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### All Words

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## Session 1: Word List

- bug** *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine  
*synonym*: insect, bacterium, microbe  
(1) **bug** bites, (2) number of **bug** fixes  
I found a stink **bug** crawling across the ceiling.
- planet** *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star  
*synonym*: earth, world, globe  
(1) **planet** like the Earth, (2) save the **planet**  
Mercury is the closest **planet** to the sun.
- 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.
- offend** *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed  
*synonym*: insult, hurt, anger  
(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

## mosquito

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

*synonym* : insect, bug, flea

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

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

## buzz

*v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere

*synonym* : hum, murmur, whisper

(1) the **buzz** of a cicada, (2) **buzz** marketing

I heard the **buzz** of conversation from the next room.

## itch

*v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it

*synonym* : scratch, tingle, irritate

(1) **itch** constantly, (2) **itch** to speak

I can't stop **itching** my arm because of the mosquito bite.

## detest

*v.* to feel intense hatred or aversion towards someone or something; to dislike or despise greatly

*synonym* : hate, loathe, despise

(1) **detest** violence, (2) **detest** being late

I **detest** the way people are quick to judge others without knowing their side of the story.

## pest

*n.* a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome

*synonym* : nuisance, problem, annoyance

(1) **pest** control, (2) a **pest** of bean plants

The gardener used natural methods to keep **pests** away from her plants.

## 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.

## asphyxiate

*v.* to make someone unable to breathe, usually resulting in unconscious or death

*synonym* : suffocate, choke, stifle

(1) **asphyxiate** him to death, (2) **asphyxiate** rival companies

Three people were **asphyxiated** in the crowd crush of the demo.

## caribou

*n.* a large North American deer that is found in Arctic and sub-Arctic regions

*synonym* : reindeer, deer

(1) **caribou** herd, (2) reintroduce **caribou**

**Caribou** migrate long distances across the tundra in search of food.

## disease

*n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

*synonym* : illness, ailment, affliction

(1) **disease** prevention, (2) **disease** control

The doctor diagnosed him with a rare **disease** that had no known cure.

## scourge

*n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely

*synonym* : plague, disaster, curse

(1) **scourge** of AIDS, (2) bring a **scourge** under control

The plague was a **scourge** that killed millions of people.

## evolve

*v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

*synonym*: develop, mature, grow

(1) **evolve**, (2) **evolve** over the past decade

Eyeless fish **evolved** in dark caves.

## insidious

*adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

*synonym*: sly, cunning, subtle

(1) **insidious** plot, (2) **insidious** behavior

The disease has an **insidious** onset, making it difficult to diagnose.

## saliva

*n.* the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion

*synonym*: spit, drool, slobber

(1) dog's **saliva**, (2) dry mouth with little **saliva**

The dentist asked him to spit out the excess **saliva** into the sink.

## victim

*n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event

*synonym*: prey, target, sufferer

(1) **victim** support, (2) **victim** compensation

The **victim** of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.

## antiseptic

*n.* a substance or preparation that prevents infection, decay, or putrefaction by killing or inhibiting the growth of microorganisms; (adjective) of or relating to something that inhibits the growth and reproduction of microorganisms such as bacteria, fungi, or viruses

*synonym*: disinfectant, sanitizer, sterilizer

(1) **antiseptic** solution, (2) natural **antiseptic**

He cleaned the wound with a skin **antiseptic** to prevent

infection.

## numb

*adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

*synonym* : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

(1) **numb** with cold, (2) a **numb** mind

My left arm became **numb**.

## spot

*n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

*synonym* : dot, mark, place

(1) beauty **spot**, (2) a **spot** on his honor

This remote **spot** is rarely visited.

## bump

*v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

*synonym* : collide, hit, jolt

(1) **bump** against a wall, (2) **bump** up prices

She accidentally **bumped** into him in the crowded room.

