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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

### dragon

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

*synonym* : wyvern, serpent, drake

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

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

### incredible

*adj.* unbelievable; enormous

*synonym* : unbelievable, fantastical, inconceivable

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

Her response revealed **incredible** idiocy.

### creature

*n.* a living being, especially an animal

*synonym* : being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

### bizarre

*adj.* very strange or unusual

*synonym* : abnormal, freaky, outlandish

(1) the story is **bizarre**, (2) **bizarre** behavior

The truth was more **bizarre** than expected.

## dinosaur

*n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

*synonym*: reptile, beast, monster

(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil

The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

## decide

*v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

*synonym*: choose, determine, settle

(1) **decide** a question, (2) **decide** on a course of action

She couldn't **decide** whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

## paleontology

*n.* the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth

*synonym*: fossilology, prehistoric biology

(1) vertebrate **paleontology**, (2) **paleontology** museum

My interest in **paleontology** research began when I visited a natural history museum and saw a display of fossils from the Jurassic period.

## combine

*v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

*synonym*: coalesce, cohere, blend

(1) **combine** chemically with another substance,

(2) **combine** augmented reality

Hydrogen and oxygen **combine** to form water.

## desire

*n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

*synonym*: ambition, appetite, greed

(1) unsatisfied **desire**, (2) fleshly **desire**

Low sexual **desire** typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

## fling

*v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

*synonym*: throw, dump, hurl

(1) **fling** a stream of abuse, (2) **fling** a door open forcefully

He was provoked to **fling** the draft on the floor.

## expedition

*n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose

*synonym*: journey, trip, voyage

(1) **expedition** team, (2) a polar **expedition**

The **expedition** to the Amazon jungle was both exciting and challenging.

## 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.

## planet

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

*synonym*: earth, world, globe

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

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

## quest

*n.* a long or challenging search for something

*synonym*: exploration, inquisition, pursuit

(1) the **quest** for truth, (2) on a **quest** for happiness

That adventurer traveled in **quest** of buried treasure.

## uncover

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

*synonym*: disclose, reveal, unveil

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

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

## **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.

## **predatory**

*adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

*synonym* : raptorial, hunting, greedy

(1) a **predatory** bird, (2) **predatory** warfare

The domesticated cat still has its **predatory** instincts.

## **desert**

*n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

(1) **desert** basin, (2) oasis in the **desert**

This region is predominantly **desert**.

## **germ**

*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

*synonym* : bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

## **unfortunately**

*adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

*synonym* : regrettably, unluckily, alas

(1) **unfortunately** caught in a shower, (2) even more **unfortunately**

The treatments were done but, **unfortunately**, were unsuccessful.

## **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.

## spine

*n.* the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column

*synonym* : backbone, vertebra, column

(1) the **spine** of a book, (2) a cervical **spine** injury

She has a minor curved **spine** due to desk work for many years.

## magnificent

*adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

*synonym* : splendid, brilliant, exquisite

(1) a **magnificent** plan, (2) a **magnificent** mountain

The **magnificent** scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.

## slender

*adj.* thin and delicate, often in an attractive way

*synonym* : lanky, skinny, slim

(1) **slender** body, (2) a long **slender** leaf

He has a **slender** income.

## jaw

*n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information

*synonym* : mouth, (verb) chitchat

(1) snatch victory from the **jaws** of defeat, (2) **jaw** muscle

He dropped his **jaw** at the unexpected sight.

## crocodile

*n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats

*synonym* : alligator, gator, croc

(1) **crocodile** hide, (2) saltwater **crocodile**

The **crocodile** attack left the villagers in a state of shock and fear

## conical

*adj.* having the shape or form of a cone; tapering to a point; resembling or pertaining to a cone in shape or structure

*synonym* : cone-shaped, tapered, pointed

(1) **conical** hat, (2) **conical** flask

The ice cream cone had a delicious **conical** shape.

## slippery

*adj.* difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted

*synonym* : smooth, glistening, furtive

(1) a **slippery** customer, (2) **slippery** ice

How extraordinarily **slippery** a liar the camera is.

## prey

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

*synonym* : target, quarry, chase

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

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

## fieldwork

*n.* real-world research or study conducted outside a library or laboratory.

(1) meticulous **fieldwork**, (2) perform **fieldwork**

Numerous instances from **fieldwork** show these hypotheses in great detail.

