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Session 1: Word List

epiphany

n. a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

synonym: revelation, enlightenment, insight

(1) **epiphany** about life, (2) Feast of **Epiphany**

She had an **epiphany** while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.

sunrise

n. the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky

synonym: daybreak, morning, dawn

(1) beautiful **sunrise**, (2) high-technology **sunrise** industries

I got up early to watch the **sunrise** at the summit.

rodent

n. a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail

synonym: mouse, rat, hamster

(1) **rodent** repellent, (2) prevent **rodent** damage

He set up a trap to catch the **rodent**.

gnaw

v. to bite or chew on something persistently or nervously; to wear away at something gradually

synonym : chew, bite, annoy

(1) **gnaw** a hole in a wall, (2) **gnaw** at the national sentiment
She couldn't stop **gnawing** on her nails.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym : narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

alarming

adj. causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

synonym : forbidding, concerning, disturbing

(1) **alarming** news, (2) **alarming** statistics

The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite **alarming**.

swamp

n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

synonym : marsh, mire, bog

(1) muddy **swamp**, (2) **swamp** tour

The lowland **swamp** was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

fanciful

adj. characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or concepts; existing or perceived only in the imagination

synonym : imaginative, whimsical, fantastic

(1) **fanciful** idea, (2) **fanciful** tale

Her **fanciful** imagination allowed her to dream up incredible stories.

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.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

canoe

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

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

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

aquifer

n. an underground layer of rock, sand, or Earth that can take in and hold water

(1) **aquifer** soil, (2) subsurface **aquifer**

Some areas melt snow by harnessing heat from underground **aquifers**.

deem

v. to consider or decide something in a particular way

synonym : believe, consider, suppose

(1) **deem** socially responsible, (2) **deem** wrong or inappropriate

Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were **deemed** unsafe.

spook

v. to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost

synonym : frighten, scare, discomfort

(1) **spook** the fish, (2) **spook** the children

The bankruptcy of that company **spooked** markets.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym : forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

haunted

adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

synonym : spooky, eerie, ghostly

(1) **haunted** house, (2) **haunted** by memories

The old mansion was known to be **haunted**, with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.

disinterest

n. lack of interest, concern, or involvement in a particular matter; impartiality or neutrality

synonym : impartiality, neutrality, detachment

(1) show **disinterest**, (2) **disinterest** in politics

The judge's **disinterest** in the case allowed for an impartial decision.

alligator

n. a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China

synonym : crocodile, caiman, gator

(1) **alligator** habitat, (2) **alligator** watch strap

Alligator skin is used to make purses, boots, and other luxury goods.

cuddle

v. to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something

synonym : embrace, snuggle, hug

(1) **cuddle** buddy, (2) **cuddle** up with a book

I love to **cuddle** with my dog on the couch after a long day.

backpedal

v. to move the pedals backward on a bicycle; to change someone's previous action or opinion

synonym : fall back, retract, backtrack

(1) **backpedal** on my drive, (2) quickly **backpedal**

She **backpedaled**, saying that she had no intention of

offending them.

sodden

adj. soaked or saturated with liquid, usually water; thoroughly wet, often to the point of being heavy, limp, or difficult to manage; lacking firmness or resilience

synonym : soggy, saturated, soaked

(1) **sodden** ground, (2) **sodden** clothes

The campers' tent became **sodden** after an unexpected storm.

interspecies

adj. occurring between or involving different species; pertaining to interactions between different species

synonym : interbreeding, crossbreeding, mixed

(1) **interspecies** interaction, (2) **interspecies** communication

There are many cases of **interspecies** cooperation in the animal kingdom.

prothonotary

n. a high-ranking clerk, typically found in certain legal or ecclesiastical organizations, responsible for recording and maintaining official documents

synonym : clerk, registrar, secretary

(1) court **prothonotary**, (2) deputy **prothonotary**

The **prothonotary's** office handled all official filings for the court.

warble

v. (of a bird) to sing, particularly with an unstable high voice

synonym : tweet, trill, quaver

(1) **warble** all day long, (2) **warble** incessantly

The singer **warbles** on the street, but no one is listening.

gulf

n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

synonym : chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United

States.

sod *n.* a section of grass-covered surface soil held together by matted roots; a piece of turf or the layer of soil and grass cut and used to establish a new lawn or repair an existing one; a derogatory term for a person, often used to express annoyance or contempt

synonym: turf, dirt, ground

(1) **sod** house, (2) **sod** roof

I slipped and fell on the wet **sod** after the rainstorm.

unravel *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
synonym: separate, unknot, ravel

(1) **unravel** a knit, (2) **unravel** a plot

Detectives are still attempting to **unravel** the mystery of his death.

abound *v.* to exist in large numbers or quantities
synonym: flourish, proliferate, thrive

(1) fish **abound** in this river, (2) **abound** with screaming children

Rumors **abound** as to the reasons for her resignation.

wade *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people

synonym: paddle, trudge, slish

(1) **wade** down a street, (2) **wade** through paperwork

I had to **wade** through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.