## serrated

*adj.* having a saw-toothed or notched edge; of or relating to leaves, knives, or other objects with jagged edges

*synonym* : jagged, toothed, notched

(1) **serrated** leaves, (2) **serrated** knife

The saw had a **serrated** edge that allowed it to cut through the thick branches with ease.

## mandible

*n.* the lower jawbone in vertebrates, including humans, which is usually hinged to the skull and movable; a pair of these bones forming the lower jaw of an insect

*synonym* : jawbone, bone, maxilla

(1) broken **mandible**, (2) insect **mandible**

The dentist inspected the patient's **mandible** during the routine check-up.

## carve

*v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

*synonym* : sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

## probe

*n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something

*synonym* : investigation, inquiry, examination

(1) a lunar **probe**, (2) **probe** for inside information

NASA sent a **probe** to study the atmosphere of Jupiter.

## proboscis

*n.* an elongated, protruding nose, snout, or appendage, especially of certain mammals or insects, used for grasping or feeding

*synonym* : snout, trunk, nose

(1) mosquito **proboscis**, (2) **proboscis** structure

The butterfly used its **proboscis** to collect nectar from the flower.

## vessel

*n.* a ship or large boat

*synonym* : boat, ship, craft

(1) blood **vessels**, (2) naval **vessels**

The **vessel** arrived in port the following day.

## 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.

## citronella

*n.* a fragrant oil derived from a type of lemongrass plant, typically used in candles, sprays, or other products as an insect repellent, particularly against mosquitoes

*synonym* : lemongrass, mosquito plant

(1) **citronella** spray, (2) **citronella** oil

I lit the **citronella** candle to keep mosquitoes away during our outdoor dinner.

## spray

*n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage

*synonym* : mist, aerosol, atomizer

(1) a **spray** of mist, (2) an insect **spray**

The artist used a **spray** paint can to create a graffiti mural on the wall.

## heavy-duty

*adj.* designed to withstand or endure rough, harsh, or intense use; made for heavy or strenuous work

*synonym* : tough, sturdy, durable

(1) **heavy-duty** equipment, (2) **heavy-duty** cleaning

The **heavy-duty** truck towed the broken-down car to the garage.

## agriculture

*n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

*synonym* : farming, husbandry, agribusiness

(1) organic **agriculture**, (2) intensive **agriculture**

**Agriculture** is the foundation of our economy.

## pesticide

*n.* a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest

*synonym* : insecticide, herbicide, fungicide

(1) **pesticide** application, (2) **pesticide** residue

The farmer sprayed **pesticide** on his crops to protect them from insects.

## annoying

*adj.* making someone feel slightly angry

*synonym* : aggravating, bothersome, irksome

(1) **annoying** banner ad, (2) **annoying** habit

The phone call is an **annoying** interruption.

## transmit

*v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another

*synonym*: convey, share, dispatch

(1) **transmit** the disease, (2) **transmit** information

Parents often **transmit** their characteristics to their children.

## malaria

*n.* a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito

(1) **malaria** mosquitoes, (2) **malaria-endemic** area

Many people in tropical countries die from **malaria** every year.

## virus

*n.* a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants

*synonym*: bacterium, germ, ailment

(1) spread of the **virus**, (2) a strain of **virus**

An infected person in the hospital will likely pass the **virus** to others.

## dengue

*n.* a viral disease transmitted by mosquitoes, characterized by fever, severe joint and muscle pain, and a rash

*synonym*: breakbone fever, infectious tropical disease

(1) **dengue** mosquito, (2) **dengue** outbreak

Many people in this region have contracted **dengue** fever from mosquito bites.

## dastard

*n.* a dishonorable or despicable coward

*synonym*: coward, chicken, cad

(1) you **dastard**, (2) the **dastard's** way of thinking

You cannot criticize him as an arrogant **dastard**.

## rid

*v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

*synonym*: do away with, free, clear

(1) get **rid** of the rats, (2) **rid** the body of waste products

We must **rid** ourselves of pollution.



