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Session 1: Word List

bewitch

v. to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way

synonym : charm, enchant, fascinate

(1) hold the charm to **bewitch**, (2) **bewitch** him into a frog
Her beauty **bewitched** him.

reckless

adj. marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions

synonym : impetuous, irresponsible, thoughtless

(1) **reckless** driving, (2) in a **reckless** manner
Reckless youth makes rueful age.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym : decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling
As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

tusk

n. a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging

synonym : ivory, tush, horn

(1) **tusk** of an elephant, (2) **tusk-like** tooth

The ivory poacher was arrested for possession of illegal **tusks**.

fang

n. a long, pointed tooth, typically in the upper jaw, used for biting and chewing, as in snakes and some other animals

synonym : tooth, canine, tusk

(1) **fang** mark, (2) poison **fang**

The vampire bared its **fangs** and growled.

claw

n. a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

synonym : paw, talon, nail

(1) **claw** marks, (2) **claw** hammer

The bear used its **claw** to catch a fish in the river.

opportune

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

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

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

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

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym : defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

synonym : motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

unmet

adj. describing a need, goal, or expectation that has not been satisfied or fulfilled

synonym: unsatisfied, unfulfilled, unmatched

(1) **unmet** demand, (2) **unmet** needs

The **unmet** expectations of the customers led to a decrease in sales.

romanticize

v. to make something seem more attractive or appealing than it is, especially by exaggerating or idealizing its qualities; to view or present something in a romantic or sentimental way

synonym: idealize, glorify, sentimentalize

(1) **romanticize** the past, (2) **romanticize** the idea of love

It is easy to **romanticize** a new job or opportunity, but it is important to remain objective and realistic about the challenges that come with it

lifespan

n. the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

synonym: duration, lifetime, continuance

(1) **lifespan** extension, (2) **lifespan** retrieval curve

Generally speaking, men have a shorter **lifespan** than women.

myopic

adj. near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective

synonym: nearsighted, short-sighted, unforesightful

(1) **myopic** vision, (2) **myopic** thinking

His **myopic** view of the situation prevented him from seeing the bigger picture.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

spear

n. a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past

synonym : javelin, pike, lance

(1) hunting **spear**, (2) sharp-pointed **spear**

Ancient people made **spears** with wood entirely.

enrage

v. to make someone extremely angry

synonym : anger, incense, infuriate

(1) **enrage** the international community, (2) **enrage** critics

The news of the betrayal **enraged** him.

aurochs

n. an extinct species of wild oxen that inhabited Europe, Asia, and North Africa until the 17th century

(1) extinct **aurochs**, (2) **aurochs** skeleton

The cave paintings in Lascaux depict **aurochs** and other animals that were once native to Europe.

intelligible

adj. capable of being understood or apprehended

synonym : apprehensible, understandable, comprehensible

(1) **intelligible** pronunciation, (2) **intelligible** to anyone

He gave me an **intelligible** answer.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym : commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

rewild

v. to restore an area of land to its natural state, especially by reintroducing locally extinct species

synonym : restore, return, rehabilitate

(1) **rewild** land, (2) **rewild** an area

The government is considering a plan to **rewild** certain areas by reintroducing native species and removing non-native ones.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

trophic

adj. of or relating to feeding and nutrition; of or relating to the relationships between organisms and their food sources

synonym: nutrient, nutritional, feeding

(1) **trophic** factor, (2) **trophic** transfer

The **trophic** level of an organism determines its position in the food chain.

cascade

n. a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units

synonym: waterfall, watercourse, step

(1) **cascade** connection, (2) transistor **cascade**

The **cascade** of waterfalls in the national park was a breathtaking sight.

tumble

v. to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance

synonym: fall, stumble, plummet

(1) **tumble** down the hill, (2) confidence **tumbles** as unemployment rates rose

The value of the currency **tumbled** against major international currencies.

reintroduce

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

synonym: bring back, restore, reestablish

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

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

graze

v. to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping

synonym : nibble, feed, scrape

(1) turn cattle out to **graze**, (2) **graze** the left shoulder

The sheep **graze** on the green grass in the meadow.

gorge

n. a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it

synonym : canyon, gully, ravine

(1) cast the **gorge**, (2) the **gorges** of the Yangtse River

We must pass through the narrow **gorge** with a stream running through it.

quintuple

v. to increase or multiply by five; to make something five times as much or as many; (adjective) being five times as great or as many

