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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### wildebeest

*n.* (also "gnu") a large African antelope with a broad muzzle and curved horns, known for its annual migration

*synonym* : gnu

(1) grazing **wildebeest**, (2) **wildebeest** herd

The migration of **wildebeest** across the Serengeti is an awe-inspiring natural phenomenon.

### shoal

*n.* a shallow area in a body of water, such as a river, lake, or sea, where the depth is significantly less than surrounding areas; a sandbar or underwater ridge that can be a hazard to navigation; a large group of fish or other aquatic animals swimming together

*synonym* : sandbank, sandbar, shallows

(1) **shoal** of fish, (2) reef **shoal**

The fisherman's boat narrowly avoided hitting a dangerous **shoal** in the shallow waters.

### spectacle

*n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision

*synonym* : marvel, sensation, phenomenon

(1) pretty **spectacle**, (2) **spectacle** lens

She could not help watching the sad **spectacle**.

## **brine**

*n.* a strong solution of salt water used for preserving food, especially meat or fish; saline water found in salt mines or evaporated from seawater

*synonym* : saltwater, seawater, saline

(1) **brine** solution, (2) **brine** shrimp

The recipe called for a teaspoon of **brine** to add flavor.

## **swarm**

*n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

*synonym* : horde, hive, throng

(1) a **swarm** of mosquitoes, (2) locust **swarm**

A **swarm** of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.

## **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.

## **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.

## **tapeworm**

*n.* a parasitic worm that lives in the intestines of animals, including humans, and feeds on their food; it is long and ribbon-like in shape with a segmented body

*synonym* : helminth, cestode, ribbon worm

(1) **tapeworm** eggs, (2) **tapeworm** treatment

The doctor diagnosed the patient with **tapeworm** infection.

## genital

*adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs

*synonym* : reproductive, genetic, sexual

(1) **genital** bleeding, (2) pain in the **genital** area

The **genital** organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.

## sympathize

*v.* to express or feel compassion or understanding for someone else's pain, difficulty, or misfortune; to share in someone else's emotions or experiences

*synonym* : empathize, understand, commiserate

(1) **sympathize** with a tragic hero, (2) **sympathize** with their situation

I **sympathize** with your struggles and am here to support you through them.

## flamingo

*n.* a tall wading bird with predominantly pink or orange plumage and a long, slender neck and legs, native to Central and South America and parts of Africa

(1) **flamingo** habitat, (2) **flamingo** flock

The **flamingo's** bright pink feathers perfectly blended into the tropical sunset.

## conspicuous

*adj.* visible or observable; likely to draw attention

*synonym* : apparent, noticeable, evident

(1) a **conspicuous** achievement, (2) **conspicuous** consumption

Her golden hair was **conspicuous** in China.

## devour

*v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

*synonym* : consume, swallow, destroy

(1) **devour** a meal, (2) **devour** my way

She **devoured** the mystery novel in one sitting.

## sociable

*adj.* being friendly, outgoing, and inclined to engage in social activities or interactions; enjoying the company of others

*synonym*: friendly, outgoing, affable

(1) **sociable** gathering, (2) **sociable** atmosphere

She is a very **sociable** person who loves meeting new people.

## volition

*n.* the power or ability to make choices or decisions by one's own will or conscious choice; the act of consciously choosing or deciding

*synonym*: choice, decision, free will

(1) **volition** level, (2) freedom of **volition**

He canceled the meeting of his own **volition** as he thought it was unnecessary.

## hijack

*v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

*synonym*: commandeer, seize, pirate

(1) **hijack** a helicopter, (2) **hijack** a phone number

He made a desperate effort to **hijack** an airliner.

## parasitic

*adj.* living off another organism to the detriment of the host

*synonym*: symbiotic, dependent, exploitative

(1) **parasitic** relationship, (2) brood- **parasitic** bird

The **parasitic** plant was able to survive by stealing nutrients from its host.

## larva

*n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose

*synonym*: caterpillar, grub, maggot

(1) **larva** of a butterfly, (2) a moth **larva**

The butterfly emerged from its **larva** stage.

## addle

*v.* to confuse or muddle someone's mind; to make something unclear or incoherent

*synonym*: confuse, muddle, befuddle

(1) **addle** my mind, (2) **addle** my taste buds

The unfamiliarity of the foreign language **addled** his comprehension, but he was eager to learn.

## drown

*v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

*synonym* : douse, drench, overwhelm

(1) **drown** in a bath, (2) I was **drowned** in work

Floods have the potential to **drown** any subsurface animals easily.

## wriggle

*v.* to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner

*synonym* : squirm, jerk, twist

(1) **wriggle** free, (2) **wriggle** in surprise

The child started to **wriggle** out of their seatbelt during the long car ride.

## corpse

*n.* the dead body of a human being

*synonym* : body, remains, cadaver

(1) desiccated **corpse**, (2) the **corpse** of an animal

The police found the **corpse** in the abandoned building.

## cavalcade

*n.* a procession or parade of people or vehicles, typically on horseback or in vehicles, often celebrating a special occasion or event; a continuous flow or series of things, often described as a dazzling or impressive display

*synonym* : procession, parade, march

(1) **cavalcade** of cars, (2) extravagant **cavalcade**

The parade featured a colorful **cavalcade** of floats, marching bands, and dancers.

## fungus

*n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

*synonym* : mold, mildew, yeast

(1) **fungus** infection, (2) symbiotic **fungus**

Certain types of **fungus** can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

### subvert

*v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within

*synonym* : overthrow, undermine, sabotage

(1) **subvert** power, (2) **subvert** expectations

The rebels could **subvert** the government's plans by leaking classified information.