## **pollinator**

*n.* an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds

*synonym*: fertilizer, pollenizer, pollen carrier

(1) **pollinator** species, (2) beneficial **pollinator**

Bees are important **pollinators** for many crops and plants.

## **argue**

*v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others

*synonym*: debate, dispute, quarrel

(1) **argue** a case, (2) **argue** passionately

The couple began to **argue** over which restaurant to go to for dinner.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. pr\_\_e for inside information  
*n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something
2. ca\_\_e my name on the plate  
*v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
3. organic agr\_\_\_\_re  
*n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
4. de\_\_t being late  
*v.* to feel intense hatred or aversion towards someone or something; to dislike or despise greatly
5. n\_\_b with cold  
*adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
6. a strain of vi\_\_s  
*n.* a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
7. you da\_\_\_\_d  
*n.* a dishonorable or despicable coward
8. ar\_\_e passionately  
*v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
9. b\_\_p against a wall  
*v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident

ANSWERS: 1. probe, 2. carve, 3. agriculture, 4. detest, 5. numb, 6. virus, 7. dastard, 8. argue, 9. bump

10. ca\_\_\_\_u herd *n.* a large North American deer that is found in Arctic and sub-Arctic regions
11. b\_\_p up prices *v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
12. pe\_\_\_\_\_de application *n.* a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest
13. mo\_\_\_\_\_to repellent *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
14. de\_\_\_\_t violence *v.* to feel intense hatred or aversion towards someone or something; to dislike or despise greatly
15. se\_\_\_\_\_ed knife *adj.* having a saw-toothed or notched edge; of or relating to leaves, knives, or other objects with jagged edges
16. an insect sp\_\_y *n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
17. beneficial pol\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds
18. ca\_\_e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

ANSWERS: 10. caribou, 11. bump, 12. pesticide, 13. mosquito, 14. detest, 15. serrated, 16. spray, 17. pollinator, 18. carve

19. bring a sc\_\_\_\_\_e under control      *n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
20. a sp\_\_y of mist      *n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
21. i\_\_h constantly      *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
22. 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
23. ma\_\_\_\_\_a mosquitoes      *n.* a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito
24. b\_g bites      *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
25. ev\_\_\_e      *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
26. dog's sa\_\_\_a      *n.* the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion
27. spread of the vi\_\_s      *n.* a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
28. asp\_\_\_\_\_te rival companies      *v.* to make someone unable to breathe, usually resulting in unconscious or death

ANSWERS: 19. scourge, 20. spray, 21. itch, 22. wasp, 23. malaria, 24. bug, 25. evolve, 26. saliva, 27. virus, 28. asphyxiate

29. a p\_\_t of bean plants *n.* a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome
30. tr\_\_\_\_\_it the disease *v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another
31. an\_\_\_\_\_ng habit *adj.* making someone feel slightly angry
32. in\_\_\_\_\_us behavior *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
33. b\_\_z marketing *v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere
34. a s\_\_t on his honor *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
35. of\_\_\_d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
36. se\_\_\_\_\_ed leaves *adj.* having a saw-toothed or notched edge; of or relating to leaves, knives, or other objects with jagged edges
37. reintroduce ca\_\_\_\_\_u *n.* a large North American deer that is found in Arctic and sub-Arctic regions
38. p\_\_t control *n.* a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome
39. r\_d the body of waste products *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person

ANSWERS: 29. pest, 30. transmit, 31. annoying, 32. insidious, 33. buzz, 34. spot, 35. offend, 36. serrated, 37. caribou, 38. pest, 39. rid