(1) **quintuple** their income, (2) **quintuple** angle

The team aims to **quintuple** its sales by the end of the fiscal year.

aspen

n. a deciduous tree with smooth, white bark that often trembles or quakes in the wind; a type of skiing that involves quick, short turns on steep slopes

synonym : tree, hardwood

(1) **aspen** grove, (2) golden **aspen** leaves

The **aspen** trees turned a bright yellow in the fall, creating a beautiful sight.

willow

n. a deciduous tree or shrub that is often found near water, characterized by long, flexible, and slender branches and narrow leaves

synonym : sallow, osier, saugh

(1) weeping **willow**, (2) **willow** overhanging the bank

Under the **willow** tree, they had a lovely picnic in the shade.

songbird

n. a bird with a musical call, such as a blackbird or thrush
synonym : songster

(1) migratory **songbird**, (2) tropical **songbird**

Federal law protects the majority of **songbirds**.

migratory

adj. relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons

synonym : nomadic, wandering, roving

(1) **migratory** species, (2) **migratory** route

The **migratory** birds flew thousands of miles to reach their wintering grounds.

otter

n. a semiaquatic mammal with a sleek, streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense, soft fur, found in and around freshwater and coastal areas

(1) **otter** in the river, (2) sea- **otter** fur

The playful **otter** swam around the river, diving in and out of the water.

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.

amphibian

n. a cold-blooded animal that can live both on land and in water

synonym : frog, toad, salamander

(1) **amphibian** species, (2) **amphibian** habitat

Scientists are concerned about the rapid decline in **amphibian** populations around the world.

hawk

n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

synonym : militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

weasel

n. a small carnivorous mammal with a long and slender body, short legs, and a long and narrow head, known for its ability to hunt rodents and small animals; someone who behaves in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or cunning manner

(1) **weasel** words, (2) **weasel** her way out of doing the dishes

The **weasel's** long and slender body allows it to easily navigate small spaces.

badger

n. a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands

synonym : nuisance, annoyance

(1) **badger** territory, (2) **badger** him with questions

The **badger's** thick fur and tough skin make it well-suited for digging and burrowing in rough terrain.

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.

meander

v. to wander or roam aimlessly or leisurely; to follow a winding or circuitous course, as a river or road

synonym : wander, zigzag, twist

(1) **meander** down the river, (2) **meander** aimlessly

We decided to **meander** through the park and enjoy the scenery.

rifle

v. to quickly flip or shuffle through the pages of a book, document, or stack of papers; to move or pass quickly and lightly through something

synonym: shuffle, flip, flick

(1) **rifle** through papers, (2) **rifle** over pebbles and rocks

The librarian quickly **riffled** the returned book's pages to ensure no notes were left inside.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

stabilize

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

synonym: brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels

The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

krill

n. a small, shrimp-like crustacean that is a major food source for many marine animals

synonym: shrimp, plankton, zooplankton

(1) eat **krill**, (2) Antarctic **krill**

The decline in **krill** populations in recent years has raised concerns about the health of marine ecosystems.

politely

adv. in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others

synonym: courteously, respectfully, graciously

(1) **politely** ask, (2) nodded **politely**

She **politely** declined the invitation to the party, saying she had other plans.

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.

plume

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

synonym : feather, honor, token

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

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

photosynthesis

n. the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.

(1) oxygenic **photosynthesis**, (2) process of **photosynthesis**

In **photosynthesis**, plants use carbon dioxide to feed themselves.

phytoplankton

n. tiny little plants that float on the surface of the water and on which sea creatures feed

(1) marine **phytoplankton**, (2) **phytoplankton** blooms

She studies the relationship between marine creatures' toxicity and the **phytoplankton** they feed on.

plankton

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

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

Plankton is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.

zooplankton

n. very small animals that live in water and on which other sea creatures feed

(1) freshwater **zooplankton**, (2) floating **zooplankton**

The diversity of riverine ecosystems influences the variety of

zooplankton in marine areas.

plunge

v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

synonym: dive, drop, thrust

(1) **plunge** into the water, (2) **plunge** a dagger through his heart

The company's profits **plunged** after the recall of their new product.

abyss

n. a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void

synonym: chasm, cavity, gulf

(1) the **abyss** of time, (2) an **abyss** of hopelessness

The deep sea is an **abyss** of mystery and discovery.

sequester

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

synonym: isolate, set apart, segregate

(1) **sequester** ten percent of the annual carbon emissions,

(2) **sequester** myself from the world

He approved their requests to **sequester** the jury.

