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Session 1: Word List

fascinate

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

synonym : captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

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

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

octopus

n. a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)

synonym : devilfish

(1) giant **octopus**, (2) venomous **octopus**

He experienced nausea after eating live **octopus**.

confluence

n. the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment

synonym : merging, convergence, meeting

(1) arterial **confluence**, (2) **confluence** of ideas

A **confluence** of two smaller streams formed the river.

alligator

n. a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China

synonym : crocodile, caiman, gator

(1) **alligator** habitat, (2) **alligator** watch strap

Alligator skin is used to make purses, boots, and other

luxury goods.

cypress

n. a tall, conical-shaped evergreen tree with small, needle-like leaves and small cones, often used in landscaping and as ornamental trees

synonym: evergreen, conifer

(1) **cypress** swamp, (2) **cypress** wood

The **cypress** trees provide a picturesque backdrop for the lake.

drip

v. to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

synonym: drop, drizzle, trickle

(1) **drip** liquid, (2) **drip** from the vicious wound

Water is **dripping** from the faucet.

wonderland

n. a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

synonym: fantasyland, dreamland, fairyland

(1) magical **wonderland**, (2) Alice's **wonderland**

The colorful garden was a **wonderland** of various plants and flowers.

gulf

n. a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

synonym: chasm, divide, abyss

(1) **gulf** war, (2) **gulf** stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

agility

n. the ability to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

synonym: nimbleness, quickness, dexterity

(1) ninja-like **agility**, (2) **agility** training

The coach had the team run through the **agility** ladder to

improve their coordination.

pry v. to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions
synonym: probe, investigate, inquire
(1) **pry** a secret out of a person, (2) **pry** into the affairs
He used a crowbar to **pry** open the locked door.

tuck v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
synonym: insert, wrap, pinch
(1) **tuck** a baby in the blanket, (2) **tuck** into another cigarette
You should **tuck** your shirt into your trousers.

spherical *adj.* having the shape of a sphere; round, spherical, or ball-shaped in appearance
synonym: round, orbicular, spherical
(1) **spherical** shape, (2) **spherical** object
The Earth is a nearly **spherical** planet.

marvel *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
synonym: wonder, phenomenon, amazement
(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**
The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

rubble *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
synonym: debris, ruins, wreckage
(1) clear away **rubble**, (2) **rubble-strewn** road
After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of **rubble**.

whoosh

n. a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound

synonym : swoosh, swish, whizz

(1) **whoosh** of a falling object, (2) hear a **whoosh**

The **whoosh** of the wind through the trees was the only sound in the forest.

zoology

n. the scientific study of animals, including their classification, habits, behavior, physiology, and evolution

synonym : animal science, biology, zoography

(1) **zoology** book, (2) **zoology** professor

She's studying **zoology** at university and hopes to work at a zoo someday.

invertebrate

n. a class of animals that do not have a backbone; they include insects, worms, and mollusks

synonym : animal, mollusk, worm

(1) **invertebrate** species, (2) study of **invertebrates**

Many species of marine **invertebrates**, such as corals and sponges, are important components of ocean ecosystems.

spineless

adj. lacking courage, determination, or resilience; weak-willed or lacking in backbone or strength of character

synonym : weak, feeble, cowardly

(1) **spineless** jellyfish, (2) **spineless** response

His **spineless** behavior during the crisis disappointed everyone who had counted on his leadership.

slink

v. to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky

synonym : sneak, slither, crawl

(1) **slink** back home, (2) **slink** in the shadows

The thief tried to **slink** away unnoticed, but the security guard caught him.

perch

v. to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

synonym: sit, roost, squat

(1) **perch** on a ledge, (2) **perch** of a bird of prey

The bird **perched** on the branch, watching the world below.

proverb

n. a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

synonym: adage, saying, maxim

(1) a hackneyed **proverb**, (2) ancient **proverb**

The famous **proverb** "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

filmmaker

n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession

synonym: director, producer, cinematographer

(1) non-fiction **filmmaker**, (2) a successful **filmmaker**

The renowned **filmmaker** won several awards for his latest film.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

filmmaking

n. the process or art of making movies

synonym: movie-making, film production, cinema

(1) **filmmaking** industry, (2) retire from **filmmaking**

The history of **filmmaking** dates back to the late 19th century when motion pictures were first shown to audiences.

shingle

n. a thin piece of wood, slate, or other material used as a roof covering or siding

synonym : tile, slate, clapboard

(1) asphalt **shingle**, (2) wooden **shingle**

The roofer installed new **shingles** on the roof to replace the old and worn-out ones.

situ

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

synonym : situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control

Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

camouflage

n. an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment

synonym : guise, mask, cloak

(1) **camouflage** clothing, (2) work as **camouflage**

They utilized branches of trees as **camouflage**.