latent *adj.* existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant

synonym: dormant, inactive, potential

(1) **latent** desire, (2) **latent** threat

Many people have **latent** talents they are not aware of.

palpable

adj. able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible

synonym : tangible, perceptible, noticeable

(1) **palpable** tumor, (2) **palpable** lie

The tension in the room was **palpable** as they waited for the results to come in.

cypress

n. a tall, conical-shaped evergreen tree with small, needle-like leaves and small cones, often used in landscaping and as ornamental trees

synonym : evergreen, conifer

(1) **cypress** swamp, (2) **cypress** wood

The **cypress** trees provide a picturesque backdrop for the lake.

mosquito

n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

synonym : insect, bug, flea

(1) **mosquito** bite, (2) **mosquito** repellent

A stagnant water area are breeding ground for **mosquitos**.

reptile

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

synonym : lizard, serpent, snake

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

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

affirmation

n. a statement declaring something to be true strongly

synonym : confirmation, validation, endorsement

(1) self- **affirmation**, (2) statement of **affirmation**

The **affirmation** from her boss gave her the confidence she needed to move forward with her project.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym : torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

enchant

v. to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone

synonym: charm, captivate, bewitch

(1) **enchant** the audience, (2) **enchant** the crowd

The fairy's spell **enchanted** the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.

corkscrew

n. a twisting device used for opening bottles or jars with a cork or other stopper, typically consisting of a spiral metal rod attached to a handle

synonym: spiral, bottle opener, wine opener

(1) **corkscrew** bottle opener, (2) **corkscrew** staircase

The gymnast executed a breathtaking **corkscrew** flip, landing perfectly on the mat.

reintroduce

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

synonym: bring back, restore, reestablish

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

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

downpour

n. a heavy rain that often starts suddenly

synonym: rainstorm, deluge, shower

(1) torrential **downpour**, (2) **downpour** of criticism

The concentrated **downpour** was so heavy that it was difficult to see more than a few feet in front of you.

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.

topography

n. the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features

synonym : terrain, landscape, geography

(1) **topography** map, (2) detailed **topography**

The **topography** of the region is rugged, with many hills and valleys.

slew

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

synonym : slide, curve, (noun) heap

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

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

mangrove

n. a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

(1) **mangrove** forest, (2) **mangrove** swamp

The **mangrove** trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.

emerald

adj. having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone

synonym : green, verdant, jade

(1) an **emerald** gem, (2) **emerald** ring

The **emerald** green dress caught everyone's eye at the party.

estuary

n. a place where a river meets the sea, typically where the fresh and saltwater mix

synonym : delta, mouth, inlet

(1) **estuary** port, (2) **estuary** delta

The mouth of the river formed an **estuary** where saltwater and freshwater met.

polluted

adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
synonym : contaminated, poisoned, unclean

(1) **polluted** air, (2) cadmium- **polluted** area

The river was **polluted** with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.

dredge

v. to remove debris or objects from a body of water or other areas by scooping or dragging, often using special equipment called a dredge; to bring something to the surface by this process

synonym : dig, scoop, unearth

(1) **dredge** up memories, (2) **dredge** a river

The environmental group demanded that the government stop the plans to **dredge** the wetlands for oil drilling.

florid

adj. decorated with elaborate designs or ornamentation; overly ornate or showy

synonym : ornate, elaborate, flowery

(1) **florid** music, (2) **florid** style

The **florid** language of the poet was often difficult to understand.

sugarcane

n. a tall, tropical grass that is grown for its sweet, juice-filled stalks, which are used to make sugar and other products

(1) **sugarcane** plantation, (2) sugar made from **sugarcane**

Sugarcane juice was a popular drink in the hot weather.

exceedingly

adv. to an extreme degree

synonym : enormously, especially, exceptionally

(1) **exceedingly** common, (2) an **exceedingly** difficult book

Fear is **exceedingly** infectious, and children catch it from their elders.

snail

n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body

synonym : escargot, slug, whelk

(1) **snail** mail, (2) **snail** pace

The gardener found a **snail** slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.

kite

n. a toy made of a light frame covered with cloth or plastic and joined to a long string that you fly in the air

(1) **kite** string, (2) a picture on a **kite**

Benjamin Franklin proved that lightning is electricity through experiments with **kites**.

gastropod

n. a class of mollusk that typically have a coiled or spiral shell, including snails, slugs, and whelks

synonym: snail, slug, whelk

(1) terrestrial **gastropod**, (2) marine **gastropod**

Humans have used the shells of **gastropods** for thousands of years as tools, ornaments, and currency.

dike

n. a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion

synonym: levee, embankment, dam

(1) water **dike**, (2) coastal **dike**

The town council plans to repair the damaged **dike** along the riverbank.

brainstorming

n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

(1) **brainstorming** session, (2) do a **brainstorming** about a new product

Many companies employ **brainstorming** as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

submerge

v. to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely

synonym: deluge, drench, dunk

(1) **submerge** in a liquid, (2) **submerge** my head completely

The ship was **submerged** in the ocean for many years before it was finally discovered.