## sandstorm

*n.* a severe, and often violent, windstorm in which a cloud of sand and dust is blown over a wide area, reducing visibility and causing damage to structures and equipment

*synonym* : dust storm, haboob

(1) **sandstorm** warning, (2) **sandstorm** season

Many people experienced breathing difficulties during the severe **sandstorm**.

## scorpion

*n.* a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting

*synonym* : arachnid, stinger

(1) **scorpion** fish, (2) poisonous **scorpion**

The **scorpion's** venom can be lethal to humans.

## fossil

*n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

*synonym*: relic, remnant, antediluvian

(1) burning of **fossil** fuels, (2) a **fossil** leaf

It was the **fossil** of a dinosaur tooth.

## discovery

*n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

*synonym*: finding, uncovering, detection

(1) a scientific **discovery**, (2) the great **discovery** of the century

Her research team made an important **discovery**.

## specimen

*n.* an individual example or sample of something, typically used to represent a larger group or category

*synonym*: example, sample, model

(1) **specimen** collection, (2) botanical **specimen**

The biology teacher showed the students a frog **specimen** so they could examine its anatomy.

## medium

*adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

*synonym*: average, intermediate, (noun) channel

(1) **medium** color, (2) an advertising **medium**

The **medium** size shirt fits him perfectly.

## 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.

## deposit

*n.* a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force

*synonym*: bank, installment, sedimentation

(1) **deposit** money, (2) **deposit** accumulation

I made a **deposit** at the bank to add money to my account.

## coelacanth

*n.* a deep-sea fish that was thought to be extinct but was discovered alive in the 20th century, which has lobed fins and a unique body structure similar to ancient fish

*synonym*: living fossil

(1) deep-sea **coelacanth**, (2) prehistoric **coelacanth**

The museum displayed a **coelacanth** fossil, allowing visitors to see the connection between the modern fish and its prehistoric ancestors.

## monster

*n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

*synonym*: giant, freak, behemoth

(1) horde of **monsters**, (2) **monster** film

This car has a **monster** engine.

## pterosaur

*n.* an extinct flying reptile from the Mesozoic era, characterized by a wingspan of up to 40 feet and a long slender body with wings formed by a membrane of skin stretched between an elongated fourth finger and the body

*synonym*: flying reptile, winged lizard

(1) ancient **pterosaur**, (2) large **pterosaur** species

**Pterosaur** fossils provide valuable insights into the evolution of flying reptiles.

## 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.

## 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.

## skeleton

*n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant

*synonym*: bones, frame, structure

(1) the steel **skeleton** of a building, (2) **skeleton** hand

Scientists studied the ancient **skeleton** to learn more about the creature's anatomy.

## fin

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

*synonym*: flipper, appendage, stabilizer

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

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

## reconstruct

*v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

*synonym*: rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text

They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

## skull

*n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape

*synonym*: cranium, scalp, brain

(1) **skull** fracture, (2) have a thick **skull**

Archaeologists found a Neanderthal **skull** at that historic site.

## paddle

*n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance

*synonym* : oar, oarlock, scull

(1) **paddle** strokes, (2) canoe **paddle**

The **paddle** boarders glided across the crystal-clear waters of the cove.

## sediment

*n.* the substance that forms a solid layer at the bottom of the liquid

*synonym* : deposition, residue

(1) **sediment** runoff, (2) gravel **sediment**

Heavy rain often washes away **sediments** of the river.

## 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.

## dense

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

*synonym* : heavy, thick, idiotic

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

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

## compact

*adj.* closely and firmly united or packed together, using very little space; smaller than is usual

*synonym* : packed, tight, consolidated

(1) a **compact** camera, (2) extremely **compact** device

Two countries acted together as if by **compact**.

## buoyancy

*n.* the ability or tendency of an object to float in a fluid

*synonym* : flotation, levitation, airiness

(1) **buoyancy** principle, (2) **buoyancy** compensator

The object's **buoyancy** helped it float on the water's surface.

## scan

*v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

*synonym* : look over, scrutinize, browse

(1) **scan** the face of the man, (2) **scan** a document into PDF  
She stood on the podium and **scanned** an audience.

## digital

*adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

*synonym* : numerical, computerized, cyber

(1) a **digital** watch, (2) **digital** electronic signature

Sensors convert physical phenomena into **digital** signals.

## hind

*adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal

*synonym* : back, rear, posterior

(1) **hind** toe, (2) **hind** paw

The farmer noticed a **hind** leg injury on one of his cows and called the vet for help.