acclimate

v. to adapt or adjust to a new climate, environment, or situation, often by undergoing a period of exposure or learning

synonym : adjust, adapt, acclimatize

(1) **acclimate** to the climate, (2) **acclimate** to the culture

It takes time for your body to **acclimate** to a new environment.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym : agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

twitch

v. to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a

muscle or part of the body

synonym : spasm, jerk, flinch

(1) **twitch** at his sleeve, (2) **twitch** of an eye

She couldn't stop her leg from **twitching** nervously.

engulf

v. to swallow up; to surround and cover completely

synonym : swallow, submerge, inundate

(1) **engulf** the politician, (2) **engulf** in water

The fire quickly **engulfed** the entire building.

beak

n. the hard and pointed or curved nose of a bird

synonym : nib, pecker, snoot

(1) sharp **beak**, (2) a tip of the **beak**

The bird's **beak** evolves according to the type of prey it can take on the area.

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.

scrub

v. to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent

synonym : clean, wash, sanitize

(1) **scrub** off graffiti, (2) **scrub** dirt from potatoes

She decided to **scrub** the kitchen floor to remove all the dirt and grime.

chuck

v. to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone

synonym : toss, throw, discard

(1) **chuck** the ball across the yard, (2) **chuck** my job

I will **chuck** these old shoes in the trash and buy a new pair.

overboard

adv. to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational

synonym : recklessly, excessively

(1) fell **overboard**, (2) dumped **overboard**

He went **overboard** with his criticism, and it hurt her feelings.

lavender

n. a fragrant herb of the mint family, typically having purple or blue flowers, sometimes used for its soothing scent in aromatherapy or as a flavoring in cooking and baking

(1) **lavender** fields, (2) **lavender-scented** bath products

I love the soothing scent of **lavender** essential oil.

suffice

v. to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose

synonym : satisfy, meet, be enough

(1) **suffice** to live, (2) **suffice** as evidence

Would one cup of flour **suffice** for this recipe?

rift

n. a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces

synonym : split, break, gap

(1) **rift** between friends, (2) geological **rift**

Their disagreement caused a **rift** in their friendship.

volcano

n. a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

synonym : mount, peak, crater

(1) **volcano** alert level, (2) active **volcano**

The island was formed by a **volcano** millions of years ago.

tectonic

adj. relating to the structure of the Earth's crust and the large-scale processes that occur as a result of movements within it

synonym : seismic, geologic, geological

(1) **tectonic** valleys, (2) a **tectonic** earthquake
The **tectonic** plates shifted, causing an earthquake.

magma

n. molten rock that is located beneath the earth's surface and can solidify to form igneous rock

synonym : molten rock, lava, igneous rock

(1) volcanic **magma**, (2) **magma** flow

Magma chambers are large underground reservoirs where molten rock is stored before an eruption.

lava

n. molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material

synonym : molten rock, magma, volcanic rock

(1) **lava** flow, (2) molten **lava**

The volcano's eruption caused a **lava** river to flow down the mountainside.

superheat

v. to heat a substance to a temperature higher than its boiling point

synonym : overheat, heat up, scorch

(1) **superheat** the cheese, (2) **superheat** the solution

The metal must be **superheated** before being shaped into the final product.

eject

v. to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position

synonym : discharge, expel, emit

(1) **eject** a player from a game, (2) **eject** huge amounts of pollutant

Our immune system can **eject** disease germs from the body.

geyser

n. a natural hot spring that periodically ejects a column of boiling water and steam into the air; a device that produces a similar effect for decorative or practical purposes

synonym : hot spring, fumarole

(1) erupting **geyser**, (2) Yellowstone **geyser**

The **geyser's** hot water generates electricity for nearby towns and cities.

dissolve

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

synonym: disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

precipitate

v. to cause something to happen suddenly or unexpectedly; to cause a solid substance to form from a dissolved liquid or gas by means of a chemical reaction or physical process

synonym: hasten, accelerate, expedite

(1) **precipitate** a reaction, (2) **precipitate** a global energy crisis

The sudden rainstorm will **precipitate** flooding in low-lying areas.

chimney

n. a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system

synonym: flue, smokestack, stack

(1) smoke **chimney**, (2) **chimney** sweep

The **chimney** in the factory was constantly emitting dark smoke.

shimmer

v. to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten

synonym: gleam, glimmer, flash

(1) **shimmer** with tears, (2) **shimmer** in the moonlight

The sunlight made the water in the pool **shimmer** like diamonds.

smoker

n. a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking

(1) **smoker** behavior, (2) an inveterate **smoker**

Many **smokers** are aware of the health risks associated with smoking but find it difficult to quit.

plume

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

synonym: feather, honor, token

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

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

tangle

n. a confused mass of something twisted together

synonym: knot, snarl, entanglement

(1) in a **tangle**, (2) **tangle** wires

The cords behind my computer were a **tangled** mess.

lobster

n. a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming

synonym: crustacean, crawfish, crayfish

(1) **lobster** dinner, (2) fresh **lobster**

The restaurant served a delicious **lobster**, steamed to perfection.

clam

n. a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness

(1) giant **clam**, (2) shuck a **clam**

The **clam** digs through the sand to a significant depth.

