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Session 1: Word List

amazing

adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire

synonym: exceptional, extraordinary, wonderful

(1) **amazing** advances, (2) the most **amazing** feeling

The golfer recorded an **amazing** distance.

tapir

n. a large, herbivorous mammal with a long snout and flexible snout, native to Central and South America and Southeast Asia

(1) giant **tapir**, (2) **tapir** habitat

One of the **tapir's** main predators is the jaguar, which sometimes attacks and kills them.

offspring

n. descendant; any immature animal or plant

synonym: children, descendants, heirs

(1) female **offspring**, (2) produce **offspring**

How many **offspring** does the average lion have?

kingdom

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

synonym: empire, realm, land

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

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

competition

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

synonym: contest, match, fight

(1) the first round of the **competition**, (2) intraspecific **competition**

Global **competition** is rising in virtually every industry.

dedicate

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

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

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

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

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.

absolutely

adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly

synonym: completely, utterly, definitely

(1) **absolutely** against, (2) **absolutely** obsessed with the girl

I am **absolutely** opposed to his idea because of morality.

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym: donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

safeguard

v. to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss

synonym : protect, assure, conserve

(1) **safeguard** my property, (2) **safeguard** environmental quality

This measure will **safeguard** people against terrorism.

survival

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

synonym : endurance, continuity

(1) **survival** ability, (2) **survival** food

He evaluated his chances for **survival** rather pessimistically.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

synonym : donate, devote, commit

(1) **contribute** a large sum of money to the fund,

(2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

extinction

n. the complete disappearance of a species from the earth

synonym : disappearance, eradication, annihilation

(1) **extinction** prevention, (2) brink of **extinction**

The **extinction** of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym : concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one

for danger and the other for opportunity.

tropical

adj. originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics
synonym : equatorial, tropic

(1) **tropical** cyclones, (2) **tropical** islands

Tropical storm Marco is making his way along the coast of Florida.

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**.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

synonym : atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

brink

n. the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place

synonym : edge, verge, threshold

(1) **brink** of war, (2) on the **brink**

We were on the **brink** of a financial crisis.

rhinoceros

n. (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.

synonym : rhino, horned beast, pachyderm

(1) **rhinoceros** habitat, (2) white **rhinoceros**

The baby **rhinoceros** at the wildlife sanctuary was recently born and is very cute.

lowland

n. low-lying country or region

synonym: marshland

(1) **lowland** crop, (2) **lowland** swamp

Much of our territory is located in the **lowland**.

terrestrial

adj. of or relating to the Earth; relating to or inhabiting the land or the ground as opposed to the sea or air

synonym: earthy, earthborn, telluric

(1) **terrestrial** planets, (2) **terrestrial** heat

Terrestrial longitude is measured in degrees east or west of the Prime Meridian.

massive

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

synonym: enormous, giant, immense

(1) **massive** amounts, (2) **massive** stars

The recent economic downturn has resulted in **massive** layoffs.

weigh

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

synonym: consider, cogitate, count

(1) **weigh** heavily on stock prices, (2) **weigh** a cargo

The baby **weighs** 1 pound 3 oz.

gorgeous

adj. wonderful and attractive

synonym: beautiful, stunning, attractive

(1) a **gorgeous** meal, (2) **gorgeous** sunset

She wore a **gorgeous** dress to the party, which everyone admired.

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.

reproduce

v. to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

synonym : duplicate, breed, imitate

(1) **reproduce** the painting, (2) **reproduce** by myself

By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria **reproduce**.

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.

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.

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.

distribute

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

synonym : broadcast, disperse, hand out

(1) **distribute** wealth evenly, (2) **distribute** video content

His estate was **distributed** to his sons.

unfortunate

adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

synonym: unlucky, pitiful, wretched

(1) an **unfortunate** orphan, (2) an **unfortunate** situation
The **unfortunate** accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.

herbivore

n. an animal that eats only plants, such as a cow or a deer

synonym: plant-eater, browser, graminivore

(1) **herbivore** diet, (2) **herbivore** animals

A giraffe is an **herbivore** that primarily eats leaves and twigs.

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.

consist

v. to be composed or made up of

synonym: lie in, comprise, exist

(1) **consist** mainly of cells, (2) **consist** only in knowing facts

This examination **consists** of five problems to solve.

swallow

v. to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

synonym: consume, gulp, inhale

(1) **swallow** a handful of pills, (2) a **swallow** tail

I **swallowed** my anger and kept quiet.

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.

feces

n. waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement

synonym : poop, stool, excrement

(1) **feces** sample, (2) human **feces**

Proper disposal of **feces** is essential for maintaining public health and sanitation.

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.

structure

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym : construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

diversity

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

synonym : variety, multiplicity, variousness

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

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

biodiversity

n. the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

(1) **biodiversity** conservation, (2) loss of **biodiversity**
The country was instrumental in promoting the **biodiversity** treaty.

pioneer

n. inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something

synonym: frontiersperson, innovator, trailblazer

(1) act as a **pioneer**, (2) early **pioneers**

John Whitney was a computer animation **pioneer**.

nocturnal

adj. relating to or occurring in the night; active or awake during the night

synonym: nighttime, nightly, after-dark

(1) **nocturnal** insects, (2) **nocturnal** habits

Nocturnal animals, such as owls and bats, are active at night.

solitary

adj. existing, living, or doing without others

synonym: lonely, unsociable, singular

(1) use of **solitary** confinement, (2) a **solitary** traveler

He never uttered a **solitary** word.

elusive

adj. difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember

synonym: mysterious, ambiguous, inapproachable

(1) an **elusive** criminal, (2) track down an **elusive** fact

The physicist who found the **elusive** particle won the Nobel Prize.

conservationist

n. a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife

synonym: environmentalist

(1) wildlife **conservationist**, (2) dedicated **conservationist**

The extinction of this species has been a significant concern for **conservationists**.

dataset

n. a structured collection of data that is compiled and processed in a computer system or program, typically for analysis, research, or machine learning purposes

synonym : data array, database

(1) **dataset** analysis, (2) publicly available **dataset**

The scientist analyzed the large **dataset** to conclude the experiment.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym : depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him

Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

indirect

adj. happening in addition to the main or intended aim, cause or result, often in a way that is not obvious; not following the shortest or straight way

synonym : unintended, ambiguous, ancillary

(1) **indirect** taxation, (2) **indirect** lighting

He expressed his dissatisfaction in an **indirect** way.