### enthrall

*v.* to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate

*synonym* : captivate, charm, fascinate

(1) **enthrall** with beauty, (2) **enthrall** the reader

The magician's illusions always managed to **enthrall** the audience.

### macabre

*adj.* gruesome, grisly; relating to death

*synonym* : grotesque, gruesome, sinister

(1) **macabre** tales of war, (2) **macabre** art

The **macabre** scene in the horror movie gave her nightmares for weeks.

### lexicon

*n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical

*synonym* : glossary, dictionary, vocabulary

(1) Greek-English **lexicon**, (2) **lexicon** of business phrases

This bilingual **lexicon** was essential for his language improvement.

### 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.

## caterpillar

*n.* the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth

*synonym* : larva, grub, worm

(1) **caterpillar** of a butterfly, (2) **caterpillar** in a cocoon

The wooly bear **caterpillar** munched on leaves all day.

## thrash

*v.* to beat violently with a stick or whip; to move violently and uncontrollably; to defeat soundly in a competition or contest

*synonym* : beat, pummel, thrum

(1) **thrash** about with pain, (2) **thrash** out a deal

He **thrashed** in the water when he realized he was too far from the shore.

## cocoon

*n.* a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates

*synonym* : chrysalis, pupa, case

(1) **cocoon** silk, (2) a dried **cocoon**

The caterpillar spins a **cocoon** around itself before turning into a butterfly.

## sibling

*n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

*synonym* : brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

## wasp

*n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals

*synonym* : insect, hornet, yellow jacket

(1) **wasp** nest, (2) **wasp** sting

A giant **wasp** flew into the room, and everyone panicked.

## hatch

*v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

*synonym* : incubate, breed, produce

(1) **hatch** a plan, (2) **hatch** a baby chick

The eggs began to **hatch**, and the small chicks emerged.

## metamorphose

*v.* to undergo a dramatic change in form, structure, or substance; to transform or alter in appearance or nature

*synonym* : transform, change, alter

(1) **metamorphose** in appearance, (2) **metamorphose** over time

The caterpillar **metamorphoses** into a butterfly during its life cycle.

## bodyguard

*n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack

*synonym* : protector, guard, defender

(1) VIP **bodyguard**, (2) elite **bodyguard** unit

The celebrity hired a personal **bodyguard** to protect them from the paparazzi.

## 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.

## solace

*n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering

*synonym* : comfort, condolence, peace

(1) **solace** in music, (2) offer **solace**

The grieving widow found **solace** in reading her late husband's letters.



## oddy

*n.* something unusual or different

*synonym*: rarity, curiosity, peculiarity

(1) find an **oddy**, (2) genetic **oddy**

The two-headed snake was an **oddy** at the zoo.

## overlook

*v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

*synonym*: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

## estuary

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

*synonym*: delta, mouth, inlet

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

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

## dissect

*v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail

*synonym*: analyze, examine, study

(1) **dissect** the data, (2) **dissect** a personality

The scientist **dissected** the frog to study its internal organs.

## trematode

*n.* a parasitic flatworm belonging to the class Trematoda, also known as flukes, typically has an oval body shape with suckers and undergoes complex life cycles involving multiple hosts

*synonym*: fluke, flatworm, parasite

(1) **trematode** infection, (2) liver **trematode**

The researcher discovered a new species of **trematode** in the freshwater lake.

## snail

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

*synonym*: escargot, slug, whelk

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

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

### microscopic

*adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy

*synonym* : infinitesimal, tiny, atomic

(1) **microscopic** inquiry, (2) **microscopic** analysis

Inspectors noticed **microscopic** cracks in the submarine's hull.

### grasshopper

*n.* large jumping insect; used to symbolize restlessness or ephemerality

*synonym* : locust, katydid, cricket

(1) **grasshopper** mice, (2) **grasshopper** species

The **grasshopper** leaped from one blade of grass to another.

### compress

*v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

*synonym* : condense, constrict, squeeze

(1) **compress** the chest, (2) **compress** gas

She **compressed** the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.

### emerald

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

*synonym* : green, verdant, jade

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

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

### cockroach

*n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home

*synonym* : roach

(1) **cockroach** killer, (2) have a **cockroach** phobia

**Cockroaches** sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.

### fertilize

*v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural

or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well

*synonym* : pollinate, inseminate, enrich

(1) **fertilize** the soil, (2) **fertilize** the female egg

The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to **fertilize** a wife.

## stab

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

*synonym* : poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest

He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

## sting

v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

*synonym* : bite, prick, poke

(1) **sting** me on the arm, (2) **sting** his face

Bees **sting** as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.

## inject

v. to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

*synonym* : shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

(1) **inject** under the skin, (2) **inject** a personal opinion into a debate

Let's try to **inject** a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.

## venom

n. a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging

*synonym* : poison, toxin, hating

(1) the **venom** of a lizard, (2) injected **venom**

The snake's **venom** is highly toxic and can be fatal to humans.

## neuron

*n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body  
*synonym* : nerve cell

(1) excite the **neurons**, (2) **neuron** cell body

Our body transfers information along each **neuron** using an electrical impulse.

## ram

*v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force  
*synonym* : crash, collide, slam

(1) **ram** the door open, (2) **ram** into the ice

The car **rammed** into the wall, causing significant damage.

## sedate

*adj.* calm, tranquil, and composed, often as a result of being under the influence of a sedative or tranquilizer; unhurried, deliberate, and without excessive movement or activity

*synonym* : calm, composed, tranquil

(1) **sedate** atmosphere, (2) **sedate** patient

The **sedate** environment of the library was perfect for studying.