dusk

n. the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight

synonym: twilight, gloaming, sundown

(1) **dusk** sky, (2) **dusk** falls

The sky turned a beautiful orange hue at **dusk**.

narrate

v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

synonym: tell, recount, describe

(1) **narrate** a news article, (2) **narrate** an event

The audiobook hired a professional actor to **narrate** the story, making it more engaging for listeners.

cattail

n. a tall, reed-like aquatic plant with long, flat leaves and cylindrical spikes at the top, commonly found in marshy areas

synonym: marsh plant, bulrush, reed

(1) wild **cattail**, (2) **cattail** marsh

The **cattail** plants at the pond's edge provided a habitat for various water birds.

beeline

n. a straight, direct route taken with or as if with the intentions of a bee flying to its hive or a source of nectar or pollen

synonym: shortest route, direct path, straight line

(1) take a **beeline** approach, (2) a **beeline** to the exit

After finishing his last final exam, he made a **beeline** for the home to relax.

sunburn

n. a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays

synonym : burn, tan, redness

(1) get a **sunburn**, (2) **sunburn** cream

I forgot to put on sunscreen, and now I have a painful **sunburn** on my back.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym : thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

unhealthy

adj. not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being

synonym : unwholesome, detrimental, insalubrious

(1) **unhealthy** diet, (2) **unhealthy** habit

Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered **unhealthy**.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym : misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

apex

n. the highest point or tip of something

synonym : summit, peak, zenith

(1) **apex** predator, (2) **apex** position

The company reached the **apex** of success in the market.

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.

excavate

v. to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

synonym : dig, unearth, extract

(1) **excavate** a deep hole, (2) **excavate** soil

The archaeologists **excavated** the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

keystone

n. the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place

synonym : linchpin, mainstay, cornerstone

(1) **keystone** for success, (2) the **keystone** of campaign reform

The **keystone** of the arch held the structure together.

troop

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

synonym : group, unit, band

(1) the members of a military **troop**, (2) a **troop** of deer

The **troop** of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

ubiquitous

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

synonym : universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

plume

n. a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat

synonym : feather, honor, token

(1) **plume** of smoke, (2) **plume** of feathers

The bird had a beautiful **plume** on its head.

rebound

v. to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched

synonym : spring back, resile, recover

(1) **rebound** from a setback, (2) **rebound** back into positive growth

The basketball bounced off the rim and **rebounded** to the player.

drawdown

n. the reduction or depletion of a resource, such as water, as a result of extraction or use; the act of withdrawing funds from an account or asset, typically associated with investment or borrowing

synonym: decline, reduction, decrease

(1) **drawdown** period, (2) investment **drawdown**

The organization initiated a **drawdown** of resources from its disaster relief fund to assist the affected communities.

tactile

adj. relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch

synonym: touchable, tangible, palpable

(1) **tactile** stimulation, (2) **tactile** feedback

The **tactile** sensation of the fabric was soft and smooth to the touch.

drastic

adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

synonym: extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision

The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep

I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

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.

unstoppable

adj. impossible to stop or prevent

synonym : unshakable, unyielding, relentless

(1) **unstoppable** force, (2) **unstoppable** momentum

The team's winning streak was **unstoppable**.

immovable

adj. firmly fixed in place; unable to be moved or changed easily; unyielding or inflexible

synonym : inflexible, fixed, rigid

(1) **immovable** property, (2) **immovable** facts

The corporation's CEO was an **immovable** force, determined to keep the company profitable at all costs.

steward

n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

synonym : caretaker, manager, custodian

(1) **steward** duties, (2) **steward** service

The **steward** on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

cloak

n. a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise

synonym : cape, mantle, shroud

(1) **cloak** room, (2) hooded **cloak**

The magician seemed to disappear when he threw his **cloak** over himself.

canyon

n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

synonym : gorge, valley, ravine

(1) twisty **canyon** road, (2) **canyon** of skyscrapers
The Grand **Canyon** has an awe-inspiring sight.

beacon

n. a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning

synonym: lighthouse, guidepost, marker

(1) an aerial **beacon**, (2) **beacon** of hope

The lighthouse served as a **beacon** to guide ships safely into port.

emblem

n. a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea

synonym: symbol, sign, badge

(1) a national **emblem**, (2) family **emblem**

The eagle is an **emblem** of strength and courage.

swampy

adj. characterized by marshes, bogs, or other wetlands that are often overgrown with dense vegetation

synonym: marshy, boggy, mucky

(1) **swampy** grounds, (2) **swampy** terrain

The hiking trail was closed due to the **swampy** conditions caused by heavy rain.

wasteland

n. a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value

synonym: desert, barren, wild

(1) post-apocalyptic **wasteland**, (2) nuclear **wasteland**

The abandoned industrial site is now a **wasteland** of decaying buildings and rusted machinery.

prod

v. to poke or jab with a pointed object, often to urge or encourage movement or action; to provoke or stimulate someone to take action or respond in a particular way

synonym: poke, jab, nudge

(1) **prod** him into action, (2) **prod** him with a stick

She used a stick to **prod** the fire and make it burn brighter.