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym : catch, arrest, imprison

(1) **capture** a glimpse, (2) **capture** customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

anesthetize

v. to administer a drug or other substance that causes a loss of sensation or consciousness, often to perform a medical procedure; to numb or dull a physical or emotional sensation

synonym : numb, sedate, drug

(1) **anesthetize** a patient, (2) **anesthetize** a wound

The dentist will **anesthetize** your mouth before removing your wisdom teeth.

install

v. to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position

synonym : establish, inaugurate, lodge

(1) **install** a door, (2) **install** a chairperson

The new president was **installed** immediately after the national election.

collar

n. a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket; (verb) to grab or catch hold of someone or something

synonym : band, neckband

(1) **collar** of a shirt, (2) **collar** of a dog

He put on his **collar** and tie before leaving for work.

movement

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

synonym : motion, progression, action

(1) a circular **movement**, (2) **movement** of troops

The **movement** of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

technique

n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill

synonym : approach, procedure, strategy

(1) a **technique** in martial arts, (2) the **technique** applied to construction

Jockey's superior **technique** brought him victory.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape**

in Europe.

priority

n. something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

synonym : importance, precedence, primacy

(1) **priority** call, (2) **priority** seating for elderly

Her **priority** is to be a mother.

disseminate

v. to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse

synonym : spread, circulate, propagate

(1) **disseminate** propaganda, (2) **disseminate** knowledge

It is important to **disseminate** accurate information to the public to prevent false rumors from spreading.

educate

v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

synonym : instruct, teach, train

(1) **educate** student, (2) **educate** public

The school's mission is to **educate** young children and prepare them for the future.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym : big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

anteater

n. a mammal that feeds on ants and termites, characterized by a long snout and a sticky tongue

synonym : antbear, numbat, echidna

(1) **anteater** habitat, (2) giant **anteater**

The **anteater's** long, sticky tongue is perfectly adapted to catching ants and insects.

ant

n. a very small insect that lives under the ground or in a mound in highly organized groups

synonym : pismire, insect

(1) a white **ant**, (2) **ant** bite

We can find many large **ant** mounds in this area.

responsible

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

synonym : accountable, answerable, liable

(1) **responsible** action, (2) **responsible** for a customer service

She's a **responsible** pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

ultimate

adj. furthest or highest in degree or order

synonym : highest, maximum, foremost

(1) the **ultimate** goal in life, (2) the **ultimate** luxury

Management must take **ultimate** responsibility for the accident.

accumulate

v. to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time

synonym : amass, stash, earn

(1) **accumulate** cash value, (2) **accumulate** evidence

He has **accumulated** his wealth through real estate investments.

Atlantic

adj. relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east

(1) **Atlantic** breeze, (2) **Atlantic** salmon

The **Atlantic** hurricane season runs from June to November each year.

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.

biome

n. a major ecological community characterized by particular plant and animal species adapted to a specific climate and geographic region, such as desert, tundra, or rainforest

synonym: ecosystem, habitat, biota

(1) **biome** conservation, (2) marine **biome**

The rainforest is one of the most diverse **biomes** on the planet.

destruction

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

synonym: devastation, annihilation, ruin

(1) path of **destruction**, (2) cyclonic **destruction**

The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat **destruction**.

colonize

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

synonym: settle, occupy, inhabit

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

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

timber

n. the wood of trees cut and prepared for construction

synonym: wood, lumber, logs

(1) **timber** construction, (2) standing **timber**

The house uses sturdy **timber** and has withstood many storms.

agriculture

n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

synonym: farming, husbandry, agribusiness

(1) organic **agriculture**, (2) intensive **agriculture**
Agriculture is the foundation of our economy.

cattle

n. cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals

synonym: cows, herd, oxen

(1) **cattle** barn, (2) **cattle** hide

The **cattle** are on the grassland and grazing.

ranching

n. the practice of raising livestock, typically cattle or sheep, on large areas of land, often referred to as ranches, for meat, wool, or other products

synonym: farming, agriculture, grazing

(1) **ranching** industry, (2) cattle **ranching**

The government introduced regulations to ensure sustainable **ranching** practices.

construct

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

synonym: build, assemble, create

(1) **construct** a 3D image, (2) **construct** a dam

He **constructs** hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

isolate

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

synonym: separate, sequester, insulate

(1) **isolate** a compound, (2) **isolate** a patient

You should not **isolate** them from the community.

disconnect

v. to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

synonym: unplug, detach, take apart

(1) **disconnect** a plug, (2) **disconnect** the water supply

She finally decided to **disconnect** herself from the company.

pastureland

n. an area of land covered with grass used for grazing livestock

synonym: grazing land, meadow, range

(1) **pastureland** management, (2) **pastureland** ecology

The cow grazed in the lush **pastureland**.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences

I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

wildlife

n. animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions

(1) **wildlife** sanctuary, (2) bird and other **wildlife**

The conservation area has an abundance of **wildlife**.

corridor

n. a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure

synonym: hallway, passageway, aisle

(1) walk along a **corridor**, (2) air **corridor**

The long **corridor** was filled with people rushing to get to their rooms before the meeting began.