## helpless

*adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

*synonym* : defenseless, powerless, susceptible

(1) **helpless** baby, (2) **helpless** victims

I feel so **helpless** without you.

## lair

*n.* a den or shelter used by a wild animal

*synonym* : den, hideout, shelter

(1) **lair** of a dragon, (2) **lair** of a criminal

The tiger's **lair** was filled with treasure.

## blunder

*n.* mistake; the act of making a foolish error

*synonym* : mistake, error, goof

(1) a capital **blunder**, (2) make a **blunder** in my work

The CEO's **blunder** in the meeting cost the company millions.

### sinister

*adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen

*synonym*: ominous, foreboding, evil

(1) **sinister** look, (2) in **sinister** terms

The dark clouds in the sky gave off a **sinister** feeling.

### unseen

*adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived

*synonym*: invisible, hidden, undercover

(1) **unseen** danger, (2) an **unseen** force

The consequences of the pandemic remain **unseen** as scientists continue to research the virus.

### societal

*adj.* relating to society or social relationships

*synonym*: social, communal, cultural

(1) **societal** norms, (2) **societal** expectations

The **societal** pressure to conform is strong in this community.

### dystopia

*n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place

*synonym*: anti-utopia

(1) a crumbling **dystopia**, (2) the escape from **dystopia**

The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into **dystopias**.

### shadowy

*adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

*synonym*: dim, dark, obscure

(1) **shadowy** doorway, (2) **shadowy** past

The **shadowy** figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

## cabal

*n.* a small, secret group of people who work together to achieve a particular goal, especially one that is seen as being against the interests of those who are not part of the group

*synonym*: clique, faction, plot

(1) a member of a **cabal**, (2) secret **cabal**

The group of politicians formed a **cabal** to try to control the party.

## villain

*n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

*synonym*: scoundrel, rogue, antagonist

(1) evil **villain**, (2) authoritarian **villain**

The **villain** in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

## disquiet

*n.* a feeling of anxiety or unease; a sense of restlessness or agitation; a state of mental or emotional disturbance; (verb) to cause or feel unease, restlessness, or agitation

*synonym*: anxiety, unrest, uneasiness

(1) cause **disquiet** among the residents, (2) mood of **disquiet**

The **disquiet** in the community grew as rumors spread about the upcoming changes.

## terrifying

*adj.* very frightening or intimidating

*synonym*: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events

Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

## rodent

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

*synonym*: mouse, rat, hamster

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

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

## dopamine

*n.* a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension

(1) **dopamine-inhibiting** agent, (2) antagonism of **dopamine**

The drug controls the level of **dopamine** in the brain.

## overt

*adj.* open, evident, or clear, especially in a way that is not intended to be secret

*synonym*: open, unhidden, obvious

(1) **overt** hostility, (2) **overt** symptoms

His **overt** lack of enthusiasm was noticeable to everyone in the room.

## dormant

*adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances

*synonym*: inactive, sleeping, quiescent

(1) **dormant** volcano, (2) **dormant** account

The disease can remain **dormant** for years before it presents any symptoms.

## schizophrenia

*n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

*synonym*: psychosis, disorder, mental illness

(1) **schizophrenia** spectrum disorder, (2) **schizophrenia** treatment

The **schizophrenia** patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.

## inconclusive

*adj.* without any significant results or proof or decision

*synonym*: ambiguous, unsettled, uncertain

(1) **inconclusive** debate, (2) **inconclusive** evidence

Climate behavior models are frequently **inconclusive**.

## implausible

*adj.* difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable

*synonym* : incredulous, far-fetched, unbelievable

(1) **implausible** theory, (2) **implausible** excuse

The detective found the suspect's story **implausible** and decided to investigate further.

## sideways

*adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle

*synonym* : to the edge, obliquely, sidelong

(1) fall **sideways**, (2) a **sideways** market

She glanced **sideways** at the conversation of the boy she was interested in.

## baffle

*v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

*synonym* : perplex, astound, hinder

(1) **baffle** his plan, (2) **baffle** outside noises

The paradox **baffled** most philosophers.

## puzzling

*adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious

*synonym* : baffling, confusing, enigmatic

(1) **puzzling** behavior, (2) **puzzling** questions

The detective found the clues **puzzling** and couldn't solve the case immediately.

## grisly

*adj.* causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality

*synonym* : gruesome, horrific, ghastly

(1) **grisly** death, (2) **grisly** details

The **grisly** scene of the crime horrified the witnesses.

## charismatic

*adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

*synonym* : mesmerizing, alluring, captivating

(1) **charismatic** chairman, (2) **charismatic** personality



He was a **charismatic** leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

## dolphin

*n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid

*synonym*: porpoise, cetacean, marine mammal

(1) **dolphin** show, (2) **dolphin-watching** tour

The large group of **dolphins** swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.

## grandeur

*n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring

*synonym*: splendor, majesty, greatness

(1) natural **grandeur**, (2) lost in **grandeur**

The castle's **grandeur** was breathtaking, with its towering turrets and sweeping arches.

## Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. es____y delta           | <i>n.</i> a place where a river meets the sea, typically where the fresh and saltwater mix  |
| 2. ba___e his plan         | <i>v.</i> to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something   |
| 3. the co___e of an animal | <i>n.</i> the dead body of a human being  |
| 4. en_____ll the reader    | <i>v.</i> to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate  |
| 5. in___t under the skin   | <i>v.</i> to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)   |
| 6. the ve__m of a lizard   | <i>n.</i> a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging  |
| 7. cha_____ic chairman     | <i>adj.</i> having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others  |
| 8. a member of a ca__l     | <i>n.</i> a small, secret group of people who work together to achieve a particular goal, especially one that is seen as being against the interests of those who are not part of the group |

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13. desiccated co\_\_\_\_e      *n.* the dead body of a human being
14. sym\_\_\_\_\_ze with a tragic hero      *v.* to express or feel compassion or understanding for someone else's pain, difficulty, or misfortune; to share in someone else's emotions or experiences
15. ca\_\_\_\_\_de of cars      *n.* a procession or parade of people or vehicles, typically on horseback or in vehicles, often celebrating a special occasion or event; a continuous flow or series of things, often described as a dazzling or impressive display
16. cha\_\_\_\_\_ic personality      *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

ANSWERS: 9. enthrall, 10. inject, 11. subvert, 12. sideways, 13. corpse, 14. sympathize, 15. cavalcade, 16. charismatic

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20. sn\_\_l mail *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
21. ad\_\_e my mind *v.* to confuse or muddle someone's mind; to make something unclear or incoherent
22. sp\_\_\_\_le lens *n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
23. gr\_\_\_\_y death *adj.* causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality
24. elite bo\_\_\_\_rd unit *n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
25. sym\_\_\_\_ze with their situation *v.* to express or feel compassion or understanding for someone else's pain, difficulty, or misfortune; to share in someone else's emotions or experiences

ANSWERS: 17. lair, 18. dopamine, 19. grasshopper, 20. snail, 21. addle, 22. spectacle, 23. grisly, 24. bodyguard, 25. sympathize

26. do\_\_\_\_t volcano *adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances
27. in si\_\_\_\_\_er terms *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
28. ad\_\_e my taste buds *v.* to confuse or muddle someone's mind; to make something unclear or incoherent
29. met\_\_\_\_\_ose in appearance *v.* to undergo a dramatic change in form, structure, or substance; to transform or alter in appearance or nature
30. sh\_\_l of fish *n.* a shallow area in a body of water, such as a river, lake, or sea, where the depth is significantly less than surrounding areas; a sandbar or underwater ridge that can be a hazard to navigation; a large group of fish or other aquatic animals swimming together
31. r\_m the door open *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
32. vo\_\_\_\_\_on level *n.* the power or ability to make choices or decisions by one's own will or conscious choice; the act of consciously choosing or deciding
33. an em\_\_\_\_\_d gem *adj.* having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone
34. so\_\_\_e in music *n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering

ANSWERS: 26. dormant, 27. sinister, 28. addle, 29. metamorphose, 30. shoal, 31. ram, 32. volition, 33. emerald, 34. solace

35. br\_\_e shrimp *n.* a strong solution of salt water used for preserving food, especially meat or fish; saline water found in salt mines or evaporated from seawater
36. gr\_\_\_y details *adj.* causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality
37. do\_\_\_\_\_n show *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
38. liver tr\_\_\_\_\_de *n.* a parasitic flatworm belonging to the class Trematoda, also known as flukes, typically has an oval body shape with suckers and undergoes complex life cycles involving multiple hosts
39. the escape from dy\_\_\_\_\_ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
40. ta\_\_\_\_\_rm eggs *n.* a parasitic worm that lives in the intestines of animals, including humans, and feeds on their food; it is long and ribbon-like in shape with a segmented body
41. hi\_\_\_k a phone number *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
42. inc\_\_\_\_\_ive evidence *adj.* without any significant results or proof or decision
43. co\_\_\_\_\_ss gas *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

ANSWERS: 35. brine, 36. grisly, 37. dolphin, 38. trematode, 39. dystopia, 40. tapeworm, 41. hijack, 42. inconclusive, 43. compress

44. Greek-English le\_\_\_\_n *n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
45. mic\_\_\_\_ic inquiry *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
46. natural gr\_\_\_\_ur *n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring
47. fl\_\_\_\_go habitat *n.* a tall wading bird with predominantly pink or orange plumage and a long, slender neck and legs, native to Central and South America and parts of Africa
48. ma\_\_\_\_e art *adj.* gruesome, grisly; relating to death
49. pain in the ge\_\_\_\_l area *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
50. se\_\_\_\_e patient *adj.* calm, tranquil, and composed, often as a result of being under the influence of a sedative or tranquilizer; unhurried, deliberate, and without excessive movement or activity
51. 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
52. secret ca\_\_l *n.* a small, secret group of people who work together to achieve a particular goal, especially one that is seen as being against the interests of those who are not part of the group

ANSWERS: 44. lexicon, 45. microscopic, 46. grandeur, 47. flamingo, 48. macabre, 49. genital, 50. sedate, 51. claw, 52. cabal

53. play with my si\_\_\_\_\_gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
54. wil\_\_\_\_\_st herd *n.* (also "gnu") a large African antelope with a broad muzzle and curved horns, known for its annual migration
55. fu\_\_\_\_s infection *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
56. es\_\_\_\_\_y port *n.* a place where a river meets the sea, typically where the fresh and saltwater mix
57. br\_\_e solution *n.* a strong solution of salt water used for preserving food, especially meat or fish; saline water found in salt mines or evaporated from seawater
58. r\_m into the ice *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
59. sw\_\_l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
60. he\_\_\_\_\_ss baby *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
61. imp\_\_\_\_\_le theory *adj.* difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable
62. so\_\_\_\_\_al norms *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
63. an un\_\_\_\_n force *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived

ANSWERS: 53. sibling, 54. wildebeest, 55. fungus, 56. estuary, 57. brine, 58. ram, 59. swell, 60. helpless, 61. implausible, 62. societal, 63. unseen