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.

arthropod

n. a type of invertebrate animal with a segmented body, jointed limbs, and an exoskeleton, including insects, spiders, crustaceans, and centipedes

synonym: insect, crustacean, spider

(1) **arthropod** exoskeleton, (2) small **arthropod**

The classification of **arthropods** is constantly evolving as new species are discovered, and genetic studies provide new insights into their evolutionary relationships.

scald

v. to burn or painfully affect with hot liquid or steam

synonym: burn, scold, sear

(1) **scald** the milk, (2) **scald** my tongue

Be careful not to **scald** yourself with the hot water.

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.

photosynthesis

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

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

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

ephemeral

adj. lasting or used for only a short time

synonym: temporary, momentary, brief

(1) **ephemeral** joys, (2) **ephemeral** materials

His success as a famous actor was **ephemeral**.

hydrothermal

adj. relating to hot water or steam, especially in the Earth's crust, and the thermal energy and chemical reactions that occur as a result

synonym : geothermal, thermal, volcanic

(1) **hydrothermal** vents, (2) **hydrothermal** chemistry

The **hydrothermal** activity in this area creates a unique environment for marine creatures.

eerie

adj. strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural

synonym : bizarre, creepy, dreadful

(1) **eerie** silence, (2) the **eerie** whistle of dropping bombs

The street was entirely silent and a bit **eerie**.

spook

v. to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost

synonym : frighten, scare, discomfort

(1) **spook** the fish, (2) **spook** the children

The bankruptcy of that company **spooked** markets.

devoid

adj. completely lacking or free from something

synonym : empty, lacking, void

(1) **devoid** of life, (2) air **devoid** of pollution

The room was **devoid** of any furniture or decorations.

algae

n. A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots

(1) **algae** biofuel, (2) blue **algae**

Algae has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.

pea

n. a small, round, green vegetable that grows in pods on a climbing plant and is eaten as a vegetable

synonym : legume, bean, pulse

(1) **pea** protein, (2) **pea** family

She shelled the **peas** and added them to the pot.

hillside

n. the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline

synonym: slope, incline

(1) **hillside** landscape, (2) **hillside** vineyard

The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the **hillside**.

bulldoze

v. to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way

synonym: level, clear, demolish

(1) **bulldoze** a mound, (2) **bulldoze** a person into buying

They **bulldozed** the old building to make way for a new one.

rainwater

n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

synonym: precipitation, drizzle, showers

(1) **rainwater** acidity, (2) **rainwater** drainage

The company installed a **rainwater** harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.

smother

v. to cover or suffocate something or someone completely; to suppress or stifle a feeling or emotion

synonym: smother, suffocate, stifle

(1) **smother** flames, (2) **smother** a sneeze

She tried to **smother** her fears and doubts with positive affirmations.

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.

plankton

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

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

Plankton is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.

galvanize

v. to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust

synonym: energize, invigorate, motivate

(1) **galvanize** steel, (2) **galvanize** the country

The motivational speech **galvanized** the team and gave them the drive to succeed.

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym: legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

mead

n. an alcoholic beverage made by fermenting honey and water, often with the addition of spices, fruits, or grains

synonym: honey wine

(1) honey **mead**, (2) **mead** brewing

The **mead** at the Renaissance Faire was delicious.

sprinkler

n. a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting

synonym: sprayer, irrigation system

(1) road **sprinkler**, (2) **sprinkler** irrigation

The **sprinkler** system kept the lawn green and healthy.

beseech

v. to ask or beg someone earnestly or urgently; to implore or plead for something with great sincerity or humility; to request or entreat someone with a strong sense of urgency or need

synonym: plead, implore, beg

(1) **beseech** for help, (2) **beseech** forgiveness

I **beseech** you to reconsider your decision and give me

another chance.

prick

v. to make a small hole or puncture or to cause a slight, sharp pain; to stimulate or provoke a reaction or response; to use needles to administer a vaccine or medication

synonym : poke, jab, sting

(1) **prick** a balloon, (2) **prick** up her ears

He accidentally **pricked** his finger with the needle.

expanse

n. a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

synonym : stretch, field, spread

(1) vast **expanse**, (2) large **expanses**

She looked over the immense **expanse** of the sea.

applaud

v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

synonym : clap, celebrate, praise

(1) **applaud** his courage, (2) **applaud** the orchestra

I enthusiastically **applaud** my rival's achievement.