40. cit\_\_\_\_\_la spray *n.* a fragrant oil derived from a type of lemongrass plant, typically used in candles, sprays, or other products as an insect repellent, particularly against mosquitoes
41. natural ant\_\_\_\_\_ic *n.* a substance or preparation that prevents infection, decay, or putrefaction by killing or inhibiting the growth of microorganisms; (adjective) of or relating to something that inhibits the growth and reproduction of microorganisms such as bacteria, fungi, or viruses
42. pr\_\_\_\_\_is structure *n.* an elongated, protruding nose, snout, or appendage, especially of certain mammals or insects, used for grasping or feeding
43. number of b\_g fixes *n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine
44. in\_\_\_\_\_us plot *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
45. broken ma\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* the lower jawbone in vertebrates, including humans, which is usually hinged to the skull and movable; a pair of these bones forming the lower jaw of an insect
46. di\_\_\_\_\_e prevention *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 40. citronella, 41. antiseptic, 42. proboscis, 43. bug, 44. insidious, 45. mandible, 46. disease

47. di\_\_\_\_\_e control *n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems
48. sc\_\_\_\_\_e of AIDS *n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
49. pol\_\_\_\_\_or species *n.* an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds
50. de\_\_\_e mosquito *n.* a viral disease transmitted by mosquitoes, characterized by fever, severe joint and muscle pain, and a rash
51. blood-sucking pa\_\_\_\_\_te *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
52. beauty s\_\_t *n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it
53. tr\_\_\_\_\_it information *v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another
54. of\_\_\_d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
55. save the pl\_\_\_t *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 47. disease, 48. scourge, 49. pollinator, 50. dengue, 51. parasite, 52. spot, 53. transmit, 54. offend, 55. planet

56. vi\_\_\_m support *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
57. ant\_\_\_\_\_ic solution *n.* a substance or preparation that prevents infection, decay, or putrefaction by killing or inhibiting the growth of microorganisms; (adjective) of or relating to something that inhibits the growth and reproduction of microorganisms such as bacteria, fungi, or viruses
58. insect ma\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* the lower jawbone in vertebrates, including humans, which is usually hinged to the skull and movable; a pair of these bones forming the lower jaw of an insect
59. ev\_\_\_e over the past decade *v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually
60. mosquito pr\_\_\_\_\_is *n.* an elongated, protruding nose, snout, or appendage, especially of certain mammals or insects, used for grasping or feeding
61. vi\_\_\_m compensation *n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
62. the da\_\_\_\_\_d's way of thinking *n.* a dishonorable or despicable coward
63. naval ve\_\_\_ls *n.* a ship or large boat

ANSWERS: 56. victim, 57. antiseptic, 58. mandible, 59. evolve, 60. proboscis, 61. victim, 62. dastard, 63. vessel



64. 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
65. hea\_\_\_\_\_ty equipment *adj.* designed to withstand or endure rough, harsh, or intense use; made for heavy or strenuous work
66. dry mouth with little sa\_\_\_a *n.* the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion
67. de\_\_\_e outbreak *n.* a viral disease transmitted by mosquitoes, characterized by fever, severe joint and muscle pain, and a rash
68. blood ve\_\_\_ls *n.* a ship or large boat
69. a lunar pr\_\_\_e *n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something
70. 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
71. get r\_d of the rats *v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
72. intensive agr\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock

ANSWERS: 64. wasp, 65. heavy-duty, 66. saliva, 67. dengue, 68. vessel, 69. probe, 70. swarm, 71. rid, 72. agriculture

73. ma\_\_\_\_a-endemic area *n.* a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito
74. hea\_\_\_\_\_ty cleaning *adj.* designed to withstand or endure rough, harsh, or intense use; made for heavy or strenuous work
75. i\_\_h to speak *v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it
76. the b\_\_z of a cicada *v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one a bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere
77. locust sw\_\_m *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
78. mo\_\_\_\_\_to bite *n.* a small flying insect whose female bites people and animals and sucks their blood, and sometimes transmits serious diseases such as malaria
79. pa\_\_\_\_\_te disease *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
80. pl\_\_\_\_t like the Earth *n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star
81. pe\_\_\_\_\_de residue *n.* a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest
82. a n\_\_b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 73. malaria, 74. heavy-duty, 75. itch, 76. buzz, 77. swarm, 78. mosquito, 79. parasite, 80. planet, 81. pesticide, 82. numb