reconnect

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

synonym: reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

expand

v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance

synonym: extend, grow, boost

(1) **expand** a lineup, (2) **expand** agricultural output

They hope to **expand** their business worldwide.

continuous

adj. occurring or existing without a pause or interruption
synonym : ceaseless, regular, repeated

(1) **continuous** improvement, (2) a **continuous** row of warehouses

The heavy snow has been **continuous** since last morning.

freshwater

adj. living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt

(1) **freshwater** area, (2) **freshwater** aquatic bird

This microbe is a parasite of **freshwater** fish.

floodplain

n. an area of flat land adjacent to a river or stream that is subject to periodic flooding

synonym : lowland, swamp, delta

(1) **floodplain** area, (2) **floodplain** management

The town was built on a **floodplain**, making it vulnerable to natural disasters.

incredible

adj. unbelievable; enormous

synonym : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

stronghold

n. a fortress or secure place that is difficult to capture, especially one used as a center of military operations

synonym : fortress, bastion, citadel

(1) the last **stronghold**, (2) **stronghold** bastion

The castle served as a **stronghold** for the kingdom, protecting against invaders.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym : menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

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**.

equip

v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
synonym : prepare, furnish, provide
(1) **equip** an army, (2) **equip** our children with some special skills
The construction company **equipped** the building with an earthquake-resistant device.

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.

device

n. a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
synonym : gadget, instrument, tool
(1) electronic **device**, (2) tracking **device**
I always carry a backup **device** in case my phone runs out of battery.

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable
synonym : adored, cherished, valued
(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information

We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

reproduction

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

synonym: procreation, replication, duplication

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

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

puzzle

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

synonym: plight, maze, (verb) perplex

(1) crossword **puzzle**, (2) mathematical **puzzle**

This jigsaw **puzzle** is challenging because there are no pictures.

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.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

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

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

grassland

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

synonym: meadow, plain, savanna

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

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

shrub

n. a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil

synonym : bush, hedge, fern

(1) tree and **shrubs**, (2) small **shrub**

These are **shrubs** with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.

epicenter

n. the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake

synonym : ground zero, focus, center

(1) the **epicenter** of the sports world, (2) **epicenter** magnitude

The **epicenter** of the earthquake was located deep beneath the earth's surface.

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.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym : destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

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.

soybean

n. a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications

synonym : soya, edamame

(1) **soybean** oil, (2) **soybean** production

The farmer harvested his **soybean** crop and took it to market.

poach

v. to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings

synonym : steal, snatch

(1) **poach** on his land, (2) **poach** deer

The chef **poached** the eggs perfectly for the benedict breakfast dish.

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.

highway

n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities

synonym : road, expressway, freeway

(1) **highway** system, (2) an interstate **highway**

I'm going to take the **highway** to get to my destination faster.

wander

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

synonym : ramble, roam, stroll

(1) **wander** alone in a strange country, (2) **wander** far from home

I often **wander** around the park for half an hour.

urgency

n. the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately

synonym: importance, importunity, urging

(1) **urgency** in the use of force, (2) matter of **urgency**

She departed hurriedly because of some significant **urgency** in their affairs.

tide

n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

synonym: ripple, surge, swell

(1) **tide** cycle, (2) ride the **tide** of change

Red **tide** is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

disappear

v. to cease to exist or be visible

synonym: fade, evaporate, vanish

(1) **disappear** without a trace, (2) **disappear** after a week

They watched the train **disappear** into the distance.

creative

adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something

synonym: imaginative, innovative, inventive

(1) **creative** writing, (2) barren of **creative** spirit

All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more **creative**.

stick

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

synonym: pierce, adhere, stay

(1) **stick** a key in a lock, (2) fire **stick**

You **stick** a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop

out.

collision

n. an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict

synonym: crash, impact, smash

(1) **collision** detection, (2) come into **collision** with my friend

The **collision** of tectonic plates can result in new mountain ranges, such as the Himalayas or the Alps.

crazy

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

synonym: insane, absurd, bizarre

(1) **crazy** about cars and racing, (2) a **crazy** scheme

The rain and thunder are **crazy** today.

struggle

v. to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

synonym: toil, strive, compete

(1) **struggle** against discrimination, (2) **struggle** to get the job

He could not **struggle** against temptation.

pact

n. a formal agreement between two or more parties

synonym: agreement, treaty, covenant

(1) a nonaggression **pact**, (2) aviation **pact**

The two countries made a **pact** to reduce their carbon emissions.

namesake

n. a person or thing with the same name as somebody or something else

(1) the **namesake** of her mother, (2) less famous than its **namesake**

He is my **namesake**, but we're not related.

monitor

v. to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

synonym : proctor, check, observe

(1) **monitor** an exam, (2) **monitor** the data carefully

They used a special receiver to **monitor** police radio channels.

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.

deserve

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

synonym : merit, earn, justify

(1) **deserve** respect, (2) **deserve** this prize

The employee **deserved** the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

Session 2: Spelling

1. co_____ct a 3D image
v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
2. su_____e a plane crash
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
3. go_____us sunset
adj. wonderful and attractive
4. economic ge_____hy
n. a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
5. con_____te a large sum of money to the fund
v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people
6. a subordinate ki_____m
n. the country ruled by a king or queen
7. a so_____ry traveler
adj. existing, living, or doing without others
8. inc_____le amount
adj. unbelievable; enormous
9. con_____us improvement
adj. occurring or existing without a pause or interruption
10. res_____le action
adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
11. 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

ANSWERS: 1. construct, 2. survive, 3. gorgeous, 4. geography, 5. contribute, 6. kingdom, 7. solitary, 8. incredible, 9. continuous, 10. responsible, 11. develop