64. gra\_\_\_\_\_er mice *n.* large jumping insect; used to symbolize restlessness or ephemerality
65. antagonism of do\_\_\_\_\_ne *n.* a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension
66. inc\_\_\_\_\_ive debate *adj.* without any significant results or proof or decision
67. have a co\_\_\_\_\_ch phobia *n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
68. fall si\_\_\_\_\_ys *adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle
69. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
70. pretty sp\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
71. offer so\_\_\_\_\_e *n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering
72. w\_\_p sting *n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals

ANSWERS: 64. grasshopper, 65. dopamine, 66. inconclusive, 67. cockroach, 68. sideways, 69. overlook, 70. spectacle, 71. solace, 72. wasp

73. grazing wil\_\_\_\_\_st *n.* (also "gnu") a large African antelope with a broad muzzle and curved horns, known for its annual migration
74. do\_\_\_\_\_n-watching tour *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
75. he\_\_\_\_\_ss victims *adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help
76. co\_\_\_\_\_ch killer *n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
77. s\_\_b at the enemy with a knife *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
78. la\_\_a of a butterfly *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
79. sn\_\_l pace *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
80. se\_\_\_e atmosphere *adj.* calm, tranquil, and composed, often as a result of being under the influence of a sedative or tranquilizer; unhurried, deliberate, and without excessive movement or activity
81. tr\_\_\_\_\_de infection *n.* a parasitic flatworm belonging to the class Trematoda, also known as flukes, typically has an oval body shape with suckers and undergoes complex life cycles involving multiple hosts
82. cause di\_\_\_\_\_et among the residents *n.* a feeling of anxiety or unease; a sense of restlessness or agitation; a state of mental or emotional disturbance; (verb) to cause or feel unease, restlessness, or agitation

ANSWERS: 73. wildebeest, 74. dolphin, 75. helpless, 76. cockroach, 77. stab, 78. larva, 79. snail, 80. sedate, 81. trematode, 82. disquiet

83. sch\_\_\_\_\_nia spectrum disorder      *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior
84. de\_\_\_r a meal      *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
85. symbiotic fu\_\_\_s      *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
86. l\_\_\_r of a criminal      *n.* a den or shelter used by a wild animal
87. so\_\_\_\_\_le gathering      *adj.* being friendly, outgoing, and inclined to engage in social activities or interactions; enjoying the company of others
88. a capital bl\_\_\_\_\_r      *n.* mistake; the act of making a foolish error
89. mood of di\_\_\_\_\_et      *n.* a feeling of anxiety or unease; a sense of restlessness or agitation; a state of mental or emotional disturbance; (verb) to cause or feel unease, restlessness, or agitation
90. fl\_\_\_\_\_go flock      *n.* a tall wading bird with predominantly pink or orange plumage and a long, slender neck and legs, native to Central and South America and parts of Africa

ANSWERS: 83. schizophrenia, 84. devour, 85. fungus, 86. lair, 87. sociable, 88. blunder, 89. disquiet, 90. flamingo

91. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng events *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
92. st\_\_g me on the arm *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
93. do\_\_\_\_\_t account *adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances
94. injected ve\_\_m *n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging
95. excite the ne\_\_\_ns *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
96. a dried co\_\_\_n *n.* a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates
97. th\_\_\_h about with pain *v.* to beat violently with a stick or whip; to move violently and uncontrollably; to defeat soundly in a competition or contest
98. in\_\_\_t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
99. th\_\_\_h out a deal *v.* to beat violently with a stick or whip; to move violently and uncontrollably; to defeat soundly in a competition or contest

ANSWERS: 91. terrifying, 92. sting, 93. dormant, 94. venom, 95. neuron, 96. cocoon, 97. thrash, 98. infect, 99. thrash

100. reef sh\_\_l *n.* a shallow area in a body of water, such as a river, lake, or sea, where the depth is significantly less than surrounding areas; a sandbar or underwater ridge that can be a hazard to navigation; a large group of fish or other aquatic animals swimming together
101. a crumbling dy\_\_\_\_ia *n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
102. ba\_\_\_e outside noises *v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something
103. blood-sucking pa\_\_\_\_te *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
104. evil vi\_\_\_\_n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
105. locust sw\_\_m *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
106. make a bl\_\_\_\_r in my work *n.* mistake; the act of making a foolish error
107. authoritarian vi\_\_\_\_n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
108. st\_\_g his face *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

ANSWERS: 100. shoal, 101. dystopia, 102. baffle, 103. parasite, 104. villain, 105. swarm, 106. blunder, 107. villain, 108. sting

109. con\_\_\_\_\_us consumption *adj.* visible or observable; likely to draw attention
110. wr\_\_\_\_\_e free *v.* to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner
111. met\_\_\_\_\_ose over time *v.* to undergo a dramatic change in form, structure, or substance; to transform or alter in appearance or nature
112. di\_\_\_\_\_t the data *v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
113. brood-pa\_\_\_\_\_ic bird *adj.* living off another organism to the detriment of the host
114. pu\_\_\_\_\_ng behavior *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
115. sw\_\_l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
116. extravagant ca\_\_\_\_\_de *n.* a procession or parade of people or vehicles, typically on horseback or in vehicles, often celebrating a special occasion or event; a continuous flow or series of things, often described as a dazzling or impressive display
117. si\_\_\_\_\_er look *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
118. mic\_\_\_\_\_ic analysis *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
119. sch\_\_\_\_\_nia treatment *n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

ANSWERS: 109. conspicuous, 110. wriggle, 111. metamorphose, 112. dissect, 113. parasitic, 114. puzzling, 115. swell, 116. cavalcade, 117. sinister, 118. microscopic, 119. schizophrenia