Session 2: Spelling

1. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
2. t__k a baby in the blanket *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
3. ac_____te to the climate *v.* to adapt or adjust to a new climate, environment, or situation, often by undergoing a period of exposure or learning
4. Alice's won_____nd *n.* a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
5. sc__b off graffiti *v.* to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent
6. sc__d my tongue *v.* to burn or painfully affect with hot liquid or steam
7. pe__h on a ledge *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

ANSWERS: 1. gulf, 2. tuck, 3. acclimate, 4. wonderland, 5. scrub, 6. scald, 7. perch

8. pr__k up her ears *v.* to make a small hole or puncture or to cause a slight, sharp pain; to stimulate or provoke a reaction or response; to use needles to administer a vaccine or medication
9. air de___d of pollution *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
10. al_____or watch strap *n.* a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China
11. sp_____al object *adj.* having the shape of a sphere; round, spherical, or ball-shaped in appearance
12. sh_____r with tears *v.* to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten
13. sm_____r a sneeze *v.* to cover or suffocate something or someone completely; to suppress or stifle a feeling or emotion
14. hyd_____mal vents *adj.* relating to hot water or steam, especially in the Earth's crust, and the thermal energy and chemical reactions that occur as a result
15. en___f in water *v.* to swallow up; to surround and cover completely
16. pe__h of a bird of prey *v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost

ANSWERS: 8. prick, 9. devoid, 10. alligator, 11. spherical, 12. shimmer, 13. smother, 14. hydrothermal, 15. engulf, 16. perch

17. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
18. 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
19. de____d of life *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
20. process of pho_____sis *n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.
21. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
22. la_____er fields *n.* a fragrant herb of the mint family, typically having purple or blue flowers, sometimes used for its soothing scent in aromatherapy or as a flavoring in cooking and baking
23. asphalt sh____e *n.* a thin piece of wood, slate, or other material used as a roof covering or siding
24. fa_____te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
25. re____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
26. sp_____al shape *adj.* having the shape of a sphere; round, spherical, or ball-shaped in appearance

ANSWERS: 17. quitter, 18. swarm, 19. devoid, 20. photosynthesis, 21. gulf, 22. lavender, 23. shingle, 24. fascinate, 25. rethink, 26. spherical

27. di____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
28. t__k into another cigarette *v.* to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
29. p_y into the affairs *v.* to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions
30. in a ta____e *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
31. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
32. cy____s swamp *n.* a tall, conical-shaped evergreen tree with small, needle-like leaves and small cones, often used in landscaping and as ornamental trees
33. ac_____te to the culture *v.* to adapt or adjust to a new climate, environment, or situation, often by undergoing a period of exposure or learning
34. 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
35. officially di____ved the marriage *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

ANSWERS: 27. disturb, 28. tuck, 29. pry, 30. tangle, 31. situ, 32. cypress, 33. acclimate, 34. larva, 35. dissolve

36. re____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
37. bu____ze a person into buying *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way
38. a hackneyed pr____b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
39. Yellowstone ge____r *n.* a natural hot spring that periodically ejects a column of boiling water and steam into the air; a device that produces a similar effect for decorative or practical purposes
40. be____h forgiveness *v.* to ask or beg someone earnestly or urgently; to implore or plead for something with great sincerity or humility; to request or entreat someone with a strong sense of urgency or need
41. zo____y professor *n.* the scientific study of animals, including their classification, habits, behavior, physiology, and evolution
42. tw____h of an eye *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
43. vast ex____e *n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

ANSWERS: 36. rethink, 37. bulldoze, 38. proverb, 39. geyser, 40. beseech, 41. zoology, 42. twitch, 43. expanse

44. ep_____al joys *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
45. dumped ov_____rd *adv.* to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational
46. ch__k my job *v.* to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone
47. a ma___l of beauty *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
48. su_____at the solution *v.* to heat a substance to a temperature higher than its boiling point
49. a tip of the b__k *n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
50. study of inv_____ates *n.* a class of animals that do not have a backbone; they include insects, worms, and mollusks
51. al_____or habitat *n.* a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China
52. sp_____ss jellyfish *adj.* lacking courage, determination, or resilience; weak-willed or lacking in backbone or strength of character
53. pl__e of smoke *n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
54. active vo_____o *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

ANSWERS: 44. ephemeral, 45. overboard, 46. chuck, 47. marvel, 48. superheat, 49. beak, 50. invertebrate, 51. alligator, 52. spineless, 53. plume, 54. volcano