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

assemblage

n. a collection or gathering of things or persons; a group or ensemble of items that have been brought together in a particular way

synonym: gathering, collection, meeting

(1) sculptural **assemblage**, (2) an **assemblage** of tools

The **assemblage** of artists displayed their works in the gallery for all to see.

heath

n. an area of open uncultivated land, typically covered in heather, gorse, or other shrubs; a low-growing, evergreen shrub found in heathland areas

synonym : moor, bog, swamp

(1) small **heath**, (2) **heath** habitat

The birdwatcher spotted a rare species on the **heath**.

meadow

n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

synonym : pasture, field, lawn

(1) graze in the **meadow**, (2) lowland **meadow**

The lush **meadow** was covered in wildflowers.

kelp

n. a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters

synonym : seaweed, marine algae

(1) **kelp** forest, (2) giant **kelp**

The coast was lined with beds of **kelp** swaying in the tide.

reforestation

n. the process of replanting or regenerating forests, typically after they have been cut down or destroyed by natural disasters

synonym : afforestation

(1) **reforestation** project, (2) **reforestation** policy

Reforestation efforts are necessary to combat deforestation and its negative environmental impact.

hectare

n. a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters

(1) **hectare** land, (2) housing per **hectare**

The farm spans over 100 **hectares** of land.

vacate

v. to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty

synonym : empty, evacuate, abandon

(1) **vacate** a property, (2) **vacate** a seat

I need to **vacate** my apartment by the end of the month.

lynx

n. a wild cat with tufted ears, native to Eurasia and North America

synonym : feline, wildcat, bobcat

(1) **lynx** habitat, (2) **lynx** population

The Siberian **lynx** is a solitary hunter native to the boreal forests.

bison

n. a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

synonym : buffalo

(1) endangered **bison**, (2) American **bison's** meat

Large herds of **bison** used to live on the plains of this area.

boar

n. a wild pig, especially a male with tusks

synonym : wild pig, sow, hog

(1) wild **boar**, (2) **boar's** head

The hunter tracked the **boar** through the forest for a good shot.

moose

n. a large deer native to the northern forests of North America and Eurasia

synonym : elk, deer, antelope

(1) **moose** hunting, (2) **moose** population

The antlers of a bull **moose** can grow up to 6 feet in width and weigh over 60 pounds.

megafauna

n. a term used to describe large animals that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, such as mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed tigers, and that are now extinct

synonym : large animals, large mammals

(1) **megafauna** extinction, (2) **megafauna** fossils

Many prehistoric **megafaunas**, such as mammoths and saber-toothed tigers, are now extinct.

excavate

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

synonym : dig, unearth, extract

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

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

hippopotamus

n. (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature

synonym : river horse, water horse, hippo

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

The zoo has a new **hippopotamus** exhibit that popularly attracts families.

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.

hyena

n. a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs

synonym : jackal, coyote, wild dog

(1) **hyena** den, (2) spotted **hyena**

The **hyena's** powerful jaws and teeth enable it to crush bones and devour its prey.

glacial

adj. relating to or resembling a glacier (= a slowly moving mass of ice) or the process of glaciation; characterized by an extremely slow or gradual pace or movement

synonym : cold, icy, frozen

(1) **glacial** movements, (2) **glacial** terrain

The **glacial** pace of the negotiations frustrated both parties.

deciduous

adj. (of plants and shrubs) shedding its foliage annually; (of teeth, antlers, etc.) shedding its body parts at the end of a period of growth

synonym : momentary, temporary, short-term

(1) **deciduous** tree, (2) **deciduous** teeth

Deciduous leafy trees dominate the forests of the lower region.

sprout

v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly

synonym : germinate, grow, bud

(1) **sprout** seeds, (2) **sprout** wings

The flowers in the garden began to **sprout** after the first rain of the season.

understory

n. the layer of vegetation and plant growth that grows beneath the main canopy of a forest or woodland

synonym : underbrush, brushwood, forest floor

(1) **understory** vegetation, (2) **understory** habitat

The forest's **understory** is home to many plants and animals.

temperate

adj. mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude

synonym : moderate, mild, genial

(1) **temperate** grassland, (2) **temperate** behavior

The **temperate** climate of the region made it an ideal vacation spot.

leafy

adj. covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat

synonym : verdant, leaf-covered, foliated

(1) **leafy** canopy, (2) **leafy** suburbs

The neighborhood is known for its **leafy** trees and verdant

gardens.

enchant

v. to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
synonym: charm, captivate, bewitch

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

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

extinct

adj. no longer in existence
synonym: dead, obsolete, abolished

(1) **extinct** by human activity, (2) long- **extinct** volcano

Many species have become **extinct** due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

raucous

adj. harsh, loud, and disorderly; characterized by rowdy or chaotic behavior; producing an unpleasantly loud and harsh noise

synonym: boisterous, noisy, loud

(1) **raucous** laughter, (2) **raucous** crowd

The **raucous** party next door kept us awake all night.