## limb

*n.* an arm and leg of a person or animal

*synonym* : arm, appendage, branch

(1) a prosthetic **limb**, (2) **limb** amputation

You should wrap the bandage carefully and firmly around the injured **limb**.

## substantial

*adj.* fairly large in size, value, or importance

*synonym* : significant, notable, actual

(1) a **substantial** amount of capital, (2) have a **substantial** meal

The pandemic was a **substantial** business opportunity for certain companies.

## flesh

*n.* the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures

*synonym* : meat, muscle, tissue

(1) grow in **flesh**, (2) **flesh** eating  
The **flesh** of the fruit is sweet and juicy.

## attachment

*n.* a feeling of affection for someone or something  
*synonym*: adoration, affection, extension

(1) **attachment** to a formal plan, (2) stand mixer fitted with the paddle **attachment**

I have no **attachment** to the countryside.

## wrap

*v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

*synonym*: surround, cover, bandage

(1) **wrap** a fish in foil, (2) **wrap** up a meeting

**Wrap** the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

## ancient

*adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

*synonym*: archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

## aquatic

*adj.* growing or living in, on or near, or connected with water

*synonym*: marine, submarine, oceanic

(1) **aquatic** vehicles, (2) **aquatic** life

**Aquatic** ecosystems perform many essential environmental functions.

## lifetime

*n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

*synonym*: lifespan, duration

(1) **lifetime** benefits, (2) **lifetime** ban from the sport

She had lived through two world wars in her **lifetime**.

## treasure

*n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected

*synonym*:

hoard, fortune, gem

(1) **treasure** hunt, (2) **treasure** island

The pirates searched for buried **treasure** in the dunes.

## **adventure**

*n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

*synonym*: experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film

He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his **adventures**.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. horde of mo\_\_\_\_rs  
*n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
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| 13. de_____t money                 | <i>n.</i>   | a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force |
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| 15. bu_____cy principle            | <i>n.</i>   | the ability or tendency of an object to float in a fluid  |
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| 17. a mag_____nt mountain          | <i>adj.</i> | extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed   |
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31. cr\_\_\_\_\_re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal

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ANSWERS: 32. medium, 33. expedition, 34. magnificent, 35. uncover, 36. fin, 37. ultimate, 38. germ, 39. elusive, 40. scorpion, 41. structure

42. co\_\_\_\_l hat *adj.* having the shape or form of a cone; tapering to a point; resembling or pertaining to a cone in shape or structure
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49. fleshly de\_\_\_\_e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
50. unf\_\_\_\_\_ely caught in a shower *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily
51. even more unf\_\_\_\_\_ely *adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

ANSWERS: 42. conical, 43. conical, 44. jaw, 45. skull, 46. fossil, 47. scan, 48. planet, 49. desire, 50. unfortunately, 51. unfortunately

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61. a g\_\_m-free environment *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

ANSWERS: 52. ultimate, 53. fieldwork, 54. digital, 55. bizarre, 56. scorpion, 57. reconstruct, 58. dense, 59. treasure, 60. aquatic, 61. germ

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69. co\_\_\_\_e chemically with another substance *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
70. re\_\_\_\_e exhibition *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
71. me\_\_\_m color *adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

ANSWERS: 62. hind, 63. destroy, 64. bizarre, 65. compact, 66. decide, 67. slender, 68. treasure, 69. combine, 70. reptile, 71. medium

72. w\_\_p a fish in foil *v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material
73. dr\_\_\_n wing *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
74. l\_\_b amputation *n.* an arm and leg of a person or animal
75. 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
76. co\_\_\_\_\_e augmented reality *v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group
77. gastronomic ad\_\_\_\_\_res *n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
78. se\_\_\_\_\_nt runoff *n.* the substance that forms a solid layer at the bottom of the liquid
79. cr\_\_\_\_\_le hide *n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats
80. aq\_\_\_\_\_c life *adj.* growing or living in, on or near, or connected with water
81. a cervical sp\_\_e injury *n.* the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column
82. di\_\_\_\_\_l electronic signature *adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

ANSWERS: 72. wrap, 73. dragon, 74. limb, 75. structure, 76. combine, 77. adventure, 78. sediment, 79. crocodile, 80. aquatic, 81. spine, 82. digital

