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Session 1: Word List

thorn

n. a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation

synonym : spike, prickle, spine

(1) **thorn** bush, (2) **thorn** injury

The **thorn** in her finger caused her much pain until she could remove it.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym : pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym : expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

abscess

n. a localized collection of pus that forms as a result of a bacterial or fungal infection, typically causing swelling,

pain, and inflammation; a cavity or sore filled with pus
synonym : pustule

(1) **abscess** drainage, (2) infected **abscess**

The **abscess** on his tooth was causing him unbearable pain.

verge

n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border

synonym : brink, edge, margin

(1) **verge** of bankruptcy, (2) on the **verge** of tears

He stood on the **verge** of a major discovery.

infirmary

n. a place where people who are ill or injured receive medical treatment; a small hospital or clinic

synonym : hospital, clinic, medical center

(1) **infirmary** bed, (2) school **infirmary**

The injured soldier was taken to the military **infirmary** for treatment.

synthesize

v. to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound

synonym : incorporate, amalgamate

(1) **synthesize** molecules, (2) **synthesize** information

The spider can **synthesize** multiple different silk proteins.

penicillin

n. an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections

synonym : antibiotic, bacitracin

(1) **penicillin** allergy, (2) **penicillin** sensitivity testing

The doctor prescribed **penicillin** to treat the bacterial infection.

impure

adj. mixed with other substances or foreign matter; (of persons or behaviors) immoral or obscene, especially in sexual matters

synonym : contaminated, polluted, unclean

(1) **impure** water, (2) **impure** thoughts
In some religions, pork is deemed **impure**.

septic

adj. containing, infected by, or resulting from disease-causing organisms

synonym: infected, contaminated, unclean

(1) **septic** sewage, (2) **septic** system

The **septic** tank was not properly maintained and caused a health hazard.

frivolous

adj. not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant

synonym: silly, foolish, unimportant

(1) **frivolous** lawsuits, (2) engage in **frivolous** conversation

He was accused of being **frivolous** and not taking his responsibilities seriously.

hog

n. a domesticated pig or swine; a selfish or greedy person who keeps or takes more than their fair share of something; (verb) to take or use more than one's fair share of something, often to the detriment of others

synonym: pig, swine, boar

(1) **hog** farming, (2) **hog** all the glory

The farmer raised his **hogs** for meat and sold them at a local market.

carbapenem

n. a class of broad-spectrum antibiotics that are effective against a wide range of bacteria, including many resistant to other antibiotics, often used as a last resort for treating serious infections

synonym: antibiotic, drug, medication

(1) **carbapenem** resistance, (2) **carbapenem** therapy

The patient was prescribed a strong **carbapenem** antibiotic to treat the bacterial infection.

Acinetobacter

n. a genus of bacteria commonly found in soil and water environments that includes several species known to cause infections in humans, particularly in healthcare

settings

synonym : bacterium, microorganism, pathogen

(1) **Acinetobacter** bacteria, (2) **Acinetobacter** infection

Some strains of **Acinetobacter** are known to be antibiotic-resistant.

deplete

v. to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

synonym : exhaust, consume, use up

(1) **deplete** customer confidence, (2) **deplete** glycogen stores

If we continue to **deplete** the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.

cheetah

n. a large, slender, and fast-running African cat with a yellowish-brown coat and black spots

synonym : leopard, jaguar, panther

(1) **cheetah** sprint, (2) **cheetah** habitat

The mother **cheetahs** fiercely protect their cubs, teaching them valuable hunting and survival skills before they venture out independently.

gazelle

n. a slender, graceful antelope with long, slender legs and curved horns, native to Africa and parts of Asia

synonym : antelope, springbok, impala

(1) **gazelle** hunting, (2) graceful **gazelle**

The zookeeper carefully monitored the **gazelle's** diet to ensure it received proper nutrition.

grandkid

n. the grandchildren of a particular person

synonym : grandchildren, grandnieces, grandnephews

(1) spend the weekend with their **grandkids**, (2) cute **grandkids**

She was so proud of her **grandkids**, who were all doing well in school and had great personalities.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

pollute

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

synonym: contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

synonym: immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

The nurse **vaccinated** the children in the school.