120. ter\_\_\_\_\_ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
121. ro\_\_\_t repellent *n.* a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail
122. freedom of vo\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* the power or ability to make choices or decisions by one's own will or conscious choice; the act of consciously choosing or deciding
123. I was dr\_\_ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
124. a con\_\_\_\_\_us achievement *adj.* visible or observable; likely to draw attention
125. ge\_\_\_\_\_l bleeding *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
126. 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
127. genetic od\_\_\_y *n.* something unusual or different
128. s\_\_b in the chest *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
129. cat\_\_\_\_\_ar in a cocoon *n.* the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth
130. prevent ro\_\_\_t damage *n.* a small, gnawing mammal, such as a mouse, rat, or squirrel, that has sharp incisors and typically has a long, thin tail

ANSWERS: 120. terrifying, 121. rodent, 122. volition, 123. drown, 124. conspicuous, 125. genital, 126. claw, 127. oddity, 128. stab, 129. caterpillar, 130. rodent

131. dr\_\_n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
132. le\_\_\_\_n of business phrases *n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
133. ma\_\_\_\_e tales of war *adj.* gruesome, grisly; relating to death
134. co\_\_\_\_ss the chest *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
135. ov\_\_t symptoms *adj.* open, evident, or clear, especially in a way that is not intended to be secret
136. pa\_\_\_\_te disease *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
137. ta\_\_\_\_rm treatment *n.* a parasitic worm that lives in the intestines of animals, including humans, and feeds on their food; it is long and ribbon-like in shape with a segmented body
138. imp\_\_\_\_le excuse *adj.* difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable
139. in\_\_t a computer with a virus *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
140. ha\_\_h a plan *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
141. fe\_\_\_\_ze the female egg *v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well

ANSWERS: 131. drown, 132. lexicon, 133. macabre, 134. compress, 135. overt, 136. parasite, 137. tapeworm, 138. implausible, 139. infect, 140. hatch, 141. fertilize



142. em\_\_\_\_d ring *adj.* having a deep, rich green color, like that of an emerald gemstone
143. find an od\_\_\_\_y *n.* something unusual or different
144. w\_\_p nest *n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
145. fe\_\_\_\_\_ze the soil *v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
146. cat\_\_\_\_\_ar of a butterfly *n.* the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth
147. pu\_\_\_\_\_ng questions *adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
148. ha\_\_h a baby chick *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
149. su\_\_\_\_\_t power *v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
150. ov\_\_\_\_\_ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
151. sh\_\_\_\_\_y doorway *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

ANSWERS: 142. emerald, 143. oddity, 144. wasp, 145. fertilize, 146. caterpillar, 147. puzzling, 148. hatch, 149. subvert, 150. overlook, 151. shadowy

152. pa\_\_\_\_\_ic relationship *adj.* living off another organism to the detriment of the host
153. a sw\_\_m of mosquitoes *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
154. lost in gr\_\_\_\_\_ur *n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring
155. wr\_\_\_\_\_e in surprise *v.* to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner
156. ne\_\_\_n cell body *n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body
157. co\_\_\_n silk *n.* a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates
158. VIP bo\_\_\_\_\_rd *n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack
159. so\_\_\_\_\_le atmosphere *adj.* being friendly, outgoing, and inclined to engage in social activities or interactions; enjoying the company of others
160. un\_\_\_n danger *adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
161. de\_\_\_r my way *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

ANSWERS: 152. parasitic, 153. swarm, 154. grandeur, 155. wriggle, 156. neuron, 157. cocoon, 158. bodyguard, 159. sociable, 160. unseen, 161. devour

162. have a si\_\_\_\_g quarrel *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
163. so\_\_\_\_al expectations *adj.* relating to society or social relationships
164. di\_\_\_\_t a personality *v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
165. sh\_\_\_\_y past *adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain
166. hi\_\_\_\_k a helicopter *v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence
167. a moth la\_\_a *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
168. ov\_\_t hostility *adj.* open, evident, or clear, especially in a way that is not intended to be secret

ANSWERS: 162. sibling, 163. societal, 164. dissect, 165. shadowy, 166. hijack, 167. larva, 168. overt

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Climate behavior models are frequently \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* without any significant results or proof or decision
2. She \_\_\_\_\_ the files into a single ZIP archive to save space on her computer.  
*v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
3. The eggs began to \_\_\_\_\_ and the small chicks emerged.  
*v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
4. The detective found the suspect's story \_\_\_\_\_ and decided to investigate further.  
*adj.* difficult to believe or accept as true; not credible or convincing; unlikely or improbable
5. The unfamiliarity of the foreign language \_\_\_\_\_ his comprehension, but he was eager to learn.  
*v.* to confuse or muddle someone's mind; to make something unclear or incoherent
6. Her golden hair was \_\_\_\_\_ in China.  
*adj.* visible or observable; likely to draw attention
7. Bees \_\_\_\_\_ as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.  
*v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

ANSWERS: 1. inconclusive, 2. compressed, 3. hatch, 4. implausible, 5. addled, 6. conspicuous, 7. sting