83. bu\_\_\_\_cy compensator *n.* the ability or tendency of an object to float in a fluid
84. vertebrate pal\_\_\_\_\_ogy *n.* the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth
85. dr\_\_\_n fruit *n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
86. de\_\_\_t basin *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks
87. de\_\_\_\_\_yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
88. the great di\_\_\_\_\_ry of the century *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
89. deep-sea coe\_\_\_\_\_th *n.* a deep-sea fish that was thought to be extinct but was discovered alive in the 20th century, which has lobed fins and a unique body structure similar to ancient fish
90. de\_\_e forests *adj.* containing a large number of people or something with little space between them
91. the steel sk\_\_\_\_\_on of a building *n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant
92. oasis in the de\_\_\_t *n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

ANSWERS: 83. buoyancy, 84. paleontology, 85. dragon, 86. desert, 87. destroy, 88. discovery, 89. coelacanth, 90. dense, 91. skeleton, 92. desert

93. a fo\_\_\_l leaf *n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock
94. at inc\_\_\_\_\_le speed *adj.* unbelievable; enormous
95. li\_\_\_\_\_me benefits *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
96. un\_\_\_\_\_r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
97. li\_\_\_\_\_me ban from the sport *n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;
98. sl\_\_\_\_\_ry ice *adj.* difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted
99. save the pl\_\_\_t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
100. stand mixer fitted with the paddle att\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a feeling of affection for someone or something
101. snatch victory from the j\_ws of defeat *n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
102. h\_\_d paw *adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal
103. a pr\_\_\_\_\_ry bird *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

ANSWERS: 93. fossil, 94. incredible, 95. lifetime, 96. uncover, 97. lifetime, 98. slippery, 99. planet, 100. attachment, 101. jaw, 102. hind, 103. predatory

104. meticulous fi\_\_\_\_\_rk *n.* real-world research or study conducted outside a library or laboratory.
105. a polar exp\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose
106. h\_\_t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
107. fossil re\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
108. fl\_\_h eating *n.* the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures
109. de\_\_\_e a question *v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options
110. grow in fl\_\_h *n.* the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures
111. s\_\_n the face of the man *v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information
112. artificial cr\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
113. a scientific di\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known
114. an\_\_\_\_\_t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

ANSWERS: 104. fieldwork, 105. expedition, 106. hunt, 107. reptile, 108. flesh, 109. decide, 110. flesh, 111. scan, 112. creature, 113. discovery, 114. ancient



115. mo\_\_\_\_r film *n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful
116. unsatisfied de\_\_\_e *n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something
117. fl\_\_g a door open forcefully *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
118. an el\_\_\_\_\_e criminal *adj.* difficult to find, define, achieve, or remember
119. sp\_\_\_\_\_en collection *n.* an individual example or sample of something, typically used to represent a larger group or category
120. pr\_\_\_\_\_ry warfare *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
121. canoe pa\_\_\_e *n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance
122. rec\_\_\_\_\_ct an image *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
123. have a thick sk\_\_l *n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
124. de\_\_\_\_\_t accumulation *n.* a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force

ANSWERS: 115. monster, 116. desire, 117. fling, 118. elusive, 119. specimen, 120. predatory, 121. paddle, 122. reconstruct, 123. skull, 124. deposit

125. a co\_\_\_\_t camera *adj.* closely and firmly united or packed together, using very little space; smaller than is usual
126. become p\_\_y to terrorists *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
127. sa\_\_\_\_\_rm warning *n.* a severe, and often violent, windstorm in which a cloud of sand and dust is blown over a wide area, reducing visibility and causing damage to structures and equipment
128. large pt\_\_\_\_\_ur species *n.* an extinct flying reptile from the Mesozoic era, characterized by a wingspan of up to 40 feet and a long slender body with wings formed by a membrane of skin stretched between an elongated fourth finger and the body
129. fl\_\_g a stream of abuse *v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry
130. have a sub\_\_\_\_\_al meal *adj.* fairly large in size, value, or importance
131. p\_\_y of beast *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
132. hulking di\_\_\_\_\_ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

ANSWERS: 125. compact, 126. prey, 127. sandstorm, 128. pterosaur, 129. fling, 130. substantial, 131. prey, 132. dinosaur

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ boarders glided across the crystal-clear waters of the cove.  
*n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance
  
2. The shark's powerful \_\_\_\_\_ allowed it to swim at high speeds.  
*n.* a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
  
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.  
*n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
  
4. You should wrap the bandage carefully and firmly around the injured \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an arm and leg of a person or animal
  
5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the fruit is sweet and juicy.  
*n.* the soft substance composing the body of a person or animal, as opposed to bones and other structures
  