faraway

adj. located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible

synonym: distant, remote, far-off

(1) **faraway** land, (2) **faraway** dream

The view from the **faraway** hilltop was breathtakingly beautiful.

overused

adj. used too often or too much, to the point of becoming cliched; lacking originality

synonym: overworked, overutilized, exhausted

(1) **overused** common, (2) **overused** cliché

The concept of time travel has become **overused** in science fiction and fantasy, with many movies and books exploring the idea.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not

synonym: bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**

The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

foresee

v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

synonym: predict, anticipate, forecast

(1) **foresee** the consequences, (2) **foresee** challenges I **foresee** a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

impetus

n. a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change

synonym: stimulus, momentum, drive

(1) political **impetus**, (2) technological **impetus**

Getting a raise at work was the **impetus** to start looking for a new place to live.

unimaginable

adj. beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision

synonym : unthinkable, inconceivable, incredulous

(1) **unimaginable** horror, (2) **unimaginable** depths

The complexity of scientific theories was **unimaginable** for most people.

backstop

n. a barrier or obstacle used to prevent something from proceeding past a certain point; a person or position that serves as protection or support in case of difficulty or failure

synonym : support, reinforcement, backup

(1) **backstop** agreement, (2) financial **backstop**

The new regulations serve as a **backstop** to prevent future environmental disasters.

bacteriophage

n. (also "phage") a virus that infects and destroys bacteria

synonym : phage, bacterial virus, bacteriovore

(1) DNA-containing **bacteriophage**, (2) **bacteriophage** infection

Scientists are studying the use of **bacteriophages** to combat bacterial infections.

probiotic

n. a substance, typically a live bacterium, that is ingested to provide health benefits, particularly in aiding digestion or strengthening the immune system

synonym : probiotic bacteria, beneficial bacteria, microflora

(1) **probiotic** supplement, (2) **probiotic** yogurt

Probiotic-rich foods, such as kefir and sauerkraut, can improve digestive health.

quorum

n. the minimum number of people required to be present at a meeting to conduct official business or make decisions; the number of individuals necessary for an organized group to function

synonym : minimum number, required number, majority

(1) small **quorum**, (2) required **quorum**

The board meeting can only proceed with a **quorum** of at least six members.

lucrative

adj. producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding

synonym : profitable, moneymaking, remunerative

(1) **lucrative** deal, (2) **lucrative** market

Investing in real estate can be a **lucrative** business if done correctly.

subsidize

v. to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially

synonym : finance, endow, sponsor

(1) **subsidize** the project, (2) **subsidize** the cost

Governments **subsidize** renewable energy generation in various ways.

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.

parasite

n. an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

synonym : hitchhiker, leech, saprophyte

(1) blood-sucking **parasite**, (2) **parasite** disease

Tapeworms are **parasites** that live in the intestines of humans and animals.

mosquito

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

synonym : insect, bug, flea

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

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

louse

n. a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person

synonym : bug, insect, parasite

(1) pubic **louse**, (2) **louse** egg

The child was sent home from school because of a lice infestation caused by one **louse**.

squander

v. to spend or use something wastefully; to waste by spending or using too freely

synonym : waste, fritter away, dissipate

(1) **squander** money, (2) **squander** a chance

He **squandered** his inheritance on frivolous purchases.

incentivize

v. to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward

synonym : encourage, motivate

(1) **incentivize** carpooling, (2) **incentivize** the right behavior

Governments **incentivize** their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.

crossroad

n. a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences

synonym : intersection, junction, fork

(1) critical **crossroad**, (2) major **crossroad**

I'm at a career **crossroads** and unsure which path to take.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pa____te disease *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
2. fo____e the consequences *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
3. pubic lo__e *n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person
4. sq____er a chance *v.* to spend or use something wastefully; to waste by spending or using too freely
5. se___c system *adj.* containing, infected by, or resulting from disease-causing organisms
6. ch____h sprint *n.* a large, slender, and fast-running African cat with a yellowish-brown coat and black spots
7. pen_____in allergy *n.* an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections
8. infected ab____s *n.* a localized collection of pus that forms as a result of a bacterial or fungal infection, typically causing swelling, pain, and inflammation; a cavity or sore filled with pus
9. cute gr____ids *n.* the grandchildren of a particular person
10. ga____e hunting *n.* a slender, graceful antelope with long, slender legs and curved horns, native to Africa and parts of Asia