Session 2: Spelling

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7. the ab__s of time *n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void
8. am_____an habitat *n.* a cold-blooded animal that can live both on land and in water
9. pl___e a dagger through his heart *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall

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16. c__w hammer *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
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22. ref_____ion project *n.* the process of replanting or regenerating forests, typically after they have been cut down or destroyed by natural disasters

ANSWERS: 16. claw, 17. migratory, 18. hectare, 19. badger, 20. cascade, 21. plume, 22. reforestation

23. tree and sh__bs *n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
24. sea-ot__r fur *n.* a semiaquatic mammal with a sleek, streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense, soft fur, found in and around freshwater and coastal areas
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28. se_____er myself from the world *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
29. process of pho_____sis *n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.
30. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
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ANSWERS: 23. shrub, 24. otter, 25. stabilize, 26. conquer, 27. riffle, 28. sequester, 29. photosynthesis, 30. sect, 31. conceive

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33. transistor ca_____e *n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
34. oxygenic pho_____sis *n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.
35. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
36. fe__s sample *n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
37. giant k__p *n.* a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters
38. se_____er ten percent of the annual carbon emissions *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
39. ot__r in the river *n.* a semiaquatic mammal with a sleek, streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense, soft fur, found in and around freshwater and coastal areas
40. the mo__o for safe traffic *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
41. en_____t the crowd *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
42. American bi__n's meat *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

ANSWERS: 32. amphibian, 33. cascade, 34. photosynthesis, 35. devote, 36. feces, 37. kelp, 38. sequester, 39. otter, 40. motto, 41. enchant, 42. bison

43. we___l words *n.* a small carnivorous mammal with a long and slender body, short legs, and a long and narrow head, known for its ability to hunt rodents and small animals; someone who behaves in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or cunning manner
44. f__g mark *n.* a long, pointed tooth, typically in the upper jaw, used for biting and chewing, as in snakes and some other animals
45. wi___w overhanging the bank *n.* a deciduous tree or shrub that is often found near water, characterized by long, flexible, and slender branches and narrow leaves
46. de_____us tree *adj.* (of plants and shrubs) shedding its foliage annually; (of teeth, antlers, etc.) shedding its body parts at the end of a period of growth
47. li_____an extension *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
48. b__r's head *n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
49. qu_____le their income *v.* to increase or multiply by five; to make something five times as much or as many; (adjective) being five times as great or as many
50. hy__a den *n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs
51. di_____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

ANSWERS: 43. weasel, 44. fang, 45. willow, 46. deciduous, 47. lifespan, 48. boar, 49. quintuple, 50. hyena, 51. diminish

52. wild b__r *n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
53. poison f__g *n.* a long, pointed tooth, typically in the upper jaw, used for biting and chewing, as in snakes and some other animals
54. in a re_____ss manner *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
55. he_____e land *n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
56. re_____e exhibition *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
57. confidence tu___es as unemployment rates rose *v.* to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance
58. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
59. va___e a property *v.* to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty
60. mo___e hunting *n.* a large deer native to the northern forests of North America and Eurasia
61. le__y canopy *adj.* covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat
62. ind_____ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry

ANSWERS: 52. boar, 53. fang, 54. reckless, 55. hectare, 56. reptile, 57. tumble, 58. opportune, 59. vacate, 60. moose, 61. leafy, 62. industrialize

63. 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.
64. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
65. en_____t the audience *v.* to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone
66. pl__e of smoke *n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
67. Antarctic kr__l *n.* a small, shrimp-like crustacean that is a major food source for many marine animals
68. golden as__n leaves *n.* a deciduous tree with smooth, white bark that often trembles or quakes in the wind; a type of skiing that involves quick, short turns on steep slopes
69. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
70. sculptural ass_____ge *n.* a collection or gathering of things or persons; a group or ensemble of items that have been brought together in a particular way
71. my___c thinking *adj.* near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective
72. re___d land *v.* to restore an area of land to its natural state, especially by reintroducing locally extinct species