12. cr____ve writing *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
13. standing ti____r *n.* the wood of trees cut and prepared for construction
14. ex____d agricultural output *v.* to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
15. walk along a co____or *n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
16. an unf____te situation *adj.* having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
17. in____ct lighting *adj.* happening in addition to the main or intended aim, cause or result, often in a way that is not obvious; not following the shortest or straight way
18. re____ce by myself *v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
19. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
20. dis____te propaganda *v.* to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
21. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
22. use of so____ry confinement *adj.* existing, living, or doing without others
23. flo____in area *n.* an area of flat land adjacent to a river or stream that is subject to periodic flooding

ANSWERS: 12. creative, 13. timber, 14. expand, 15. corridor, 16. unfortunate, 17. indirect, 18. reproduce, 19. giant, 20. disseminate, 21. giant, 22. solitary, 23. floodplain

24. a peaceful la_____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
25. mo_____r an exam *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
26. co_____on detection *n.* an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict
27. st_____re and function of the brain *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
28. organic agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
29. da_____t analysis *n.* a structured collection of data that is compiled and processed in a computer system or program, typically for analysis, research, or machine learning purposes
30. track down an el_____e fact *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
31. co_____t mainly of cells *v.* to be composed or made up of
32. pr_____ty seating for elderly *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first
33. de_____e respect *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

ANSWERS: 24. landscape, 25. monitor, 26. collision, 27. structure, 28. agriculture, 29. dataset, 30. elusive, 31. consist, 32. priority, 33. deserve

34. eq__p our children with some special skills *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
35. act as a pi____r *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
36. wa____r alone in a strange country *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
37. the first round of the com_____on *n.* a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another
38. tree and sh__bs *n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
39. en_____er a crisis *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
40. in_____ct taxation *adj.* happening in addition to the main or intended aim, cause or result, often in a way that is not obvious; not following the shortest or straight way
41. environmental th____t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
42. th_____en a healthy relationship *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

ANSWERS: 34. equip, 35. pioneer, 36. wander, 37. competition, 38. shrub, 39. encounter, 40. indirect, 41. threat, 42. threaten

43. 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
44. di_____ar without a trace *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
45. 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
46. dis_____te wealth evenly *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something
47. co_____t only in knowing facts *v.* to be composed or made up of
48. ep_____er magnitude *n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
49. r__y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
50. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
51. dedicated con_____ist *n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
52. 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

ANSWERS: 43. trap, 44. disappear, 45. develop, 46. distribute, 47. consist, 48. epicenter, 49. rely, 50. dedicate, 51. conservationist, 52. photograph

53. 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
54. path of des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
55. he_____re animals *n.* an animal that eats only plants, such as a cow or a deer
56. pas_____nd ecology *n.* an area of land covered with grass used for grazing livestock
57. po__h deer *v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
58. financial cr____s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
59. so_____n production *n.* a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications
60. re_____ct a telephone *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
61. 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

ANSWERS: 53. economy, 54. destruction, 55. herbivore, 56. pastureland, 57. poach, 58. crisis, 59. soybean, 60. reconnect, 61. trap

62. small sh__b *n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
63. acc_____te cash value *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
64. the ep_____er of the sports world *n.* the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake
65. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
66. su_____al food *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger
67. er_____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
68. mathematical pu____e *n.* a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand
69. pas_____nd management *n.* an area of land covered with grass used for grazing livestock
70. the ul_____te goal in life *adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
71. the te_____ue applied to construction *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
72. dis_____te video content *v.* to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

ANSWERS: 62. shrub, 63. accumulate, 64. epicenter, 65. ecosystem, 66. survival, 67. eradicate, 68. puzzle, 69. pastureland, 70. ultimate, 71. technique, 72. distribute

73. he_____re diet *n.* an animal that eats only plants, such as a cow or a deer
74. a con_____us row of warehouses *adj.* occurring or existing without a pause or interruption
75. 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
76. aviation p__t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
77. re_____ct with family *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
78. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
79. res_____le for a customer service *adj.* answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management
80. bird and other wi_____fe *n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
81. ext_____on prevention *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
82. er_____te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
83. str_____ld bastion *n.* a fortress or secure place that is difficult to capture, especially one used as a center of military operations
84. po__h on his land *v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings

ANSWERS: 73. herbivore, 74. continuous, 75. sugarcane, 76. pact, 77. reconnect, 78. hunt, 79. responsible, 80. wildlife, 81. extinction, 82. eradicate, 83. stronghold, 84. poach

85. make a positive con_____ion *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
86. giant ta__r *n.* a large, herbivorous mammal with a long snout and flexible snout, native to Central and South America and Southeast Asia
87. an el_____e criminal *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
88. ed_____e public *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
89. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
90. publicly available da_____t *n.* a structured collection of data that is compiled and processed in a computer system or program, typically for analysis, research, or machine learning purposes
91. cr__y about cars and racing *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
92. effects of cl_____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
93. on the br__k *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
94. tr_____al cyclones *adj.* originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics
95. lingual di_____ty *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people

ANSWERS: 85. contribution, 86. tapir, 87. elusive, 88. educate, 89. climate, 90. dataset, 91. crazy, 92. climate, 93. brink, 94. tropical, 95. diversity

96. fre_____er area *adj.* living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt
97. mo_____r the data carefully *v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time
98. a_t bite *n.* a very small insect that lives under the ground or in a mound in highly organized groups
99. 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
100. br__k of war *n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place
101. At_____ic salmon *adj.* relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east
102. id_____fy gene sequences *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
103. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
104. in_____l a chairperson *v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position

ANSWERS: 96. freshwater, 97. monitor, 98. ant, 99. slap, 100. brink, 101. Atlantic, 102. identify, 103. landscape, 104. install