Session 2: Spelling

1. st____d duties
n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
2. pa____le lie
adj. able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible
3. ubi____us across ecosystems
adj. being or existing everywhere at once
4. so____n ground
adj. soaked or saturated with liquid, usually water; thoroughly wet, often to the point of being heavy, limp, or difficult to manage; lacking firmness or resilience
5. cadmium-po____ed area
adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
6. g__f stream
n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
7. sp__k the fish
v. to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost
8. a national em____m
n. a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea
9. ma____ve swamp
n. a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

ANSWERS: 1. steward, 2. palpable, 3. ubiquitous, 4. sodden, 5. polluted, 6. gulf, 7. spook, 8. emblem, 9. mangrove

10. investment dr____wn *n.* the reduction or depletion of a resource, such as water, as a result of extraction or use; the act of withdrawing funds from an account or asset, typically associated with investment or borrowing
11. pa____le tumor *adj.* able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible
12. rei____ce capital punishment *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
13. en____t the crowd *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
14. ba____al on my drive *v.* to move the pedals backward on a bicycle; to change someone's previous action or opinion
15. em____d ring *adj.* having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone
16. s_d roof *n.* a section of grass-covered surface soil held together by matted roots; a piece of turf or the layer of soil and grass cut and used to establish a new lawn or repair an existing one; a derogatory term for a person, often used to express annoyance or contempt
17. uns____le momentum *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
18. co____ew bottle opener *n.* a twisting device used for opening bottles or jars with a cork or other stopper, typically consisting of a spiral metal rod attached to a handle
19. aq____r soil *n.* an underground layer of rock, sand, or Earth that can take in and hold water

ANSWERS: 10. drawdown, 11. palpable, 12. reintroduce, 13. enchant, 14. backpedal, 15. emerald, 16. sod, 17. unstoppable, 18. corkscrew, 19. aquifer

20. cl__k room *n.* a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise
21. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
22. g__w a hole in a wall *v.* to bite or chew on something persistently or nervously; to wear away at something gradually
23. d__k sky *n.* the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight
24. wa___e all day long *v.* (of a bird) to sing, particularly with an unstable high voice
25. un_____hy habit *adj.* not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
26. d__k falls *n.* the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight
27. bra_____ing session *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas
28. im_____le facts *adj.* firmly fixed in place; unable to be moved or changed easily; unyielding or inflexible
29. sexual pr_____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

ANSWERS: 20. cloak, 21. industrious, 22. gnaw, 23. dusk, 24. warble, 25. unhealthy, 26. dusk, 27. brainstorming, 28. immovable, 29. predator

30. p__d him into action *v.* to poke or jab with a pointed object, often to urge or encourage movement or action; to provoke or stimulate someone to take action or respond in a particular way
31. d__m wrong or inappropriate *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
32. mis_____and each other *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
33. self-aff_____on *n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly
34. cu___e buddy *v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
35. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
36. cu___e up with a book *v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
37. pl__e of smoke *n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
38. po_____ed air *adj.* contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
39. cy_____s wood *n.* a tall, conical-shaped evergreen tree with small, needle-like leaves and small cones, often used in landscaping and as ornamental trees

ANSWERS: 30. prod, 31. deem, 32. misunderstand, 33. affirmation, 34. cuddle, 35. industrious, 36. cuddle, 37. plume, 38. polluted, 39. cypress

40. int_____ies interaction *adj.* occurring between or involving different species; pertaining to interactions between different species
41. statement of aff_____on *n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly
42. show dis_____st *n.* lack of interest, concern, or involvement in a particular matter; impartiality or neutrality
43. su_____ge my head completely *v.* to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely
44. post-apocalyptic wa_____nd *n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
45. take a be_____e approach *n.* a straight, direct route taken with or as if with the intentions of a bee flying to its hive or a source of nectar or pollen
46. pl__e of feathers *n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
47. es_____y delta *n.* a place where a river meets the sea, typically where the fresh and saltwater mix
48. ep_____ny about life *n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

ANSWERS: 40. interspecies, 41. affirmation, 42. disinterest, 43. submerge, 44. wasteland, 45. beeline, 46. plume, 47. estuary, 48. epiphany

49. an aerial be___n *n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
50. nuclear wa_____nd *n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
51. sw__p tour *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
52. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
53. su_____ge in a liquid *v.* to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely
54. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
55. su_____ne plantation *n.* a tall, tropical grass that is grown for its sweet, juice-filled stalks, which are used to make sugar and other products
56. la___t threat *adj.* existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant
57. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
58. Feast of Ep_____ny *n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus

ANSWERS: 49. beacon, 50. wasteland, 51. swamp, 52. ancestor, 53. submerge, 54. storytelling, 55. sugarcane, 56. latent, 57. opportune, 58. epiphany

