _____ of the ocean was awe-inspiring and humbling.

n. the extent or size of something, often describing an ample space or area; the quality of being immense or immense in scale

166. 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

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

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

ANSWERS: 160. hunt, 161. agile, 162. disturb, 163. economy, 164. champion, 165. vastness, 166. ripple, 167. mass

168. The Philippines is an _____ made up of over 7,000 islands.
n. a group of islands, often located in a specific area or region
169. You can easily _____ seats over the telephone.
v. to keep something for future use or contingency; to obtain or arrange something, such as a meeting, seat, etc., in advance
170. The _____ of endangered animals must be stopped.
n. the killing of a large number of animals or people brutally and indiscriminately; a violent and bloody event that results in the death of many individuals
171. 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
172. 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

ANSWERS: 168. archipelago, 169. reserve, 170. slaughter, 171. poignant, 172. dolphins