105. ca___e hide *n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
106. r__y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
107. 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
108. price of pr____us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
109. ane____ze a patient *v.* to administer a drug or other substance that causes a loss of sensation or consciousness, often to perform a medical procedure; to numb or dull a physical or emotional sensation
110. ra____ng industry *n.* the practice of raising livestock, typically cattle or sheep, on large areas of land, often referred to as ranches, for meat, wool, or other products
111. acc____te evidence *v.* to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
112. id____fy handwriting *v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
113. the st____re of a machine *n.* the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
114. electronic de___e *n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

ANSWERS: 105. cattle, 106. rely, 107. patch, 108. precious, 109. anesthetize, 110. ranching, 111. accumulate, 112. identify, 113. structure, 114. device

115. h__t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
116. st____le against discrimination *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
117. di____se the protesters *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
118. abs____ly obsessed with the girl *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
119. in____l a door *v.* to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position
120. 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
121. pr____us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
122. de____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
123. tr____al islands *adj.* originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics
124. giant an____er *n.* a mammal that feeds on ants and termites, characterized by a long snout and a sticky tongue
125. cattle ra____ng *n.* the practice of raising livestock, typically cattle or sheep, on large areas of land, often referred to as ranches, for meat, wool, or other products

ANSWERS: 115. hunt, 116. struggle, 117. disperse, 118. absolutely, 119. install, 120. diet, 121. precious, 122. dedicate, 123. tropical, 124. anteater, 125. ranching

126. a sw____w tail
127. establish his ki____m
128. s__p a heavy fine
129. re_____ce the painting
130. tracking de____e
131. rhi_____os habitat
132. ca___e barn
133. fire st__k
- v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
- n.* the country ruled by a king or queen
- 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
- v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process
- n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic
- n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.
- n.* cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals
- v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 126. swallow, 127. kingdom, 128. slap, 129. reproduce, 130. device, 131. rhinoceros, 132. cattle, 133. stick

134. co_____ze planets *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
135. 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
136. vast gr_____nd *n.* a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock
137. de_____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
138. di_____ar after a week *v.* to cease to exist or be visible
139. ma_____e amounts *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
140. female of_____ng *n.* descendant; any immature animal or plant
141. am_____g advances *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
142. air co_____or *n.* a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
143. 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
144. we__h heavily on stock prices *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

ANSWERS: 134. colonize, 135. maintain, 136. grassland, 137. destroy, 138. disappear, 139. massive, 140. offspring, 141. amazing, 142. corridor, 143. conservation, 144. weigh

145. en_____er a storm *v.* to face something, particularly something unpleasant or difficult, while attempting to do something else; to meet, especially unexpectedly
146. ge_____hy class *n.* a field of science devoted to the study of the lands, features, inhabitants, and phenomena of the Earth
147. th_____en national security *v.* to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone
148. mo_____nt of troops *n.* a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively
149. hi_____y system *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
150. 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
151. a go_____us meal *adj.* wonderful and attractive
152. con_____ion to society *n.* the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause
153. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
154. ta__r habitat *n.* a large, herbivorous mammal with a long snout and flexible snout, native to Central and South America and Southeast Asia

ANSWERS: 145. encounter, 146. geography, 147. threaten, 148. movement, 149. highway, 150. conservation, 151. gorgeous, 152. contribution, 153. strategy, 154. tapir

155. we__h a cargo *v.* to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion
156. cyclonic des_____on *n.* the act of causing so much damage to something
157. so_____n oil *n.* a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications
158. st_____le to get the job *v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction
159. the na_____ke of her mother *n.* a person or thing with the same name as somebody or something else
160. 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
161. a cr__y scheme *adj.* stupid or not sensible; very angry
162. is_____e a compound *v.* to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
163. ca_____e a glimpse *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
164. 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: 155. weigh, 156. destruction, 157. soybean, 158. struggle, 159. namesake, 160. photograph, 161. crazy, 162. isolate, 163. capture, 164. economy

165. economic th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
166. ed_____e student *v.* to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.
167. su_____e a blizzard *v.* to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
168. come into co_____on with my friend *n.* an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict
169. loss of bio_____ity *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
170. intensive agr_____re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
171. ti___r construction *n.* the wood of trees cut and prepared for construction
172. t__e cycle *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
173. abs_____ly against *adv.* without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
174. marine ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

ANSWERS: 165. threat, 166. educate, 167. survive, 168. collision, 169. biodiversity, 170. agriculture, 171. timber, 172. tide, 173. absolutely, 174. ecosystem

175. de_____e this prize *v.* to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable
176. the di_____ty policy of the university *n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
177. dis_____ct the water supply *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
178. the most am_____g feeling *adj.* extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
179. de_____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
180. rep_____ion rate *n.* the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work
181. early pi_____rs *n.* inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something
182. bio_____ity conservation *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
183. st__k a key in a lock *v.* to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

ANSWERS: 175. deserve, 176. diversity, 177. disconnect, 178. amazing, 179. destroy, 180. reproduction, 181. pioneer, 182. biodiversity, 183. stick

184. an_____er habitat *n.* a mammal that feeds on ants and termites, characterized by a long snout and a sticky tongue
185. ane_____ze a wound *v.* to administer a drug or other substance that causes a loss of sensation or consciousness, often to perform a medical procedure; to numb or dull a physical or emotional sensation
186. fre_____er aquatic bird *adj.* living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt
187. ca_____e customers' hearts *v.* to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
188. military st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
189. flo_____in management *n.* an area of flat land adjacent to a river or stream that is subject to periodic flooding
190. ride the t__e of change *n.* the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull
191. marine bi__e *n.* a major ecological community characterized by particular plant and animal species adapted to a specific climate and geographic region, such as desert, tundra, or rainforest
192. bi__e conservation *n.* a major ecological community characterized by particular plant and animal species adapted to a specific climate and geographic region, such as desert, tundra, or rainforest