59. st____d service *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
60. sugar made from su____ne *n.* a tall, tropical grass that is grown for its sweet, juice-filled stalks, which are used to make sugar and other products
61. k__e string *n.* a toy made of a light frame covered with cloth or plastic and joined to a long string that you fly in the air
62. di____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
63. un____hy diet *adj.* not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
64. ta____e feedback *adj.* relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch
65. torrential do____ur *n.* a heavy rain that often starts suddenly
66. wa____e incessantly *v.* (of a bird) to sing, particularly with an unstable high voice
67. la____t desire *adj.* existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant
68. marine ga____od *n.* a class of mollusk that typically have a coiled or spiral shell, including snails, slugs, and whelks

ANSWERS: 59. steward, 60. sugarcane, 61. kite, 62. disrupt, 63. unhealthy, 64. tactile, 65. downpour, 66. warble, 67. latent, 68. gastropod

69. so___n clothes *adj.* soaked or saturated with liquid, usually water; thoroughly wet, often to the point of being heavy, limp, or difficult to manage; lacking firmness or resilience
70. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
71. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
72. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
73. fish ab___d in this river *v.* to exist in large numbers or quantities
74. beautiful su_____e *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
75. al_____or habitat *n.* a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China
76. ha_____d by memories *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
77. g__w at the national sentiment *v.* to bite or chew on something persistently or nervously; to wear away at something gradually
78. high-technology su_____e industries *n.* the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
79. s__w around suddenly *v.* to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay; (noun) a large number or amount or extent

ANSWERS: 69. sodden, 70. obsess, 71. resilient, 72. resilient, 73. abound, 74. sunrise, 75. alligator, 76. haunted, 77. gnaw, 78. sunrise, 79. slew

80. a__x position *n.* the highest point or tip of something
81. re____e exhibition *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
82. do____ur of criticism *n.* a heavy rain that often starts suddenly
83. fossil re____e *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
84. the ke____ne of campaign reform *n.* the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place
85. s_d house *n.* a section of grass-covered surface soil held together by matted roots; a piece of turf or the layer of soil and grass cut and used to establish a new lawn or repair an existing one; a derogatory term for a person, often used to express annoyance or contempt
86. ex____e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
87. ob____s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
88. we____rd migration *adj.* directed or going towards the west; located in the west; moving or facing towards the west
89. family em____m *n.* a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea
90. al____ng statistics *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

ANSWERS: 80. apex, 81. reptile, 82. downpour, 83. reptile, 84. keystone, 85. sod, 86. excite, 87. obsess, 88. westward, 89. emblem, 90. alarming

91. apex pr____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
92. un____l a plot *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
93. es____y port *n.* a place where a river meets the sea, typically where the fresh and saltwater mix
94. en____t the audience *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
95. dr____e a river *v.* to remove debris or objects from a body of water or other areas by scooping or dragging, often using special equipment called a dredge; to bring something to the surface by this process
96. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
97. hooded cl__k *n.* a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise
98. get a su____n *n.* a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays
99. make a ca__e trip *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
100. do a bra_____ing about a new product *n.* a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

ANSWERS: 91. predator, 92. unravel, 93. estuary, 94. enchant, 95. dredge, 96. gulf, 97. cloak, 98. sunburn, 99. canoe, 100. brainstorming

101. ca___n of skyscrapers *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
102. ca__e race *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
103. ex_____te a deep hole *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
104. we_____rd expansion *adj.* directed or going towards the west; located in the west; moving or facing towards the west
105. twisty ca___n road *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
106. sn__l mail *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
107. prevent ro___t damage *n.* a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail
108. ex_____te soil *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
109. w__e through paperwork *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
110. a tr__p of deer *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

ANSWERS: 101. canyon, 102. canoe, 103. excavate, 104. westward, 105. canyon, 106. snail, 107. rodent, 108. excavate, 109. wade, 110. troop

111. ex___e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
112. exc_____ly common *adv.* to an extreme degree
113. detailed top_____hy *n.* the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features
114. re_____d from a setback *v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched
115. coastal d__e *n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
116. top_____hy map *n.* the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features
117. deputy pro_____ary *n.* a high-ranking clerk, typically found in certain legal or ecclesiastical organizations, responsible for recording and maintaining official documents
118. re_____d back into positive growth *v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched

ANSWERS: 111. excite, 112. exceedingly, 113. topography, 114. rebound, 115. dike, 116. topography, 117. prothonotary, 118. rebound

119. a be____e to the exit *n.* a straight, direct route taken with or as if with the intentions of a bee flying to its hive or a source of nectar or pollen
120. have a s__w of ideas *v.* to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay; (noun) a large number or amount or extent
121. fl____d style *adj.* decorated with elaborate designs or ornamentation; overly ornate or showy
122. rei____ce species *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
123. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
124. be____n of hope *n.* a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
125. fa____ul idea *adj.* characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or concepts; existing or perceived only in the imagination
126. court pro____ary *n.* a high-ranking clerk, typically found in certain legal or ecclesiastical organizations, responsible for recording and maintaining official documents
127. p__d him with a stick *v.* to poke or jab with a pointed object, often to urge or encourage movement or action; to provoke or stimulate someone to take action or respond in a particular way
128. w__e down a street *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people