ANSWERS: 63. rhinoceros, 64. fascinate, 65. enchant, 66. plume, 67. krill, 68. aspen, 69. stumble, 70. assemblage, 71. myopic, 72. rewild

73. un__t demand *adj.* describing a need, goal, or expectation that has not been satisfied or fulfilled
74. fossil re____e *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
75. tr____c factor *adj.* of or relating to feeding and nutrition; of or relating to the relationships between organisms and their food sources
76. tropical so____rd *n.* a bird with a musical call, such as a blackbird or thrush
77. an ass____ge of tools *n.* a collection or gathering of things or persons; a group or ensemble of items that have been brought together in a particular way
78. me____r aimlessly *v.* to wander or roam aimlessly or leisurely; to follow a winding or circuitous course, as a river or road
79. ba____r territory *n.* a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands
80. turn cattle out to gr__e *v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
81. me____na fossils *n.* a term used to describe large animals that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, such as mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed tigers, and that are now extinct

ANSWERS: 73. unmet, 74. reptile, 75. trophic, 76. songbird, 77. assemblage, 78. meander, 79. badger, 80. graze, 81. megafauna

82. long-ex_____t volcano *adj.* no longer in existence
83. k__p forest *n.* a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters
84. co_____ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
85. tu___e down the hill *v.* to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance
86. st_____ze blood sugar levels *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
87. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
88. te_____te behavior *adj.* mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude
89. li_____an retrieval curve *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
90. phy_____ton blooms *n.* tiny little plants that float on the surface of the water and on which sea creatures feed
91. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

ANSWERS: 82. extinct, 83. kelp, 84. conceive, 85. tumble, 86. stabilize, 87. fascinate, 88. temperate, 89. lifespan, 90. phytoplankton, 91. sect

92. c__w marks *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
93. qu_____le angle *v.* to increase or multiply by five; to make something five times as much or as many; (adjective) being five times as great or as many
94. mi_____ry route *adj.* relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons
95. congressional h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
96. ind_____ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
97. my___c vision *adj.* near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective
98. small sh__b *n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
99. tr_____c transfer *adj.* of or relating to feeding and nutrition; of or relating to the relationships between organisms and their food sources

ANSWERS: 92. claw, 93. quintuple, 94. migratory, 95. hawk, 96. industrialize, 97. myopic, 98. shrub, 99. trophic

100. cast the go__e *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
101. rhi_____os habitat *n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.
102. rei_____ce species *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
103. und_____ry habitat *n.* the layer of vegetation and plant growth that grows beneath the main canopy of a forest or woodland
104. hold the charm to be_____h *v.* to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way
105. t__k of an elephant *n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
106. l__x habitat *n.* a wild cat with tufted ears, native to Eurasia and North America
107. be_____h him into a frog *v.* to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way
108. graze in the me____w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
109. sharp-pointed sp__r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
110. und_____ry vegetation *n.* the layer of vegetation and plant growth that grows beneath the main canopy of a forest or woodland

ANSWERS: 100. gorge, 101. rhinoceros, 102. reintroduce, 103. understory, 104. bewitch, 105. tusk, 106. lynx, 107. bewitch, 108. meadow, 109. spear, 110. understory

111. en___e the international community *v.* to make someone extremely angry
112. human fe__s *n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
113. floating zoo_____on *n.* very small animals that live in water and on which other sea creatures feed
114. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
115. me_____r down the river *v.* to wander or roam aimlessly or leisurely; to follow a winding or circuitous course, as a river or road
116. he__h habitat *n.* an area of open uncultivated land, typically covered in heather, gorse, or other shrubs; a low-growing, evergreen shrub found in heathland areas
117. ri___e over pebbles and rocks *v.* to quickly flip or shuffle through the pages of a book, document, or stack of papers; to move or pass quickly and lightly through something
118. endangered bi__n *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
119. extinct au_____s *n.* an extinct species of wild oxen that inhabited Europe, Asia, and North Africa until the 17th century
120. rei_____ce capital punishment *v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

ANSWERS: 111. enrage, 112. feces, 113. zooplankton, 114. opportune, 115. meander, 116. heath, 117. riffle, 118. bison, 119. aurochs, 120. reintroduce