55. pre_____te a reaction *v.* to cause something to happen suddenly or unexpectedly; to cause a solid substance to form from a dissolved liquid or gas by means of a chemical reaction or physical process
56. cy_____s wood *n.* a tall, conical-shaped evergreen tree with small, needle-like leaves and small cones, often used in landscaping and as ornamental trees
57. sl__k back home *v.* to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky
58. oxygenic pho_____sis *n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.
59. al__e biofuel *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
60. pl_____on community *n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
61. ru___e-strewn road *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
62. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

ANSWERS: 55. precipitate, 56. cypress, 57. slink, 58. photosynthesis, 59. algae, 60. plankton, 61. rubble, 62. fascinate

63. lo____r dinner *n.* a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
64. en__t new legislation *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
65. clear away ru____e *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
66. ninja-like ag____y *n.* the ability to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
67. hi____de vineyard *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
68. giant oc____s *n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
69. fresh lo____r *n.* a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
70. sm____r behavior *n.* a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking
71. molten l__a *n.* molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material

ANSWERS: 63. lobster, 64. enact, 65. rubble, 66. agility, 67. hillside, 68. octopus, 69. lobster, 70. smoker, 71. lava

72. wooden sh____e *n.* a thin piece of wood, slate, or other material used as a roof covering or siding
73. technical ma____l *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
74. en____f the politician *v.* to swallow up; to surround and cover completely
75. tw____h at his sleeve *v.* to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
76. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
77. work as cam____ge *n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment
78. ee__e silence *adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
79. ga____ze steel *v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
80. su____at the cheese *v.* to heat a substance to a temperature higher than its boiling point
81. smoke ch____y *n.* a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system

ANSWERS: 72. shingle, 73. marvel, 74. engulf, 75. twitch, 76. situ, 77. camouflage, 78. eerie, 79. galvanize, 80. superheat, 81. chimney

82. large ex_____es *n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
83. ra_____er acidity *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
84. ar_____od exoskeleton *n.* a type of invertebrate animal with a segmented body, jointed limbs, and an exoskeleton, including insects, spiders, crustaceans, and centipedes
85. pl__e of feathers *n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
86. sp_____ss response *adj.* lacking courage, determination, or resilience; weak-willed or lacking in backbone or strength of character
87. an inveterate sm____r *n.* a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking
88. 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
89. con_____ce of ideas *n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
90. ch_____y sweep *n.* a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system

ANSWERS: 82. expanse, 83. rainwater, 84. arthropod, 85. plume, 86. spineless, 87. smoker, 88. hatch, 89. confluence, 90. chimney

91. zo____y book *n.* the scientific study of animals, including their classification, habits, behavior, physiology, and evolution
92. venomous oc____s *n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
93. ra_____er drainage *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
94. ma__a flow *n.* molten rock that is located beneath the earth's surface and can solidify to form igneous rock
95. su_____e to live *v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose
96. volcanic ma__a *n.* molten rock that is located beneath the earth's surface and can solidify to form igneous rock
97. r__t between friends *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
98. pr__k a balloon *v.* to make a small hole or puncture or to cause a slight, sharp pain; to stimulate or provoke a reaction or response; to use needles to administer a vaccine or medication
99. ga_____ze the country *v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust

ANSWERS: 91. zoology, 92. octopus, 93. rainwater, 94. magma, 95. suffice, 96. magma, 97. rift, 98. prick, 99. galvanize

100. pre_____te a global energy crisis *v.* to cause something to happen suddenly or unexpectedly; to cause a solid substance to form from a dissolved liquid or gas by means of a chemical reaction or physical process
101. a successful fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
102. hyd_____mal chemistry *adj.* relating to hot water or steam, especially in the Earth's crust, and the thermal energy and chemical reactions that occur as a result
103. sp__k the children *v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost
104. arterial con_____ce *n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
105. sp_____er irrigation *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
106. sc__b dirt from potatoes *v.* to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent
107. ag_____y training *n.* the ability to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled
108. ej__t huge amounts of pollutant *v.* to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position
109. shuck a c__m *n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness

ANSWERS: 100. precipitate, 101. filmmaker, 102. hydrothermal, 103. spook, 104. confluence, 105. sprinkler, 106. scrub, 107. agility, 108. eject, 109. clam

110. non-fiction fi_____er *n.* a person who makes films, typically as a profession
111. ap_____d the orchestra *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
112. ch__k the ball across the yard *v.* to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone
113. m__d brewing *n.* an alcoholic beverage made by fermenting honey and water, often with the addition of spices, fruits, or grains
114. sharp b__k *n.* the hard and pointed or curved nose of a bird
115. geological r__t *n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
116. di_____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
117. p_a family *n.* a small, round, green vegetable that grows in pods on a climbing plant and is eaten as a vegetable
118. d__p from the vicious wound *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
119. the ee__e whistle of dropping bombs *adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
120. honey m__d *n.* an alcoholic beverage made by fermenting honey and water, often with the addition of spices, fruits, or grains