6. The deep sea \_\_\_\_\_ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.  
*n.* a living being, especially an animal
  
7. The pandemic was a \_\_\_\_\_ business opportunity for certain companies.  
*adj.* fairly large in size, value, or importance
  
8. I made a \_\_\_\_\_ at the bank to add money to my account.  
*n.* a sum of money or materials placed or kept in a bank, safety deposit box, or other secure places for safekeeping; a layer of rock, sand, or other material left behind by a flowing liquid or eroding force

ANSWERS: 1. paddle, 2. fins, 3. germ, 4. limb, 5. flesh, 6. creature, 7. substantial, 8. deposit

9. Two countries acted together as if by \_\_\_\_\_.

*adj.* closely and firmly united or packed together, using very little space; smaller than is usual

10. He continued his investigation and soon \_\_\_\_\_ another crime.

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

11. The physicist who found the \_\_\_\_\_ particle won the Nobel Prize.

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

12. Sensors convert physical phenomena into \_\_\_\_\_ signals.

*adj.* processing or storing information as a succession of 1 and 0 to show that a signal is present or missing; relating to the use of computer technology, especially the internet

13. How extraordinarily \_\_\_\_\_ a liar the camera is.

*adj.* difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted

14. This region is predominantly \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* arid land with little or no vegetation often covered with sand or rocks

15. He was provoked to \_\_\_\_\_ the draft on the floor.

*v.* to throw or push something or someone with force or recklessness, especially because you are angry

16. The entire mountain is covered in \_\_\_\_\_ rainforest.

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

ANSWERS: 9. compact, 10. uncovered, 11. elusive, 12. digital, 13. slippery, 14. desert, 15. fling, 16. dense

17. The ice cream cone had a delicious \_\_\_\_\_ shape.

*adj.* having the shape or form of a cone; tapering to a point; resembling or pertaining to a cone in shape or structure

18. I have no \_\_\_\_\_ to the countryside.

*n.* a feeling of affection for someone or something

19. 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

20. Hydrogen and oxygen \_\_\_\_\_ to form water.

*v.* to join or merge to form a single thing or group

21. The majority of snakes swallow their \_\_\_\_\_ whole.

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

22. Her research team made an important \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the act or process of finding information, a place, or an object, or learning about something that was previously not known

23. She had lived through two world wars in her \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* the duration of someone's life or something's existence;

24. Numerous instances from \_\_\_\_\_ show these hypotheses in great detail.

*n.* real-world research or study conducted outside a library or laboratory.

25. The building was \_\_\_\_\_ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

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

ANSWERS: 17. conical, 18. attachment, 19. hunt, 20. combine, 21. prey, 22. discovery, 23. lifetime, 24. fieldwork, 25. destroyed

26. Mercury is the closest \_\_\_\_\_ to the sun.  
*n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
27. The discovery of a new \_\_\_\_\_ species made headlines in the scientific community.  
*n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
28. Archaeologists found a Neanderthal \_\_\_\_\_ at that historic site.  
*n.* a bone framework that surrounds the brain and gives the head its shape
29. The museum displayed a \_\_\_\_\_ fossil, allowing visitors to see the connection between the modern fish and its prehistoric ancestors.  
*n.* a deep-sea fish that was thought to be extinct but was discovered alive in the 20th century, which has lobed fins and a unique body structure similar to ancient fish
30. They've decided to \_\_\_\_\_ a ruined castle.  
*v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
31. Management must take \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility for the accident.  
*adj.* furthest or highest in degree or order
32. The domesticated cat still has its \_\_\_\_\_ instincts.  
*adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
33. He has a \_\_\_\_\_ income.  
*adj.* thin and delicate, often in an attractive way

ANSWERS: 26. planet, 27. dinosaur, 28. skull, 29. coelacanth, 30. reconstruct, 31. ultimate, 32. predatory, 33. slender

34. In Chinese mythology, \_\_\_\_\_ are considered powerful and benevolent creatures.
- n.* a mythical monster typically depicted as a giant reptile with wings, claws, and a fiery breath often portrayed as being fierce and dangerous
35. The \_\_\_\_\_ to the Amazon jungle was both exciting and challenging.
- n.* a journey or voyage for a specific purpose
36. 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
37. They have been living near water since \_\_\_\_\_ times.
- adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
38. She has a minor curved \_\_\_\_\_ due to desk work for many years.
- n.* the series of bones running down the center of the back that protect the spinal cord and support the body; the backbone or vertebral column
39. The pirates searched for buried \_\_\_\_\_ in the dunes.
- n.* a valuable or desirable possession; something that is cherished or held dear; a collection of valuable objects or money that is hidden or protected
40. My interest in \_\_\_\_\_ research began when I visited a natural history museum and saw a display of fossils from the Jurassic period.
- n.* the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth
41. He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