ANSWERS: 184. anteater, 185. anesthetize, 186. freshwater, 187. capture, 188. strategy, 189. floodplain, 190. tide, 191. biome, 192. biome

193. dis_____ct a plug *v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment
194. lo_____d crop *n.* low-lying country or region
195. 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
196. a white a_t *n.* a very small insect that lives under the ground or in a mound in highly organized groups
197. a nonaggression p__t *n.* a formal agreement between two or more parties
198. fe__s sample *n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
199. co____r of a shirt *n.* a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket; (verb) to grab or catch hold of someone or something
200. wa____r far from home *v.* to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction
201. a te_____ue in martial arts *n.* a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
202. co____r of a dog *n.* a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket; (verb) to grab or catch hold of someone or something

ANSWERS: 193. disconnect, 194. lowland, 195. diet, 196. ant, 197. pact, 198. feces, 199. collar, 200. wander, 201. technique, 202. collar

203. human fe__s	<i>n.</i> waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
204. matter of ur____y	<i>n.</i> the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
205. endangered gr____nd	<i>n.</i> a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock
206. produce of____ng	<i>n.</i> descendant; any immature animal or plant
207. dis____te knowledge	<i>v.</i> to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse
208. ter____al heat	<i>adj.</i> of or relating to the Earth; relating to or inhabiting the land or the ground as opposed to the sea or air
209. lo____d swamp	<i>n.</i> low-lying country or region
210. co____ct a dam	<i>v.</i> to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole
211. sa____rd environmental quality	<i>v.</i> to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss
212. is____e a patient	<i>v.</i> to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things
213. software pa__h	<i>n.</i> 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: 203. feces, 204. urgency, 205. grassland, 206. offspring, 207. disseminate, 208. terrestrial, 209. lowland, 210. construct, 211. safeguard, 212. isolate, 213. patch

214. rep_____ion system *n.* the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work
215. no_____al habits *adj.* relating to or occurring in the night; active or awake during the night
216. sw_____w a handful of pills *v.* to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations
217. ur_____y in the use of force *n.* the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
218. 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
219. white rhi_____os *n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.
220. wildlife con_____ist *n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
221. co_____ze for cultivation *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
222. 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
223. su_____al ability *n.* the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

ANSWERS: 214. reproduction, 215. nocturnal, 216. swallow, 217. urgency, 218. sugarcane, 219. rhinoceros, 220. conservationist, 221. colonize, 222. maintain, 223. survival

224. an interstate hi_____y *n.* a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
225. the last str_____ld *n.* a fortress or secure place that is difficult to capture, especially one used as a center of military operations
226. at inc_____le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
227. brink of ext_____on *n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
228. eq__p an army *v.* to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
229. sa_____rd my property *v.* to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss
230. ma_____e stars *adj.* enormous amount; very heavy and solid
231. ter_____al planets *adj.* of or relating to the Earth; relating to or inhabiting the land or the ground as opposed to the sea or air
232. barren of cr_____ve spirit *adj.* relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
233. cr____s management *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
234. no_____al insects *adj.* relating to or occurring in the night; active or awake during the night
235. pr_____ty call *n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

ANSWERS: 224. highway, 225. stronghold, 226. incredible, 227. extinction, 228. equip, 229. safeguard, 230. massive, 231. terrestrial, 232. creative, 233. crisis, 234. nocturnal, 235. priority

245. di____se false information

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

246. an unf_____te orphan

adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky

ANSWERS: 245. disperse, 246. unfortunate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I was able to _____ the moment on film.
 - v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

2. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.
 - v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

3. 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

4. The _____ are on the grassland and grazing.
 - n. cows, bulls, and buffalos that are raised for their milk or meat as farm animals

5. The dentist will _____ your mouth before removing your wisdom teeth.
 - v. to administer a drug or other substance that causes a loss of sensation or consciousness, often to perform a medical procedure; to numb or dull a physical or emotional sensation

6. The chef _____ the eggs perfectly for the benedict breakfast dish.
 - v. to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings

7. His _____ to the charity was a generous donation of money.
 - n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

ANSWERS: 1. capture, 2. eradicate, 3. trap, 4. cattle, 5. anesthetize, 6. poached, 7. contribution

8. He has _____ his wealth through real estate investments.
v. to collect or acquire a large number of things over a long period of time
9. Before authorities _____ the protesters, they yelled slogans.
v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
10. The physicist who found the _____ particle won the Nobel Prize.
adj. difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
11. I'm going to take the _____ to get to my destination faster.
n. a main road, especially one connecting major towns or cities
12. 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
13. _____ animals, such as owls and bats, are active at night.
adj. relating to or occurring in the night; active or awake during the night
14. He _____ his life to helping others.
v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
15. 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

ANSWERS: 8. accumulated, 9. dispersed, 10. elusive, 11. highway, 12. develop, 13. Nocturnal, 14. dedicated, 15. photograph

16. The _____ hurricane season runs from June to November each year.

adj. relating to or located near the Atlantic Ocean, which is the second-largest ocean on Earth, located between the continents of North and South America to the west and Europe and Africa to the east

17. The rainforest is one of the most diverse _____ on the planet.

n. a major ecological community characterized by particular plant and animal species adapted to a specific climate and geographic region, such as desert, tundra, or rainforest

18. The recent economic downturn has resulted in _____ layoffs.

adj. enormous amount; very heavy and solid

19. His estate was _____ to his sons.

v. to give something to a large number of individuals, or to spread or furnish something

20. The baby _____ at the wildlife sanctuary was recently born and is very cute.

n. (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.