ANSWERS: 110. filmmaker, 111. applaud, 112. chuck, 113. mead, 114. beak, 115. rift, 116. disturb, 117. pea, 118. drip, 119. eerie, 120. mead

121. l__a flow *n.* molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material
122. 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
123. be____h for help *v.* to ask or beg someone earnestly or urgently; to implore or plead for something with great sincerity or humility; to request or entreat someone with a strong sense of urgency or need
124. vo____o alert level *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
125. hear a wh____h *n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound
126. ancient pr____b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
127. 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

ANSWERS: 121. lava, 122. larva, 123. beseech, 124. volcano, 125. whoosh, 126. proverb, 127. hatch

128. road sp_____er *n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
129. fell ov_____rd *adv.* to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational
130. erupting ge____r *n.* a natural hot spring that periodically ejects a column of boiling water and steam into the air; a device that produces a similar effect for decorative or practical purposes
131. sc__d the milk *v.* to burn or painfully affect with hot liquid or steam
132. ej__t a player from a game *v.* to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position
133. magical won_____nd *n.* a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
134. sl__k in the shadows *v.* to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky
135. wh___h of a falling object *n.* a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound
136. d__p liquid *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

ANSWERS: 128. sprinkler, 129. overboard, 130. geyser, 131. scald, 132. eject, 133. wonderland, 134. slink, 135. whoosh, 136. drip

137. en__t the smoking ban *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
138. small ar_____od *n.* a type of invertebrate animal with a segmented body, jointed limbs, and an exoskeleton, including insects, spiders, crustaceans, and centipedes
139. ep_____al materials *adj.* lasting or used for only a short time
140. sm_____r flames *v.* to cover or suffocate something or someone completely; to suppress or stifle a feeling or emotion
141. la_____er-scented bath products *n.* a fragrant herb of the mint family, typically having purple or blue flowers, sometimes used for its soothing scent in aromatherapy or as a flavoring in cooking and baking
142. retire from fil_____ng *n.* the process or art of making movies
143. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
144. inv_____ate species *n.* a class of animals that do not have a backbone; they include insects, worms, and mollusks
145. sp__k the fish *v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost
146. p_a protein *n.* a small, round, green vegetable that grows in pods on a climbing plant and is eaten as a vegetable

ANSWERS: 137. enact, 138. arthropod, 139. ephemeral, 140. smother, 141. lavender, 142. filmmaking, 143. quitter, 144. invertebrate, 145. spook, 146. pea

147. bu_____ze a mound *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way
148. blue al__e *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
149. fil_____ng industry *n.* the process or art of making movies
150. te_____ic valleys *adj.* relating to the structure of the Earth's crust and the large-scale processes that occur as a result of movements within it
151. ta___e wires *n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
152. su_____e as evidence *v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose
153. locust sw__m *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
154. p_y a secret out of a person *v.* to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions
155. hi_____de landscape *n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline
156. cam_____ge clothing *n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment

ANSWERS: 147. bulldoze, 148. algae, 149. filmmaking, 150. tectonic, 151. tangle, 152. suffice, 153. swarm, 154. pry, 155. hillside, 156. camouflage

157. a te____ic earthquake *adj.* relating to the structure of the Earth's crust and the large-scale processes that occur as a result of movements within it
158. di____ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
159. giant c__m *n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
160. pl____on blooms *n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
161. sh____r in the moonlight *v.* to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten
162. ap____d his courage *v.* to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands

ANSWERS: 157. tectonic, 158. dissolve, 159. clam, 160. plankton, 161. shimmer, 162. applaud

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
2. He experienced nausea after eating live _____.
n. a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)
3. She couldn't stop her leg from _____ nervously.
v. to make a sudden and quick movement with a part of the body; (noun) a sudden, small, jerky movement of a muscle or part of the body
4. The thief tried to _____ away unnoticed, but the security guard caught him.
v. to move quietly and sneakily, especially to avoid being noticed or to do something secret or sneaky
5. The magic tricks _____ the children.
v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
6. The history of _____ dates back to the late 19th century when motion pictures were first shown to audiences.
n. the process or art of making movies
7. The classification of _____ is constantly evolving as new species are discovered, and genetic studies provide new insights into their evolutionary relationships.
n. a type of invertebrate animal with a segmented body, jointed limbs, and an exoskeleton, including insects, spiders, crustaceans, and centipedes

ANSWERS: 1. disturb, 2. octopus, 3. twitching, 4. slink, 5. fascinated, 6. filmmaking, 7. arthropods