ANSWERS: 119. beeline, 120. slew, 121. florid, 122. reintroduce, 123. ancestor, 124. beacon, 125. fanciful, 126. prothonotary, 127. prod, 128. wade

129. ca____l marsh *n.* a tall, reed-like aquatic plant with long, flat leaves and cylindrical spikes at the top, commonly found in marshy areas
130. uns_____le force *adj.* impossible to stop or prevent
131. un____l a knit *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
132. muddy sw__p *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
133. al____ng news *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
134. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
135. sn__l pace *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
136. dis_____st in politics *n.* lack of interest, concern, or involvement in a particular matter; impartiality or neutrality
137. int_____ies communication *adj.* occurring between or involving different species; pertaining to interactions between different species
138. the members of a military tr__p *n.* a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.
139. ke____ne for success *n.* the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place
140. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories

ANSWERS: 129. cattail, 130. unstoppable, 131. unravel, 132. swamp, 133. alarming, 134. misunderstand, 135. snail, 136. disinterest, 137. interspecies, 138. troop, 139. keystone, 140. storytelling

141. di____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
142. ta_____e stimulation *adj.* relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch
143. sp__k the children *v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost
144. wild ca_____l *n.* a tall, reed-like aquatic plant with long, flat leaves and cylindrical spikes at the top, commonly found in marshy areas
145. co_____ew staircase *n.* a twisting device used for opening bottles or jars with a cork or other stopper, typically consisting of a spiral metal rod attached to a handle
146. an exc_____ly difficult book *adv.* to an extreme degree
147. fl____d music *adj.* decorated with elaborate designs or ornamentation; overly ornate or showy
148. im_____le property *adj.* firmly fixed in place; unable to be moved or changed easily; unyielding or inflexible
149. ma_____ve forest *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
150. make dr_____c revision *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
151. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 141. disrupt, 142. tactile, 143. spook, 144. cattail, 145. corkscrew, 146. exceedingly, 147. florid, 148. immovable, 149. mangrove, 150. drastic, 151. opportune

152. d__m socially responsible *v.* to consider or decide something in a particular way
153. quickly ba_____al *v.* to move the petals backward on a bicycle; to change someone's previous action or opinion
154. cy_____s swamp *n.* a tall, conical-shaped evergreen tree with small, needle-like leaves and small cones, often used in landscaping and as ornamental trees
155. ro___t repellent *n.* a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail
156. al_____or watch strap *n.* a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China
157. dr___e up memories *v.* to remove debris or objects from a body of water or other areas by scooping or dragging, often using special equipment called a dredge; to bring something to the surface by this process
158. na_____e an event *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
159. dr_____wn period *n.* the reduction or depletion of a resource, such as water, as a result of extraction or use; the act of withdrawing funds from an account or asset, typically associated with investment or borrowing
160. terrestrial ga_____od *n.* a class of mollusk that typically have a coiled or spiral shell, including snails, slugs, and whelks

ANSWERS: 152. deem, 153. backpedal, 154. cypress, 155. rodent, 156. alligator, 157. dredge, 158. narrate, 159. drawdown, 160. gastropod

161. su____n cream *n.* a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays
162. subsurface aq____r *n.* an underground layer of rock, sand, or Earth that can take in and hold water
163. a picture on a k__e *n.* a toy made of a light frame covered with cloth or plastic and joined to a long string that you fly in the air
164. water d__e *n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
165. fa____ul tale *adj.* characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or concepts; existing or perceived only in the imagination
166. an em____d gem *adj.* having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone
167. ab___d with screaming children *v.* to exist in large numbers or quantities
168. dr____c measures *adj.* radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
169. mo____to repellent *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
170. ubi____us computing *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
171. sw___y terrain *adj.* characterized by marshes, bogs, or other wetlands that are often overgrown with dense vegetation

ANSWERS: 161. sunburn, 162. aquifer, 163. kite, 164. dike, 165. fanciful, 166. emerald, 167. abound, 168. drastic, 169. mosquito, 170. ubiquitous, 171. swampy

172. mo____to bite *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
173. sw____y grounds *adj.* characterized by marshes, bogs, or other wetlands that are often overgrown with dense vegetation
174. a__x predator *n.* the highest point or tip of something
175. na_____e a news article *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
176. ha_____d house *adj.* inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions

ANSWERS: 172. mosquito, 173. swampy, 174. apex, 175. narrate, 176. haunted

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The ship was _____ in the ocean for many years before it was finally discovered.
 - v. to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely

2. The sky turned a beautiful orange hue at _____.
 - n. the period of the day just before nightfall when the light begins to fade; the darker part of twilight

3. The gardener found a _____ slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.
 - n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body

4. The _____ office handled all official filings for the court.
 - n. a high-ranking clerk, typically found in certain legal or ecclesiastical organizations, responsible for recording and maintaining official documents

5. Detectives are still attempting to _____ the mystery of his death.
 - v. undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it

6. He _____ many Trojan warriors in this war.
 - v. to turn or slip abruptly and sharply; (past for of) slay; (noun) a large number or amount or extent

7. The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite _____.
 - adj. causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