21. The two countries made a _____ to reduce their carbon emissions.

n. a formal agreement between two or more parties

22. The farmer harvested his _____ crop and took it to market.

n. a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications

ANSWERS: 16. Atlantic, 17. biomes, 18. massive, 19. distributed, 20. rhinoceros, 21. pact, 22. soybean

23. _____ longitude is measured in degrees east or west of the Prime Meridian.

adj. of or relating to the Earth; relating to or inhabiting the land or the ground as opposed to the sea or air

24. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

25. He expressed his dissatisfaction in an _____ way.

adj. happening in addition to the main or intended aim, cause or result, often in a way that is not obvious; not following the shortest or straight way

26. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

27. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

28. 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

29. He evaluated his chances for _____ rather pessimistically.

n. the state of continuing to exist or live, frequently in the face of difficulty or danger

30. The organizational _____ of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

n. the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

ANSWERS: 23. Terrestrial, 24. giant, 25. indirect, 26. destroyed, 27. landscape, 28. ecosystem, 29. survival, 30. structure

31. This microbe is a parasite of _____ fish.

adj. living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt

32. He _____ hypotheses that no mathematician has ever imagined before.

v. to build or create something; to assemble or combine different parts to form something whole

33. I often _____ around the park for half an hour.

v. to walk around slowly or to a place, often without any clear purpose or direction

34. He is my _____ but we're not related.

n. a person or thing with the same name as somebody or something else

35. European powers _____ much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

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

36. A giraffe is an _____ that primarily eats leaves and twigs.

n. an animal that eats only plants, such as a cow or a deer

37. The employee _____ the promotion for their hard work and dedication.

v. to be worthy of or entitled to something, especially something good or valuable

38. It is important to _____ accurate information to the public to prevent false rumors from spreading.

v. to spread or distribute widely, especially information or ideas; to scatter or disperse

ANSWERS: 31. freshwater, 32. constructs, 33. wander, 34. namesake, 35. colonized, 36. herbivore, 37. deserved, 38. disseminate

39. The country was instrumental in promoting the _____ treaty.
n. the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
40. The golfer recorded an _____ distance.
adj. extremely surprising, especially in a way that you like or admire
41. The cow grazed in the lush _____.
n. an area of land covered with grass used for grazing livestock
42. We can find many large ____ mounds in this area.
n. a very small insect that lives under the ground or in a mound in highly organized groups
43. The scientist analyzed the large _____ to conclude the experiment.
n. a structured collection of data that is compiled and processed in a computer system or program, typically for analysis, research, or machine learning purposes
44. I am _____ opposed to his idea because of morality.
adv. without restriction or limitation; completely or utterly
45. All the supervisor has to do is assign tasks that make his subordinates more _____.
adj. relating to or involving the use of skill and original and unusual ideas to create something
46. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.
v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 39. biodiversity, 40. amazing, 41. pastureland, 42. ant, 43. dataset, 44. absolutely, 45. creative, 46. rely

47. He was impressed by the range and _____ of the collection.
- n.* the quality or fact of many different types of things or people being included in something; a range of different things or people
48. The conservation area has an abundance of _____.
- n.* animals, birds, insects, etc. that grow independently of people and live in natural conditions
49. The castle served as a _____ for the kingdom, protecting against invaders.
- n.* a fortress or secure place that is difficult to capture, especially one used as a center of military operations
50. Management must take _____ responsibility for the accident.
- adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
51. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.
- adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
52. I will introduce you to how to _____ the leading causes of the malfunction.
- v.* to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
53. Meadows and pastures are examples of smaller-scale _____ in many parts of the world.
- n.* a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock
54. 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

ANSWERS: 47. diversity, 48. wildlife, 49. stronghold, 50. ultimate, 51. precious, 52. identify, 53. grasslands, 54. diet

55. After a long period of estrangement, they _____ with each other.

- v.* to connect again after a break or interruption

56. He never uttered a _____ word.

- adj.* existing, living, or doing without others

57. Proper disposal of _____ is essential for maintaining public health and sanitation.

- n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement

58. 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

59. She finally decided to _____ herself from the company.

- v.* to unfasten or disjoin something, especially to break the connection between a supply of gas, water, or electricity and a piece of equipment

60. 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

61. Much of our territory is located in the _____.

- n.* low-lying country or region

62. This measure will _____ people against terrorism.

- v.* to protect something or someone from harm, damage, or loss

63. He could not _____ against temptation.

- v.* to make a great effort to do something when it is difficult, or there are a lot of problems; to use force or violence to break away from restraint or constriction

ANSWERS: 55. reconnected, 56. solitary, 57. feces, 58. hunt, 59. disconnect, 60. maintain, 61. lowland, 62. safeguard, 63. struggle

64. The rain and thunder are _____ today.

adj. stupid or not sensible; very angry

65. She wore a _____ dress to the party, which everyone admired.

adj. wonderful and attractive

66. The new president was _____ immediately after the national election.

v. to fix furniture, a machine, or a piece of equipment into position so that it can be used; put into an office or a position

67. The _____ of tectonic plates can result in new mountain ranges, such as the Himalayas or the Alps.

n. an instance of two or more objects or entities crashing into each other, usually resulting in damage, impact, or conflict

68. The extinction of several subspecies has been linked to climate change and habitat _____.

n. the act of causing so much damage to something

69. The _____ of the dancers on stage was graceful and elegant.

n. a group of people working together to achieve a shared goal, especially a political, social, or artistic one; the process of moving or being moved, physically or figuratively

70. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

71. One of the _____ main predators is the jaguar, which sometimes attacks and kills them.

n. a large, herbivorous mammal with a long snout and flexible snout, native to Central and South America and Southeast Asia

ANSWERS: 64. crazy, 65. gorgeous, 66. installed, 67. collision, 68. destruction, 69. movement, 70. strategy, 71. tapir's