8. Their disagreement caused a _____ in their friendship.
- n.* a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces
9. The _____ in the factory was constantly emitting dark smoke.
- n.* a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system
10. Melanoma in _____ is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.
- adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
11. The famous _____ "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.
- n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
12. The bird _____ on the branch, watching the world below.
- v.* to sit, stand, or rest on something, particularly a narrow or elevated surface; to position oneself confidently or dominantly; to place something in a high or elevated position; (noun) a branch or other elevated place where a bird can rest or roost
13. She shelled the _____ and added them to the pot.
- n.* a small, round, green vegetable that grows in pods on a climbing plant and is eaten as a vegetable
14. He used a crowbar to _____ open the locked door.
- v.* to force open or to try to get information from someone by asking too many questions

ANSWERS: 8. rift, 9. chimney, 10. situ, 11. proverb, 12. perched, 13. peas, 14. pry

15. Our immune system can _____ disease germs from the body.
v. to force someone to put out or leave a particular place or position
16. The _____ activity in this area creates a unique environment for marine creatures.
adj. relating to hot water or steam, especially in the Earth's crust, and the thermal energy and chemical reactions that occur as a result
17. 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
18. The bird's _____ evolves according to the type of prey it can take on the area.
n. the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
19. She looked over the immense _____ of the sea.
n. a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
20. The _____ digs through the sand to a significant depth.
n. a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
21. His success as a famous actor was _____.
adj. lasting or used for only a short time
22. The Earth is a nearly _____ planet.
adj. having the shape of a sphere; round, spherical, or ball-shaped in appearance

ANSWERS: 15. eject, 16. hydrothermal, 17. larva, 18. beak, 19. expanse, 20. clam, 21. ephemeral, 22. spherical

23. 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
24. You should _____ your shirt into your trousers.
v. to push a stray piece of clothing or material into a particular area or position, especially to make it more orderly or comfortable
25. The _____ of the wind through the trees was the only sound in the forest.
n. a rushing or swishing sound, such as that made by something moving quickly through the air or by a sudden gust of wind; (verb) to move swiftly with a rushing or whooshing sound
26. The room was _____ of any furniture or decorations.
adj. completely lacking or free from something
27. I enthusiastically _____ my rival's achievement.
v. to express approval of someone or something by clapping the hands
28. 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
29. The fire quickly _____ the entire building.
v. to swallow up; to surround and cover completely
30. Many species of marine _____ such as corals and sponges, are important components of ocean ecosystems.
n. a class of animals that do not have a backbone; they include insects, worms, and mollusks

ANSWERS: 23. swarm, 24. tuck, 25. whoosh, 26. devoid, 27. applaud, 28. hatch, 29. engulfed, 30. invertebrates,

31. The company installed a _____ harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.
- n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
32. The political party _____ after much internal fighting.
- v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
33. His _____ behavior during the crisis disappointed everyone who had counted on his leadership.
- adj.* lacking courage, determination, or resilience; weak-willed or lacking in backbone or strength of character
34. They utilized branches of trees as _____.
- n.* an outward appearance that conceals the underlying essence of something; the way of concealing troops or military equipment so they cannot be seen against the surrounding environment
35. The street was entirely silent and a bit _____.
- adj.* strange, or frightening; suggestive of the supernatural
36. The cords behind my computer were a _____ mess.
- n.* a confused mass of something twisted together
37. The restaurant served a delicious _____ steamed to perfection.
- n.* a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
38. She decided to _____ the kitchen floor to remove all the dirt and grime.
- v.* to clean something thoroughly, typically with a brush and soap or detergent

ANSWERS: 31. rainwater, 32. dissolved, 33. spineless, 34. camouflage, 35. eerie, 36. tangled, 37. lobster, 38. scrub

39. The _____ hot water generates electricity for nearby towns and cities.
- n.* a natural hot spring that periodically ejects a column of boiling water and steam into the air; a device that produces a similar effect for decorative or practical purposes
40. They _____ the old building to make way for a new one.
- v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way
41. I _____ you to reconsider your decision and give me another chance.
- v.* to ask or beg someone earnestly or urgently; to implore or plead for something with great sincerity or humility; to request or entreat someone with a strong sense of urgency or need
42. The island was formed by a _____ millions of years ago.
- n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
43. The metal must be _____ before being shaped into the final product.
- v.* to heat a substance to a temperature higher than its boiling point
44. The bird had a beautiful _____ on its head.
- n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
45. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.
- n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

ANSWERS: 39. geyser's, 40. bulldozed, 41. beseech, 42. volcano, 43. superheated, 44. plume, 45. quitter