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the community grew as rumors spread about the upcoming changes.
- n.* a feeling of anxiety or unease; a sense of restlessness or agitation; a state of mental or emotional disturbance; (verb) to cause or feel unease, restlessness, or agitation
9. She glanced \_\_\_\_\_ at the conversation of the boy she was interested in.
- adv.* towards or from the side; with one side forward or to the front; (adjective, of movement) at an angle
10. She is a very \_\_\_\_\_ person who loves meeting new people.
- adj.* being friendly, outgoing, and inclined to engage in social activities or interactions; enjoying the company of others
11. The fisherman's boat narrowly avoided hitting a dangerous \_\_\_\_\_ in the shallow waters.
- n.* a shallow area in a body of water, such as a river, lake, or sea, where the depth is significantly less than surrounding areas; a sandbar or underwater ridge that can be a hazard to navigation; a large group of fish or other aquatic animals swimming together
12. The child started to \_\_\_\_\_ out of their seatbelt during the long car ride.
- v.* to twist and turn with quick, writhing motions; to move in a twisting or contorting manner
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.
- adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
14. The snake's \_\_\_\_\_ is highly toxic and can be fatal to humans.
- n.* a toxic substance produced by an animal, typically a snake or insect, and injected into prey or an enemy by biting or stinging

ANSWERS: 8. disquiet, 9. sideways, 10. sociable, 11. shoal, 12. wriggle, 13. genital, 14. venom

15. The butterfly emerged from its \_\_\_\_\_ stage.
- n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
16. She could not help watching the sad \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* something or someone seen, especially a notable or unusual sight; an optical device consisting of a frame that houses a pair of lenses for correcting defective vision
17. The group of politicians formed a \_\_\_\_\_ to try to control the party.
- n.* a small, secret group of people who work together to achieve a particular goal, especially one that is seen as being against the interests of those who are not part of the group
18. The dark clouds in the sky gave off a \_\_\_\_\_ feeling.
- adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ scene in the horror movie gave her nightmares for weeks.
- adj.* gruesome, grisly; relating to death
20. This bilingual \_\_\_\_\_ was essential for his language improvement.
- n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
21. The \_\_\_\_\_ leaped from one blade of grass to another.
- n.* large jumping insect; used to symbolize restlessness or ephemerality
22. Let's try to \_\_\_\_\_ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.
- v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)

ANSWERS: 15. larva, 16. spectacle, 17. cabal, 18. sinister, 19. macabre, 20. lexicon, 21. grasshopper, 22. inject

23. Certain types of \_\_\_\_\_ can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.
- n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
24. Floods have the potential to \_\_\_\_\_ any subsurface animals easily.
- v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
25. The detective found the clues \_\_\_\_\_ and couldn't solve the case immediately.
- adj.* confusing or difficult to understand; mysterious
26. Children often copy their parents or elder \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
27. The police found the \_\_\_\_\_ in the abandoned building.
- n.* the dead body of a human being
28. The scientist \_\_\_\_\_ the frog to study its internal organs.
- v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
29. The disease can remain \_\_\_\_\_ for years before it presents any symptoms.
- adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances
30. A \_\_\_\_\_ of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.
- n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

ANSWERS: 23. fungus, 24. drown, 25. puzzling, 26. siblings, 27. corpse, 28. dissected, 29. dormant, 30. swarm

31. 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
32. The large group of \_\_\_\_\_ swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.  
*n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
33. A giant \_\_\_\_\_ flew into the room, and everyone panicked.  
*n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
34. The drug controls the level of \_\_\_\_\_ in the brain.  
*n.* a chemical substance produced by nerve cells as a neurotransmitter; as a drug, it is used to treat shock and hypotension
35. She \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery novel in one sitting.  
*v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
36. The caterpillar spins a \_\_\_\_\_ around itself before turning into a butterfly.  
*n.* a protective covering spun by some insects and other invertebrates
37. The \_\_\_\_\_ plant was able to survive by stealing nutrients from its host.  
*adj.* living off another organism to the detriment of the host
38. The doctor diagnosed the patient with \_\_\_\_\_ infection.  
*n.* a parasitic worm that lives in the intestines of animals, including humans, and feeds on their food; it is long and ribbon-like in shape with a segmented body

ANSWERS: 31. parasites, 32. dolphins, 33. wasp, 34. dopamine, 35. devoured, 36. cocoon, 37. parasitic, 38. tapeworm



39. The rebels could \_\_\_\_\_ the government's plans by leaking classified information.
- v.* to undermine, overthrow, or weaken the established order, system, or authority; to bring about fundamental change or revolution from within
40. The car \_\_\_\_\_ into the wall, causing significant damage.
- v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
41. The tiger's \_\_\_\_\_ was filled with treasure.
- n.* a den or shelter used by a wild animal
42. The \_\_\_\_\_ bright pink feathers perfectly blended into the tropical sunset.
- n.* a tall wading bird with predominantly pink or orange plumage and a long, slender neck and legs, native to Central and South America and parts of Africa
43. The consequences of the pandemic remain \_\_\_\_\_ as scientists continue to research the virus.
- adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
44. The \_\_\_\_\_ scene of the crime horrified the witnesses.
- adj.* causing horror or disgust because of being connected with death or injury or having a raw or savage quality
45. The researcher discovered a new species of \_\_\_\_\_ in the freshwater lake.
- n.* a parasitic flatworm belonging to the class Trematoda, also known as flukes, typically has an oval body shape with suckers and undergoes complex life cycles involving multiple hosts
46. The paradox \_\_\_\_\_ most philosophers.
- v.* to bewilder or perplex someone completely and to be unable to understand or explain something

ANSWERS: 39. subvert, 40. rammed, 41. lair, 42. flamingo's, 43. unseen, 44. grisly, 45. trematode, 46. baffled