ANSWERS: 1. submerged, 2. dusk, 3. snail, 4. prothonotary's, 5. unravel, 6. slew, 7. alarming

8. The _____ trees provide a picturesque backdrop for the lake.
n. a tall, conical-shaped evergreen tree with small, needle-like leaves and small cones, often used in landscaping and as ornamental trees
9. The singer _____ on the street, but no one is listening.
v. (of a bird) to sing, particularly with an unstable high voice
10. The _____ of the arch held the structure together.
n. the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place
11. Rumors _____ as to the reasons for her resignation.
v. to exist in large numbers or quantities
12. The _____ language of the poet was often difficult to understand.
adj. decorated with elaborate designs or ornamentation; overly ornate or showy
13. Some areas melt snow by harnessing heat from underground _____.
n. an underground layer of rock, sand, or Earth that can take in and hold water
14. The concentrated _____ was so heavy that it was difficult to see more than a few feet in front of you.
n. a heavy rain that often starts suddenly
15. _____ skin is used to make purses, boots, and other luxury goods.
n. a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China
16. The bird had a beautiful _____ on its head.
n. a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat

ANSWERS: 8. cypress, 9. warbles, 10. keystone, 11. abound, 12. florid, 13. aquifers, 14. downpour, 15. Alligator, 16. plume

17. _____ juice was a popular drink in the hot weather.
- n.* a tall, tropical grass that is grown for its sweet, juice-filled stalks, which are used to make sugar and other products
18. 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
19. She couldn't stop _____ on her nails.
- v.* to bite or chew on something persistently or nervously; to wear away at something gradually
20. The judge's _____ in the case allowed for an impartial decision.
- n.* lack of interest, concern, or involvement in a particular matter; impartiality or neutrality
21. The company reached the _____ of success in the market.
- n.* the highest point or tip of something
22. The basketball bounced off the rim and _____ to the player.
- v.* to spring back into a former shape or position after being compressed or stretched
23. Benjamin Franklin proved that lightning is electricity through experiments with _____.
- n.* a toy made of a light frame covered with cloth or plastic and joined to a long string that you fly in the air
24. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

ANSWERS: 17. Sugarcane, 18. westward, 19. gnawing, 20. disinterest, 21. apex, 22. rebounded, 23. kites, 24. disrupt

25. The fairy's spell _____ the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.
v. to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
26. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
27. She _____ saying that she had no intention of offending them.
v. to move the pedals backward on a bicycle; to change someone's previous action or opinion
28. The old mansion was known to be _____ with strange noises and eerie sightings reported by visitors.
adj. inhabited, visited, or frequented by ghosts or spirits; disturbed or troubled by persistent or disturbing memories or emotions
29. The hiking trail was closed due to the _____ conditions caused by heavy rain.
adj. characterized by marshes, bogs, or other wetlands that are often overgrown with dense vegetation
30. I slipped and fell on the wet ____ after the rainstorm.
n. a section of grass-covered surface soil held together by matted roots; a piece of turf or the layer of soil and grass cut and used to establish a new lawn or repair an existing one; a derogatory term for a person, often used to express annoyance or contempt
31. The _____ on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.
n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 25. enchanted, 26. storytelling, 27. backpedaled, 28. haunted, 29. swampy, 30. sod, 31. steward

32. The town council plans to repair the damaged _____ along the riverbank.
- n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
33. She had an _____ while meditating and realized the answer to her problem.
- n.* a moment of sudden and great realization or revelation; a Christian festival, held on 6 January, celebrating the visit of the three wise men to the infant Jesus
34. After finishing his last final exam, he made a _____ for the home to relax.
- n.* a straight, direct route taken with or as if with the intentions of a bee flying to its hive or a source of nectar or pollen
35. The mouth of the river formed an _____ where saltwater and freshwater met.
- n.* a place where a river meets the sea, typically where the fresh and saltwater mix
36. Fear is _____ infectious, and children catch it from their elders.
- adv.* to an extreme degree
37. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.
- v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
38. Humans have used the shells of _____ for thousands of years as tools, ornaments, and currency.
- n.* a class of mollusk that typically have a coiled or spiral shell, including snails, slugs, and whelks
39. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
- v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

ANSWERS: 32. dike, 33. epiphany, 34. beeline, 35. estuary, 36. exceedingly, 37. misunderstand, 38. gastropods, 39. obsessed

40. I had to _____ through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.
v. to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
41. I forgot to put on sunscreen, and now I have a painful _____ on my back.
n. a painful reddening of the skin caused by overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays
42. The campers' tent became _____ after an unexpected storm.
adj. soaked or saturated with liquid, usually water; thoroughly wet, often to the point of being heavy, limp, or difficult to manage; lacking firmness or resilience
43. After the accident, the police found an empty _____.
n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
44. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
45. Many people have _____ talents they are not aware of.
adj. existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant
46. The lighthouse served as a _____ to guide ships safely into port.
n. a light or other visible object serving as a signal, guide, or warning
47. There are many cases of _____ cooperation in the animal kingdom.
adj. occurring between or involving different species; pertaining to interactions between different species