121. freshwater zoo_____on *n.* very small animals that live in water and on which other sea creatures feed
122. re_____ss driving *adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
123. spotted hy__a *n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs
124. co_____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
125. un__t needs *adj.* describing a need, goal, or expectation that has not been satisfied or fulfilled
126. pl_____on community *n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
127. cast off a h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
128. pl_____e into the water *v.* to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
129. va_____e a seat *v.* to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty
130. le__y suburbs *adj.* covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat
131. l__x population *n.* a wild cat with tufted ears, native to Eurasia and North America

ANSWERS: 121. zooplankton, 122. reckless, 123. hyena, 124. conquer, 125. unmet, 126. plankton, 127. hawk, 128. plunge, 129. vacate, 130. leafy, 131. lynx

132. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
133. migratory so____rd *n.* a bird with a musical call, such as a blackbird or thrush
134. as__n grove *n.* a deciduous tree with smooth, white bark that often trembles or quakes in the wind; a type of skiing that involves quick, short turns on steep slopes
135. lowland me____w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
136. ex____te a deep hole *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
137. ref_____ion policy *n.* the process of replanting or regenerating forests, typically after they have been cut down or destroyed by natural disasters
138. hunting sp__r *n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
139. marine phy_____ton *n.* tiny little plants that float on the surface of the water and on which sea creatures feed
140. te____te grassland *adj.* mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude

ANSWERS: 132. motto, 133. songbird, 134. aspen, 135. meadow, 136. excavate, 137. reforestation, 138. spear, 139. phytoplankton, 140. temperate

150. int_____ble to anyone *adj.* capable of being understood or apprehended
151. weeping wi___w *n.* a deciduous tree or shrub that is often found near water, characterized by long, flexible, and slender branches and narrow leaves
152. giant hip_____mus *n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature
153. mo___e population *n.* a large deer native to the northern forests of North America and Eurasia
154. de___e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
155. ex_____t by human activity *adj.* no longer in existence
156. pl_____on blooms *n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
157. rom_____ze the idea of love *v.* to make something seem more attractive or appealing than it is, especially by exaggerating or idealizing its qualities; to view or present something in a romantic or sentimental way

ANSWERS: 150. intelligible, 151. willow, 152. hippopotamus, 153. moose, 154. devote, 155. extinct, 156. plankton, 157. romanticize

158. gl____l movements *adj.* relating to or resembling a glacier (= a slowly moving mass of ice) or the process of glaciation; characterized by an extremely slow or gradual pace or movement
159. an ab__s of hopelessness *n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void
160. en___e critics *v.* to make someone extremely angry
161. po_____ly ask *adv.* in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others
162. ra_____s crowd *adj.* harsh, loud, and disorderly; characterized by rowdy or chaotic behavior; producing an unpleasantly loud and harsh noise

ANSWERS: 158. glacial, 159. abyss, 160. enrage, 161. politely, 162. raucous

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The vampire bared its _____ and growled.
n. a long, pointed tooth, typically in the upper jaw, used for biting and chewing, as in snakes and some other animals

2. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.
v. to bring under control by force or authority

3. The _____ birds flew thousands of miles to reach their wintering grounds.
adj. relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons

4. 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

5. The hunter tracked the _____ through the forest for a good shot.
n. a wild pig, especially a male with tusks

6. He gave me an _____ answer.
adj. capable of being understood or apprehended

7. Proper disposal of _____ is essential for maintaining public health and sanitation.
n. waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement

8. The _____ powerful jaws and teeth enable it to crush bones and devour its prey.
n. a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs

ANSWERS: 1. fangs, 2. conquer, 3. migratory, 4. reptile, 5. boar, 6. intelligible, 7. feces, 8. hyena's

9. Generally speaking, men have a shorter _____ than women.
n. the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
10. The team aims to _____ its sales by the end of the fiscal year.
v. to increase or multiply by five; to make something five times as much or as many; (adjective) being five times as great or as many
11. The magic tricks _____ the children.
v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
12. The forest's _____ is home to many plants and animals.
n. the layer of vegetation and plant growth that grows beneath the main canopy of a forest or woodland
13. The librarian quickly _____ the returned book's pages to ensure no notes were left inside.
v. to quickly flip or shuffle through the pages of a book, document, or stack of papers; to move or pass quickly and lightly through something
14. The diversity of riverine ecosystems influences the variety of _____ in marine areas.
n. very small animals that live in water and on which other sea creatures feed
15. Scientists are concerned about the rapid decline in _____ populations around the world.
n. a cold-blooded animal that can live both on land and in water
16. The _____ level of an organism determines its position in the food chain.
adj. of or relating to feeding and nutrition; of or relating to the relationships between organisms and their food sources