47. The castle's \_\_\_\_\_ was breathtaking, with its towering turrets and sweeping arches.
- n.* the quality of being impressive or magnificent in appearance, size, or scope; the state of being majestic, impressive, or awe-inspiring
48. The loss of industry turned working-class neighborhoods into \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* an imaginary place where everything is extremely bad because of deprivation or oppression or terror, or a work of fiction describing those place
49. His arm was \_\_\_\_\_ from the insect bite.
- v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
50. Large earthquakes often generate \_\_\_\_\_ tsunamis.
- adj.* very frightening or intimidating
51. 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
52. He canceled the meeting of his own \_\_\_\_\_ as he thought it was unnecessary.
- n.* the power or ability to make choices or decisions by one's own will or conscious choice; the act of consciously choosing or deciding
53. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.
- adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
54. The magician's illusions always managed to \_\_\_\_\_ the audience.
- v.* to capture or hold someone's attention or interest completely; to captivate or fascinate

ANSWERS: 47. grandeur, 48. dystopias, 49. swelling, 50. terrifying, 51. claw, 52. volition, 53. charismatic, 54. enthrall

55. We cannot \_\_\_\_\_ an opportunity for great success.

- v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

56. The \_\_\_\_\_ figure in the corner of the room made me uneasy.

- adj.* dark, dim, or vague, as if obscured by shadows; mysterious or uncertain

57. The parade featured a colorful \_\_\_\_\_ of floats, marching bands, and dancers.

- n.* a procession or parade of people or vehicles, typically on horseback or in vehicles, often celebrating a special occasion or event; a continuous flow or series of things, often described as a dazzling or impressive display

58. The woolly bear \_\_\_\_\_ munched on leaves all day.

- n.* the wormlike larva of a butterfly or moth

59. He set up a trap to catch the \_\_\_\_\_.

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

60. The grieving widow found \_\_\_\_\_ in reading her late husband's letters.

- n.* comfort or consolation in a time of distress, sadness, or disappointment; (verb) to comfort or console someone in a time of distress, loss, or suffering

61. The \_\_\_\_\_ patient was experiencing severe auditory hallucinations.

- n.* a severe mental disorder in which a person has a distorted view of reality and may experience hallucinations, delusions, and disordered thinking and behavior

62. I \_\_\_\_\_ with your struggles and am here to support you through them.

- v.* to express or feel compassion or understanding for someone else's pain, difficulty, or misfortune; to share in someone else's emotions or experiences

ANSWERS: 55. overlook, 56. shadowy, 57. cavalcade, 58. caterpillar, 59. rodent, 60. solace, 61. schizophrenia, 62. sympathize

63. The gardener found a \_\_\_\_\_ slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.  
*n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
64. The mouth of the river formed an \_\_\_\_\_ where saltwater and freshwater met.  
*n.* a place where a river meets the sea, typically where the fresh and saltwater mix
65. The CEO's \_\_\_\_\_ in the meeting cost the company millions.  
*n.* mistake; the act of making a foolish error
66. \_\_\_\_\_ sometimes cause allergic reactions in humans.  
*n.* a flat, brown or black, chiefly nocturnal insects sometimes found in the home
67. Children often \_\_\_\_\_ parents with this head cold.  
*v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
68. He was \_\_\_\_\_ many times with scissors.  
*v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
69. His \_\_\_\_\_ lack of enthusiasm was noticeable to everyone in the room.  
*adj.* open, evident, or clear, especially in a way that is not intended to be secret
70. The two-headed snake was an \_\_\_\_\_ at the zoo.  
*n.* something unusual or different
71. The \_\_\_\_\_ environment of the library was perfect for studying.  
*adj.* calm, tranquil, and composed, often as a result of being under the influence of a sedative or tranquilizer; unhurried, deliberate, and without excessive movement or activity

ANSWERS: 63. snail, 64. estuary, 65. blunder, 66. Cockroaches, 67. infect, 68. stabbed, 69. overt, 70. oddity, 71. sedate

72. Inspectors noticed \_\_\_\_\_ cracks in the submarine's hull.

*adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy

73. The caterpillar \_\_\_\_\_ into a butterfly during its life cycle.

*v.* to undergo a dramatic change in form, structure, or substance; to transform or alter in appearance or nature

74. The celebrity hired a personal \_\_\_\_\_ to protect them from the paparazzi.

*n.* a person or group of people employed to protect someone, typically a public figure or a person of importance, from harm or attack

75. The \_\_\_\_\_ pressure to conform is strong in this community.

*adj.* relating to society or social relationships

76. He \_\_\_\_\_ in the water when he realized he was too far from the shore.

*v.* to beat violently with a stick or whip; to move violently and uncontrollably; to defeat soundly in a competition or contest

77. I feel so \_\_\_\_\_ without you.

*adj.* unable to take care of oneself or to do things without help

78. The recipe called for a teaspoon of \_\_\_\_\_ to add flavor.

*n.* a strong solution of salt water used for preserving food, especially meat or fish; saline water found in salt mines or evaporated from seawater

79. The migration of \_\_\_\_\_ across the Serengeti is an awe-inspiring natural phenomenon.

*n.* (also "gnu") a large African antelope with a broad muzzle and curved horns, known for its annual migration

ANSWERS: 72. microscopic, 73. metamorphoses, 74. bodyguard, 75. societal, 76. thrashed, 77. helpless, 78. brine, 79. wildebeest

80. The \_\_\_\_\_ green dress caught everyone's eye at the party.

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

81. Our body transfers information along each \_\_\_\_\_ using an electrical impulse.

*n.* a cell that is specialized to carry information within the brain and between the brain and other parts of the body

82. He made a desperate effort to \_\_\_\_\_ an airliner.

*v.* to seize control of an airplane or other vehicle during an operation, especially with violence

83. The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to \_\_\_\_\_ a wife.

*v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well

84. The \_\_\_\_\_ in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.

*n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel

ANSWERS: 80. emerald, 81. neuron, 82. hijack, 83. fertilize, 84. villain