ANSWERS: 40. wade, 41. sunburn, 42. sodden, 43. canoe, 44. opportune, 45. latent, 46. beacon, 47. interspecies

48. The _____ of the region is rugged, with many hills and valleys.
- n.* the arrangement and physical features of a particular area or region, including its natural and artificial elements and their relative positions and elevations; the study or description of this arrangement and these features
49. The archaeologists _____ the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.
- v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
50. The gymnast executed a breathtaking _____ flip, landing perfectly on the mat.
- n.* a twisting device used for opening bottles or jars with a cork or other stopper, typically consisting of a spiral metal rod attached to a handle
51. The _____ from her boss gave her the confidence she needed to move forward with her project.
- n.* a statement declaring something to be true strongly
52. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
- n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
53. I love to _____ with my dog on the couch after a long day.
- v.* to hold close and lovingly in one's arms, often for comfort or affection; to snuggle or nestle against someone or something
54. The _____ green dress caught everyone's eye at the party.
- adj.* having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone

ANSWERS: 48. topography, 49. excavated, 50. corkscrew, 51. affirmation, 52. predator's, 53. cuddle, 54. emerald

55. The eagle is an _____ of strength and courage.
n. a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea
56. The global community is undergoing _____ changes at present.
adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
57. Regarding earthquakes, some commercial buildings were _____ unsafe.
v. to consider or decide something in a particular way
58. The _____ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
59. I got up early to watch the _____ at the summit.
n. the time in the morning when the sun first appears in the sky
60. A stagnant water area are breeding ground for _____.
n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
61. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
62. The _____ trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.
n. a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
63. The Grand _____ has an awe-inspiring sight.
n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

ANSWERS: 55. emblem, 56. drastic, 57. deemed, 58. Gulf, 59. sunrise, 60. mosquitos, 61. excited, 62. mangrove, 63. Canyon

64. Sugar is _____ in food.

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

65. The _____ plants at the pond's edge provided a habitat for various water birds.

n. a tall, reed-like aquatic plant with long, flat leaves and cylindrical spikes at the top, commonly found in marshy areas

66. The organization initiated a _____ of resources from its disaster relief fund to assist the affected communities.

n. the reduction or depletion of a resource, such as water, as a result of extraction or use; the act of withdrawing funds from an account or asset, typically associated with investment or borrowing

67. The _____ sensation of the fabric was soft and smooth to the touch.

adj. relating to the sense of touch; tangible or perceptible through the sense of touch

68. The magician seemed to disappear when he threw his _____ over himself.

n. a type of loose, outer garment worn over the shoulders and fastened at the neck, often with a hood; something that covers or conceals something else; a mask or disguise

69. The corporation's CEO was an _____ force, determined to keep the company profitable at all costs.

adj. firmly fixed in place; unable to be moved or changed easily; unyielding or inflexible

70. The audiobook hired a professional actor to _____ the story, making it more engaging for listeners.

v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

ANSWERS: 64. ubiquitous, 65. cattail, 66. drawdown, 67. tactile, 68. cloak, 69. immovable, 70. narrate

71. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

72. Alligators are a type of _____ that live in swamps and rivers.

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

73. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

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

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

75. The tension in the room was _____ as they waited for the results to come in.

adj. able to be felt or touched; easily perceivable or noticeable; tangible

76. The _____ of soldiers marched through the city in a parade.

n. a group of soldiers, especially a large one; a group of people, animals, or things considered as a unit.

77. She used a stick to _____ the fire and make it burn brighter.

v. to poke or jab with a pointed object, often to urge or encourage movement or action; to provoke or stimulate someone to take action or respond in a particular way

78. The abandoned industrial site is now a _____ of decaying buildings and rusted machinery.

n. a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value

ANSWERS: 71. ancestor, 72. reptile, 73. industrious, 74. resilient, 75. palpable, 76. troop, 77. prod, 78. wasteland

79. Sitting for long hours in front of the computer is considered _____.
adj. not conducive to good health; detrimental to physical or mental well-being
80. The bankruptcy of that company _____ markets.
v. to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost
81. The environmental group demanded that the government stop the plans to _____ the wetlands for oil drilling.
v. to remove debris or objects from a body of water or other areas by scooping or dragging, often using special equipment called a dredge; to bring something to the surface by this process
82. The lowland _____ was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.
n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
83. The government is planning to _____ wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.
v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
84. He set up a trap to catch the _____.
n. a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail
85. Her _____ imagination allowed her to dream up incredible stories.
adj. characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or concepts; existing or perceived only in the imagination
86. The river was _____ with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.
adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances

ANSWERS: 79. unhealthy, 80. spooked, 81. dredge, 82. swamp, 83. reintroduce, 84. rodent, 85. fanciful, 86. polluted

87. Many companies employ _____ as a good way of generating innovative ideas.

n. a group activity or business method in which a group of people meet and think about something at the same time to solve a problem or to create good ideas

88. The team's winning streak was _____.

adj. impossible to stop or prevent

ANSWERS: 87. brainstorming, 88. unstoppable