ANSWERS: 1. parasite, 2. foresee, 3. louse, 4. squander, 5. septic, 6. cheetah, 7. penicillin, 8. abscess, 9. grandkid, 10. gazelle

11. h_g farming *n.* a domesticated pig or swine; a selfish or greedy person who keeps or takes more than their fair share of something; (verb) to take or use more than one's fair share of something, often to the detriment of others
12. im___e thoughts *adj.* mixed with other substances or foreign matter; (of persons or behaviors) immoral or obscene, especially in sexual matters
13. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
14. in____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
15. in___t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
16. lo__e egg *n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person
17. va_____te against scarlet fever *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
18. su_____ze the project *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
19. school in_____ry *n.* a place where people who are ill or injured receive medical treatment; a small hospital or clinic

ANSWERS: 11. hog, 12. impure, 13. sham, 14. innovate, 15. infect, 16. louse, 17. vaccinate, 18. subsidize, 19. infirmary

20. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
21. engage in fr_____us conversation *adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
22. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
23. syn_____ze information *v.* to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound
24. ve__e of bankruptcy *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
25. su_____ze the cost *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
26. po_____e the thread *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
27. on the ve__e of tears *n.* the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
28. de_____e customer confidence *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

ANSWERS: 20. improvisation, 21. frivolous, 22. sham, 23. synthesize, 24. verge, 25. subsidize, 26. pollute, 27. verge, 28. deplete

29. inc_____ze the right behavior *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
30. de_____e glycogen stores *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
31. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
32. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
33. ba_____op agreement *n.* a barrier or obstacle used to prevent something from proceeding past a certain point; a person or position that serves as protection or support in case of difficulty or failure
34. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
35. Aci_____ter bacteria *n.* a genus of bacteria commonly found in soil and water environments that includes several species known to cause infections in humans, particularly in healthcare settings
36. DNA-containing bac_____age *n.* (also "phage") a virus that infects and destroys bacteria
37. inc_____ze carpooling *v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
38. pr_____ic supplement *n.* a substance, typically a live bacterium, that is ingested to provide health benefits, particularly in aiding digestion or strengthening the immune system

ANSWERS: 29. incentivize, 30. deplete, 31. improvisation, 32. rethink, 33. backstop, 34. innovate, 35. Acinetobacter, 36. bacteriophage, 37. incentivize, 38. probiotic

39. lu_____ve deal *adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
40. uni_____ble horror *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
41. im___e water *adj.* mixed with other substances or foreign matter; (of persons or behaviors) immoral or obscene, especially in sexual matters
42. critical cr_____ad *n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences
43. th__n bush *n.* a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation
44. technological im_____s *n.* a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change
45. sq_____er money *v.* to spend or use something wastefully; to waste by spending or using too freely
46. po_____e the air *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
47. fr_____us lawsuits *adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant

ANSWERS: 39. lucrative, 40. unimaginable, 41. impure, 42. crossroad, 43. thorn, 44. impetus, 45. squander, 46. pollute, 47. frivolous

48. graceful ga____e *n.* a slender, graceful antelope with long, slender legs and curved horns, native to Africa and parts of Asia
49. bac_____age infection *n.* (also "phage") a virus that infects and destroys bacteria
50. re____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
51. car_____em resistance *n.* a class of broad-spectrum antibiotics that are effective against a wide range of bacteria, including many resistant to other antibiotics, often used as a last resort for treating serious infections
52. mo____to repellent *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
53. va_____te every year *v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
54. lu_____ve market *adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
55. financial ba_____op *n.* a barrier or obstacle used to prevent something from proceeding past a certain point; a person or position that serves as protection or support in case of difficulty or failure
56. fo_____e challenges *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

ANSWERS: 48. gazelle, 49. bacteriophage, 50. rethink, 51. carbapenem, 52. mosquito, 53. vaccinate, 54. lucrative, 55. backstop, 56. foresee