ANSWERS: 34. dragons, 35. expedition, 36. reptile, 37. ancient, 38. spine, 39. treasure, 40. paleontology, 41. adventures

42. The \_\_\_\_\_ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

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

43. 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

44. The treatments were done but, \_\_\_\_\_ were unsuccessful.

*adv.* by bad luck; unluckily

45. The \_\_\_\_\_ venom can be lethal to humans.

*n.* a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting

46. \_\_\_\_\_ fossils provide valuable insights into the evolution of flying reptiles.

*n.* an extinct flying reptile from the Mesozoic era, characterized by a wingspan of up to 40 feet and a long slender body with wings formed by a membrane of skin stretched between an elongated fourth finger and the body

47. The \_\_\_\_\_ size shirt fits him perfectly.

*adj.* of a size, amount, or level that is average or intermediate; (noun) a means or instrumentality for storing or communicating information

48. He dropped his \_\_\_\_ at the unexpected sight.

*n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information

49. \_\_\_\_\_ the bandage tightly around the injured arm.

*v.* to cover or enclose something entirely with paper, cloth, or other material

ANSWERS: 42. giant, 43. structure, 44. unfortunately, 45. scorpion's, 46. Pterosaur, 47. medium, 48. jaw, 49. Wrap



50. The biology teacher showed the students a frog \_\_\_\_\_ so they could examine its anatomy.

*n.* an individual example or sample of something, typically used to represent a larger group or category

51. Her response revealed \_\_\_\_\_ idiocy.

*adj.* unbelievable; enormous

52. She stood on the podium and \_\_\_\_\_ an audience.

*v.* to examine something hastily, with the eyes or with a machine, to get information

53. Heavy rain often washes away \_\_\_\_\_ of the river.

*n.* the substance that forms a solid layer at the bottom of the liquid

54. It was the \_\_\_\_\_ of a dinosaur tooth.

*n.* any preserved remains, impression, or trace of any once-living thing that has become hard and turned into rock

55. The \_\_\_\_\_ attack left the villagers in a state of shock and fear

*n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats

56. She couldn't \_\_\_\_\_ whether to order the pizza or the pasta for dinner.

*v.* to make up someone's mind about something; to come to a conclusion or judgment after considering options

57. This car has a \_\_\_\_\_ engine.

*n.* an imaginary creature that is large and has various human and animal parts; someone or something large and powerful

ANSWERS: 50. specimen, 51. incredible, 52. scanned, 53. sediments, 54. fossil, 55. crocodile, 56. decide, 57. monster

58. \_\_\_\_\_ ecosystems perform many essential environmental functions.

*adj.* growing or living in, on or near, or connected with water

59. The farmer noticed a \_\_\_\_\_ leg injury on one of his cows and called the vet for help.

*adj.* situated at the back or rear; coming after, following; of, or relating to the hindquarters or hind legs of an animal

60. The object's \_\_\_\_\_ helped it float on the water's surface.

*n.* the ability or tendency of an object to float in a fluid

61. The \_\_\_\_\_ scene of the glacier is awe-inspiring.

*adj.* extremely beautiful and impressive; grand or noble in thought or deed

62. Many people experienced breathing difficulties during the severe \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a severe, and often violent, windstorm in which a cloud of sand and dust is blown over a wide area, reducing visibility and causing damage to structures and equipment

63. The truth was more \_\_\_\_\_ than expected.

*adj.* very strange or unusual

64. Scientists studied the ancient \_\_\_\_\_ to learn more about the creature's anatomy.

*n.* the structure of bones in a human or animal body, or a framework of bones or other material that supports a plant

65. Low sexual \_\_\_\_\_ typically correlates with low testosterone levels.

*n.* a strong feeling of wanting to have or do something

ANSWERS: 58. Aquatic, 59. hind, 60. buoyancy, 61. magnificent, 62. sandstorm, 63. bizarre, 64. skeleton, 65. desire

66. That adventurer traveled in \_\_\_\_\_ of buried treasure.

*n.* a long or challenging search for something

ANSWERS: 66. quest