ANSWERS: 9. lifespan, 10. quintuple, 11. fascinated, 12. understory, 13. riffled, 14. zooplankton, 15. amphibian, 16. trophic

17. That team signed a center forward who was a ball-_____.
- n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
18. The _____ trees turned a bright yellow in the fall, creating a beautiful sight.
- n.* a deciduous tree with smooth, white bark that often trembles or quakes in the wind; a type of skiing that involves quick, short turns on steep slopes
19. Many species have become _____ due to habitat destruction and other human activities.
- adj.* no longer in existence
20. The sheep _____ on the green grass in the meadow.
- v.* to feed on grass or other vegetation, especially by nibbling at it repeatedly; to break the skin of a body part by scraping
21. The news of the betrayal _____ him.
- v.* to make someone extremely angry
22. The farm spans over 100 _____ of land.
- n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
23. 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
24. The Siberian _____ is a solitary hunter native to the boreal forests.
- n.* a wild cat with tufted ears, native to Eurasia and North America

ANSWERS: 17. hawk, 18. aspen, 19. extinct, 20. graze, 21. enraged, 22. hectares, 23. shrubs, 24. lynx

25. The nations of South East Asia will quickly _____ and catch up with the West.
- v. to organize the production of something into an industry
26. I need to _____ my apartment by the end of the month.
- v. to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty
27. The raising of interest rates _____ the inflation rate.
- v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
28. It is easy to _____ a new job or opportunity, but it is important to remain objective and realistic about the challenges that come with it
- v. to make something seem more attractive or appealing than it is, especially by exaggerating or idealizing its qualities; to view or present something in a romantic or sentimental way
29. The _____ thick fur and tough skin make it well-suited for digging and burrowing in rough terrain.
- n. a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands
30. She studies the relationship between marine creatures' toxicity and the _____ they feed on.
- n. tiny little plants that float on the surface of the water and on which sea creatures feed
31. The fairy's spell _____ the prince, making him fall asleep for 100 years.
- v. to cast a spell on; to fascinate or charm someone

ANSWERS: 25. industrialize, 26. vacate, 27. stabilizes, 28. romanticize, 29. badger's, 30. phytoplankton, 31. enchanted

32. The phone rang at the most _____ time.

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

33. Federal law protects the majority of _____.

n. a bird with a musical call, such as a blackbird or thrush

34. In _____ plants use carbon dioxide to feed themselves.

n. the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.

35. The bird had a beautiful _____ on its head.

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

36. The cave paintings in Lascaux depict _____ and other animals that were once native to Europe.

n. an extinct species of wild oxen that inhabited Europe, Asia, and North Africa until the 17th century

37. The coast was lined with beds of _____ swaying in the tide.

n. a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters

38. The neighborhood is known for its _____ trees and verdant gardens.

adj. covered with or having many leaves; of or relating to plants that produce many leaves, especially those that are broad and flat

39. Under the _____ tree, they had a lovely picnic in the shade.

n. a deciduous tree or shrub that is often found near water, characterized by long, flexible, and slender branches and narrow leaves

ANSWERS: 32. opportune, 33. songbirds, 34. photosynthesis, 35. plume, 36. aurochs, 37. kelp, 38. leafy, 39. willow

40. The antlers of a bull _____ can grow up to 6 feet in width and weigh over 60 pounds.
- n.* a large deer native to the northern forests of North America and Eurasia
41. The decline in _____ populations in recent years has raised concerns about the health of marine ecosystems.
- n.* a small, shrimp-like crustacean that is a major food source for many marine animals
42. The bear used its _____ to catch a fish in the river.
- n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
43. The _____ of waterfalls in the national park was a breathtaking sight.
- n.* a small waterfall or series of small waterfalls; a succession of stages or operations or processes or units
44. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
- n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
45. The deep sea is an _____ of mystery and discovery.
- n.* a deep, dark, or seemingly bottomless chasm or void
46. Her beauty _____ him.
- v.* to attract or interest someone a lot so that they cannot think in a sensible way
47. We decided to _____ through the park and enjoy the scenery.
- v.* to wander or roam aimlessly or leisurely; to follow a winding or circuitous course, as a river or road

ANSWERS: 40. moose, 41. krill, 42. claw, 43. cascade, 44. sect, 45. abyss, 46. bewitched, 47. meander