57. blood-sucking pa____te *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
58. ov____ed common *adj.* used too often or too much, to the point of becoming cliched; lacking originality
59. Aci_____ter infection *n.* a genus of bacteria commonly found in soil and water environments that includes several species known to cause infections in humans, particularly in healthcare settings
60. ch____h habitat *n.* a large, slender, and fast-running African cat with a yellowish-brown coat and black spots
61. hulking di____ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
62. se____c sewage *adj.* containing, infected by, or resulting from disease-causing organisms
63. ov____ed clich□ *adj.* used too often or too much, to the point of becoming cliched; lacking originality
64. ab____s drainage *n.* a localized collection of pus that forms as a result of a bacterial or fungal infection, typically causing swelling, pain, and inflammation; a cavity or sore filled with pus
65. mo____to bite *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria

ANSWERS: 57. parasite, 58. overused, 59. Acinetobacter, 60. cheetah, 61. dinosaur, 62. septic, 63. overused, 64. abscess, 65. mosquito

66. major cr_____ad *n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences
67. car_____em therapy *n.* a class of broad-spectrum antibiotics that are effective against a wide range of bacteria, including many resistant to other antibiotics, often used as a last resort for treating serious infections
68. fa_____y land *adj.* located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible
69. fa_____y dream *adj.* located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible
70. h_g all the glory *n.* a domesticated pig or swine; a selfish or greedy person who keeps or takes more than their fair share of something; (verb) to take or use more than one's fair share of something, often to the detriment of others
71. uni_____ble depths *adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
72. political im_____s *n.* a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change
73. sw__l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

ANSWERS: 66. crossroad, 67. carbapenem, 68. faraway, 69. faraway, 70. hog, 71. unimaginable, 72. impetus, 73. swell

74. sw__l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
75. small qu___m *n.* the minimum number of people required to be present at a meeting to conduct official business or make decisions; the number of individuals necessary for an organized group to function
76. required qu___m *n.* the minimum number of people required to be present at a meeting to conduct official business or make decisions; the number of individuals necessary for an organized group to function
77. di_____ur fossil *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
78. in___t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
79. spend the weekend with their gr_____ids *n.* the grandchildren of a particular person
80. pen_____in sensitivity testing *n.* an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections
81. syn_____ze molecules *v.* to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound
82. pr_____ic yogurt *n.* a substance, typically a live bacterium, that is ingested to provide health benefits, particularly in aiding digestion or strengthening the immune system
83. th__n injury *n.* a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation

ANSWERS: 74. swell, 75. quorum, 76. quorum, 77. dinosaur, 78. infect, 79. grandkid, 80. penicillin, 81. synthesize, 82. probiotic, 83. thorn

84. in_____ry bed

n. a place where people who are ill or injured receive medical treatment; a small hospital or clinic

ANSWERS: 84. infirmary

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

- Investing in real estate can be a _____ business if done correctly.
adj. producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
- He _____ his inheritance on frivolous purchases.
v. to spend or use something wastefully; to waste by spending or using too freely
- Children often _____ parents with this head cold.
v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
- Getting a raise at work was the _____ to start looking for a new place to live.
n. a force, motivation, or stimulus that causes something to happen or be done; the driving force behind a particular action or change
- A stagnant water area are breeding ground for _____.
n. a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
- Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.
v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
- The spider can _____ multiple different silk proteins.
v. to combine a substance to make a more complex product or compound
- The injured soldier was taken to the military _____ for treatment.
n. a place where people who are ill or injured receive medical treatment; a small hospital or clinic

ANSWERS: 1. lucrative, 2. squandered, 3. infect, 4. impetus, 5. mosquitos, 6. innovate, 7. synthesize, 8. infirmary

9. The _____ tank was not properly maintained and caused a health hazard.
adj. containing, infected by, or resulting from disease-causing organisms
10. I _____ a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.
v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
11. _____ foods, such as kefir and sauerkraut, can improve digestive health.
n. a substance, typically a live bacterium, that is ingested to provide health benefits, particularly in aiding digestion or strengthening the immune system
12. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
13. The board meeting can only proceed with a _____ of at least six members.
n. the minimum number of people required to be present at a meeting to conduct official business or make decisions; the number of individuals necessary for an organized group to function
14. Tapeworms are _____ that live in the intestines of humans and animals.
n. an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
15. He stood on the _____ of a major discovery.
n. the point at which something is about to happen or where something begins; the edge or margin of something, particularly a physical boundary or border
16. The view from the _____ hilltop was breathtakingly beautiful.
adj. located at a geographically distant place; remote or separated by distance; distant or not easily accessible