46. The _____ trees provide a picturesque backdrop for the lake.
- n.* a tall, conical-shaped evergreen tree with small, needle-like leaves and small cones, often used in landscaping and as ornamental trees
47. _____ is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.
- n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
48. He accidentally _____ his finger with the needle.
- v.* to make a small hole or puncture or to cause a slight, sharp pain; to stimulate or provoke a reaction or response; to use needles to administer a vaccine or medication
49. _____ has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.
- n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
50. He went _____ with his criticism, and it hurt her feelings.
- adv.* to an extreme or excessive degree; to a point where something becomes unreasonable or irrational
51. After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of _____.
- n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
52. Would one cup of flour _____ for this recipe?
- v.* to be enough or sufficient; to meet the needs or requirements of something or someone; to satisfy or fulfill a purpose
53. The _____ of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.
- n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

ANSWERS: 46. cypress, 47. Plankton, 48. pricked, 49. Algae, 50. overboard, 51. rubble, 52. suffice, 53. Gulf

54. The sunlight made the water in the pool _____ like diamonds.
v. to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten
55. She's studying _____ at university and hopes to work at a zoo someday.
n. the scientific study of animals, including their classification, habits, behavior, physiology, and evolution
56. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.
n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
57. The _____ plates shifted, causing an earthquake.
adj. relating to the structure of the Earth's crust and the large-scale processes that occur as a result of movements within it
58. The renowned _____ won several awards for his latest film.
n. a person who makes films, typically as a profession
59. She tried to _____ her fears and doubts with positive affirmations.
v. to cover or suffocate something or someone completely; to suppress or stifle a feeling or emotion
60. In _____ plants use carbon dioxide to feed themselves.
n. the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.
61. A _____ of two smaller streams formed the river.
n. the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment

ANSWERS: 54. shimmer, 55. zoology, 56. marvel, 57. tectonic, 58. filmmaker, 59. smother, 60. photosynthesis, 61. confluence

62. The roofer installed new _____ on the roof to replace the old and worn-out ones.
- n.* a thin piece of wood, slate, or other material used as a roof covering or siding
63. _____ chambers are large underground reservoirs where molten rock is stored before an eruption.
- n.* molten rock that is located beneath the earth's surface and can solidify to form igneous rock
64. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
- v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
65. _____ skin is used to make purses, boots, and other luxury goods.
- n.* a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China
66. The _____ system kept the lawn green and healthy.
- n.* a device that sprays water over a large area used especially for watering crops or gardens or for firefighting
67. It takes time for your body to _____ to a new environment.
- v.* to adapt or adjust to a new climate, environment, or situation, often by undergoing a period of exposure or learning
68. The sudden rainstorm will _____ flooding in low-lying areas.
- v.* to cause something to happen suddenly or unexpectedly; to cause a solid substance to form from a dissolved liquid or gas by means of a chemical reaction or physical process
69. Many _____ are aware of the health risks associated with smoking but find it difficult to quit.
- n.* a person who smokes tobacco regularly, or a device used for smoking

ANSWERS: 62. shingles, 63. Magma, 64. rethink, 65. Alligator, 66. sprinkler, 67. acclimate, 68. precipitate, 69. smokers

70. The motivational speech _____ the team and gave them the drive to succeed.
- v.* to stimulate or shock someone into taking action; to cover metal containing zinc to protect it from rust
71. The bankruptcy of that company _____ markets.
- v.* to frighten or scare, and often provoke into violent action; (noun) someone unpleasantly strange or eccentric; ghost
72. The _____ at the Renaissance Faire was delicious.
- n.* an alcoholic beverage made by fermenting honey and water, often with the addition of spices, fruits, or grains
73. The colorful garden was a _____ of various plants and flowers.
- n.* a place or situation that is delightful or enchanting, often characterized by a dreamlike or surreal quality; a reference to the fictional world from Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
74. The government _____ this law in 1925.
- v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
75. I love the soothing scent of _____ essential oil.
- n.* a fragrant herb of the mint family, typically having purple or blue flowers, sometimes used for its soothing scent in aromatherapy or as a flavoring in cooking and baking
76. The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the _____.
- n.* the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline

ANSWERS: 70. galvanized, 71. spooked, 72. mead, 73. wonderland, 74. enacted, 75. lavender, 76. hillside

77. The volcano's eruption caused a _____ river to flow down the mountainside.

- n.* molten rock that has been extruded from a volcano and solidified; a highly fluid, highly heated substance or material

78. Be careful not to _____ yourself with the hot water.

- v.* to burn or painfully affect with hot liquid or steam

79. The coach had the team run through the _____ ladder to improve their coordination.

- n.* the ability to move quickly and easily, often in a way that is graceful and controlled

80. I will _____ these old shoes in the trash and buy a new pair.

- v.* to throw something carelessly or casually; to get rid of something or someone

81. Water is _____ from the faucet.

- v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

ANSWERS: 77. lava, 78. scald, 79. agility, 80. chuck, 81. dripping