72. She departed hurriedly because of some significant _____ in their affairs.
n. the quality of being very important and needing to be dealt with immediately
73. The _____ long, sticky tongue is perfectly adapted to catching ants and insects.
n. a mammal that feeds on ants and termites, characterized by a long snout and a sticky tongue
74. The construction company _____ the building with an earthquake-resistant device.
v. to provide a person or a place with the things that are needed for a particular purpose or activity
75. These birds can only _____ in temperate climates.
v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period
76. Jockey's superior _____ brought him victory.
n. a particular way or art of doing something that needs skill
77. The _____ accident caused many injuries and some fatalities.
adj. having bad luck or fortune; unlucky
78. They hope to _____ their business worldwide.
v. to increase or to make something greater in size, number, or importance
79. 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

ANSWERS: 72. urgency, 73. anteater's, 74. equipped, 75. survive, 76. technique, 77. unfortunate, 78. expand, 79. conservation

80. Her _____ is to be a mother.

- n.* something that is more important than other things and should be dealt with first

81. They used a special receiver to _____ police radio channels.

- v.* to observe, check, and track the progress or quality of something over a period of time

82. Government workers cannot _____ to political campaigns.

- v.* to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people

83. 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

84. The extinction of this species has been a significant concern for _____.

- n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife

85. I always carry a backup _____ in case my phone runs out of battery.

- n.* a piece of equipment, tool, or technology that serves a particular purpose or function, often mechanical or electronic

86. We were on the _____ of a financial crisis.

- n.* the point at which something is about to happen; the edge of a steep place

87. By dividing and creating copies of themselves, bacteria _____.

- v.* to make a copy of something such as a picture, piece of text, music, etc.; to produce offspring through a sexual or asexual process

ANSWERS: 80. priority, 81. monitor, 82. contribute, 83. patch, 84. conservationists, 85. device, 86. brink, 87. reproduce

88. _____ is the foundation of our economy.
n. the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
89. Her response revealed _____ idiocy.
adj. unbelievable; enormous
90. They watched the train _____ into the distance.
v. to cease to exist or be visible
91. How many _____ does the average lion have?
n. descendant; any immature animal or plant
92. The house uses sturdy _____ and has withstood many storms.
n. the wood of trees cut and prepared for construction
93. This examination _____ of five problems to solve.
v. to be composed or made up of
94. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.
n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
95. The long _____ was filled with people rushing to get to their rooms before the meeting began.
n. a hallway or passageway, especially one connecting rooms or areas within a building or structure
96. 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

ANSWERS: 88. Agriculture, 89. incredible, 90. disappear, 91. offspring, 92. timber, 93. consists, 94. Climate, 95. corridor, 96. geography

97. The _____ of the plant depends on the pollinators.
- n.* the process by which organisms create offspring; the production of something similar to an original work
98. The _____ of the dinosaurs is thought to have been caused by an asteroid impact.
- n.* the complete disappearance of a species from the earth
99. 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
100. These are _____ with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.
- n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
101. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
- n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
102. The town was built on a _____ making it vulnerable to natural disasters.
- n.* an area of flat land adjacent to a river or stream that is subject to periodic flooding
103. _____ 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
104. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
- n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

ANSWERS: 97. reproduction, 98. extinction, 99. slap, 100. shrubs, 101. crisis, 102. floodplain, 103. Sugarcane, 104. threat

105. John Whitney was a computer animation _____.

n. inventor; explorer; someone who is among the first to achieve something

106. Global _____ is rising in virtually every industry.

n. a situation in which someone is attempting to beat or outperform another

107. By remaining neutral, this _____ continued to exist.

n. the country ruled by a king or queen

108. The heavy snow has been _____ since last morning.

adj. occurring or existing without a pause or interruption

109. You _____ a bill in the change machine, and the coins pop out.

v. to put something, usually a sharp object, into something; to restrict yourself to doing or using one certain thing and not change; (noun) a thin piece of wood or other material

110. She's a _____ pet owner who ensures her dog gets enough exercise and a healthy diet.

adj. answerable or accountable for something within one's power, control, or management

111. The _____ of the earthquake was located deep beneath the earth's surface.

n. the point on the earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake

112. You should not _____ them from the community.

v. to physically or socially separate someone or something from other people or things

ANSWERS: 105. pioneer, 106. competition, 107. kingdom, 108. continuous, 109. stick, 110. responsible, 111. epicenter, 112. isolate

113. _____ storm Marco is making his way along the coast of Florida.

adj. originating in, located in, or characteristic of the tropics

114. The baby _____ 1 pound 3 oz.

v. to have a particular weight; to carefully evaluate things before making a conclusion

115. The government introduced regulations to ensure sustainable _____ practices.

n. the practice of raising livestock, typically cattle or sheep, on large areas of land, often referred to as ranches, for meat, wool, or other products

116. He put on his _____ and tie before leaving for work.

n. a band of material worn around the neck, typically forming part of a shirt or jacket; (verb) to grab or catch hold of someone or something

117. 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

118. Various artificially induced causes are _____ our ecosystem.

v. to utter intentions of injury or punishment against someone

119. This jigsaw _____ is challenging because there are no pictures.

n. a situation that is difficult to follow or solve; a game, problem, or toy that tests a person's ingenuity or knowledge; (verb) to cause someone to feel confused because of something difficult to understand

120. 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

ANSWERS: 113. Tropical, 114. weighs, 115. ranching, 116. collar, 117. encounter, 118. threatening, 119. puzzle, 120. economy

121. I _____ my anger and kept quiet.

- v. to make food, drink, pills, etc., pass down your throat into your stomach; (noun) small long-winged songbird noted for swift, graceful flight and the regularity of its migrations

122. The school's mission is to _____ young children and prepare them for the future.

- v. to provide or receive instruction or training over a period of time at a school, university, etc.

123. Red _____ is often harmful to the local ecosystem.

- n. the cyclical rise and fall of sea level caused by the moon's gravitational pull

ANSWERS: 121. swallowed, 122. educate, 123. tide