ANSWERS: 9. septic, 10. foresee, 11. Probiotic-rich, 12. improvisation, 13. quorum, 14. parasites, 15. verge, 16. faraway

17. We should do our best not to _____ the environment.
- v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
18. The data he prepared was completely _____.
- n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
19. His arm was _____ from the insect bite.
- v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
20. The nurse _____ the children in the school.
- v.* to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease
21. The farmer raised his _____ for meat and sold them at a local market.
- n.* a domesticated pig or swine; a selfish or greedy person who keeps or takes more than their fair share of something; (verb) to take or use more than one's fair share of something, often to the detriment of others
22. He was accused of being _____ and not taking his responsibilities seriously.
- adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
23. The complexity of scientific theories was _____ for most people.
- adj.* beyond what can be imagined or conceived; impossible to comprehend or envision
24. I'm at a career _____ and unsure which path to take.
- n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences

ANSWERS: 17. pollute, 18. sham, 19. swelling, 20. vaccinated, 21. hogs, 22. frivolous, 23. unimaginable, 24. crossroads

25. 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
26. The doctor prescribed _____ to treat the bacterial infection.
- n.* an antibiotic drug derived from mold and used to treat bacterial infections
27. She was so proud of her _____ who were all doing well in school and had great personalities.
- n.* the grandchildren of a particular person
28. The patient was prescribed a strong _____ antibiotic to treat the bacterial infection.
- n.* a class of broad-spectrum antibiotics that are effective against a wide range of bacteria, including many resistant to other antibiotics, often used as a last resort for treating serious infections
29. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
- v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
30. The child was sent home from school because of a lice infestation caused by one _____.
- n.* a small, wingless insect that lives on the bodies of mammals and birds, often considered a parasite; a contemptible or despicable person
31. The mother _____ fiercely protect their cubs, teaching them valuable hunting and survival skills before they venture out independently.
- n.* a large, slender, and fast-running African cat with a yellowish-brown coat and black spots

ANSWERS: 25. dinosaur, 26. penicillin, 27. grandkids, 28. carbapenem, 29. rethink, 30. louse, 31. cheetahs

32. If we continue to _____ the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.
- v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
33. Scientists are studying the use of _____ to combat bacterial infections.
- n.* (also "phage") a virus that infects and destroys bacteria
34. The concept of time travel has become _____ in science fiction and fantasy, with many movies and books exploring the idea.
- adj.* used too often or too much, to the point of becoming cliched; lacking originality
35. Governments _____ renewable energy generation in various ways.
- v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
36. Some strains of _____ are known to be antibiotic-resistant.
- n.* a genus of bacteria commonly found in soil and water environments that includes several species known to cause infections in humans, particularly in healthcare settings
37. Governments _____ their citizens to buy eco-friendly products through subsidies.
- v.* to make someone want to do in a particular way by offering them a reward
38. The _____ in her finger caused her much pain until she could remove it.
- n.* a sharp, pointed projection or spine on a plant or animal; something that causes discomfort or irritation, especially in a difficult or unpleasant situation

ANSWERS: 32. deplete, 33. bacteriophages, 34. overused, 35. subsidize, 36. Acinetobacter, 37. incentivize, 38. thorn

39. In some religions, pork is deemed _____.

adj. mixed with other substances or foreign matter; (of persons or behaviors) immoral or obscene, especially in sexual matters

40. The _____ on his tooth was causing him unbearable pain.

n. a localized collection of pus that forms as a result of a bacterial or fungal infection, typically causing swelling, pain, and inflammation; a cavity or sore filled with pus

41. The new regulations serve as a _____ to prevent future environmental disasters.

n. a barrier or obstacle used to prevent something from proceeding past a certain point; a person or position that serves as protection or support in case of difficulty or failure

42. The zookeeper carefully monitored the _____ diet to ensure it received proper nutrition.

n. a slender, graceful antelope with long, slender legs and curved horns, native to Africa and parts of Asia

ANSWERS: 39. impure, 40. abscess, 41. backstop, 42. gazelle's