48. Ancient people made _____ with wood entirely.
- n.* a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp metal point used for battle, hunting, and fishing in the past
49. The playful _____ swam around the river, diving in and out of the water.
- n.* a semiaquatic mammal with a sleek, streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense, soft fur, found in and around freshwater and coastal areas
50. I can't _____ he'd want to harm us.
- v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
51. Many prehistoric _____ such as mammoths and saber-toothed tigers, are now extinct.
- n.* a term used to describe large animals that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, such as mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed tigers, and that are now extinct
52. The government is considering a plan to _____ certain areas by reintroducing native species and removing non-native ones.
- v.* to restore an area of land to its natural state, especially by reintroducing locally extinct species
53. _____ efforts are necessary to combat deforestation and its negative environmental impact.
- n.* the process of replanting or regenerating forests, typically after they have been cut down or destroyed by natural disasters
54. The _____ expectations of the customers led to a decrease in sales.
- adj.* describing a need, goal, or expectation that has not been satisfied or fulfilled

ANSWERS: 48. spears, 49. otter, 50. conceive, 51. megafaunas, 52. rewild, 53. Reforestation, 54. unmet

55. The birdwatcher spotted a rare species on the _____.
- n.* an area of open uncultivated land, typically covered in heather, gorse, or other shrubs; a low-growing, evergreen shrub found in heathland areas
56. The _____ of artists displayed their works in the gallery for all to see.
- n.* a collection or gathering of things or persons; a group or ensemble of items that have been brought together in a particular way
57. The government is planning to _____ wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.
- v.* to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued
58. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.
- v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
59. _____ youth makes rueful age.
- adj.* marked by a lack of care about danger and the likely results of your actions
60. The ivory poacher was arrested for possession of illegal _____.
- n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
61. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
- n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
62. Large herds of _____ used to live on the plains of this area.
- n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

ANSWERS: 55. heath, 56. assemblage, 57. reintroduce, 58. devoted, 59. Reckless, 60. tusks, 61. motto, 62. bison

63. The company's profits _____ after the recall of their new product.
v. to dive quickly and steeply downward; to thrust or throw into something; (noun) a steep and rapid fall
64. She _____ over the tree root.
v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
65. _____ leafy trees dominate the forests of the lower region.
adj. (of plants and shrubs) shedding its foliage annually; (of teeth, antlers, etc.) shedding its body parts at the end of a period of growth
66. The _____ long and slender body allows it to easily navigate small spaces.
n. a small carnivorous mammal with a long and slender body, short legs, and a long and narrow head, known for its ability to hunt rodents and small animals; someone who behaves in an untrustworthy, deceitful, or cunning manner
67. 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.
68. The _____ party next door kept us awake all night.
adj. harsh, loud, and disorderly; characterized by rowdy or chaotic behavior; producing an unpleasantly loud and harsh noise
69. The lush _____ was covered in wildflowers.
n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
70. The flowers in the garden began to _____ after the first rain of the season.
v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly

ANSWERS: 63. plunged, 64. stumbled, 65. Deciduous, 66. weasel's, 67. rhinoceros, 68. raucous, 69. meadow, 70. sprout

71. He approved their requests to _____ the jury.

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

72. _____ is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.

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

73. The _____ climate of the region made it an ideal vacation spot.

adj. mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude

74. His _____ view of the situation prevented him from seeing the bigger picture.

adj. near-sighted; lacking foresight or ability to plan; narrow-minded or lacking in perspective

75. We must pass through the narrow _____ with a stream running through it.

n. a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it

76. The zoo has a new _____ exhibit that popularly attracts families.

n. (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature

77. The _____ pace of the negotiations frustrated both parties.

adj. relating to or resembling a glacier (= a slowly moving mass of ice) or the process of glaciation; characterized by an extremely slow or gradual pace or movement

ANSWERS: 71. sequester, 72. Plankton, 73. temperate, 74. myopic, 75. gorge, 76. hippopotamus, 77. glacial

78. The archaeologists _____ the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.
- v. to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
79. The value of the currency _____ against major international currencies.
- v. to fall suddenly, often uncontrollably; to topple or turn over; to decline sharply and quickly in value, quality, or performance
80. She _____ declined the invitation to the party, saying she had other plans.
- adv.* in a courteous or respectful manner, showing good manners or consideration for others
81. As people get old, their energies may _____.
- v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

ANSWERS: 78. excavated, 79. tumbled, 80. politely, 81. diminish