83. asp\_\_\_\_\_te him to death      *v.* to make someone unable to breathe, usually resulting in unconscious or death
84. an\_\_\_\_\_ng banner ad      *adj.* making someone feel slightly angry
85. ar\_\_e a case      *v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
86. cit\_\_\_\_\_la oil      *n.* a fragrant oil derived from a type of lemongrass plant, typically used in candles, sprays, or other products as an insect repellent, particularly against mosquitoes

ANSWERS: 83. asphyxiate, 84. annoying, 85. argue, 86. citronella

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I lit the \_\_\_\_\_ candle to keep mosquitoes away during our outdoor dinner.  
*n.* a fragrant oil derived from a type of lemongrass plant, typically used in candles, sprays, or other products as an insect repellent, particularly against mosquitoes
  
2. This statue is \_\_\_\_\_ from a single tree trunk.  
*v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
  
3. His rude comments \_\_\_\_\_ many people at the party.  
*v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
  
4. You cannot criticize him as an arrogant \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a dishonorable or despicable coward
  
5. 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
  
6. The dentist inspected the patient's \_\_\_\_\_ during the routine check-up.  
*n.* the lower jawbone in vertebrates, including humans, which is usually hinged to the skull and movable; a pair of these bones forming the lower jaw of an insect
  
7. The phone call is an \_\_\_\_\_ interruption.  
*adj.* making someone feel slightly angry
  
8. The doctor diagnosed him with a rare \_\_\_\_\_ that had no known cure.  
*n.* a disorder or illness that affects the body or mind, often characterized by specific symptoms or abnormal functioning of organs or systems

ANSWERS: 1. citronella, 2. carved, 3. offended, 4. dastard, 5. swarm, 6. mandible, 7. annoying, 8. disease

9. Three people were \_\_\_\_\_ in the crowd crush of the demo.  
*v.* to make someone unable to breathe, usually resulting in unconscious or death
10. She accidentally \_\_\_\_\_ into him in the crowded room.  
*v.* to hit or knock against something hard, often with a dull sound; to meet with by accident
11. I heard the \_\_\_\_\_ of conversation from the next room.  
*v.* to make a continuous, low humming sound such as the one bee makes; an exciting and active atmosphere
12. The gardener used natural methods to keep \_\_\_\_\_ away from her plants.  
*n.* a destructive insect or other animals that are harmful to crops, animals, or humans; someone or something that is annoying or troublesome
13. The \_\_\_\_\_ truck towed the broken-down car to the garage.  
*adj.* designed to withstand or endure rough, harsh, or intense use; made for heavy or strenuous work
14. The plague was a \_\_\_\_\_ that killed millions of people.  
*n.* a person or thing that causes great suffering or destruction; (verb) to punish someone severely
15. The disease has an \_\_\_\_\_ onset, making it difficult to diagnose.  
*adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
16. The butterfly used its \_\_\_\_\_ to collect nectar from the flower.  
*n.* an elongated, protruding nose, snout, or appendage, especially of certain mammals or insects, used for grasping or feeding

ANSWERS: 9. asphyxiated, 10. bumped, 11. buzz, 12. pests, 13. heavy-duty, 14. scourge, 15. insidious, 16. proboscis

17. Eyeless fish \_\_\_\_\_ in dark caves.

- v.* to develop gradually, or to cause the development of something or someone gradually

18. I \_\_\_\_\_ the way people are quick to judge others without knowing their side of the story.

- v.* to feel intense hatred or aversion towards someone or something; to dislike or despise greatly

19. This remote \_\_\_\_\_ is rarely visited.

- n.* a particular location or place; a small round or roundish area, differing in color or feels from the surface around it

20. \_\_\_\_\_ migrate long distances across the tundra in search of food.

- n.* a large North American deer that is found in Arctic and sub-Arctic regions

21. I found a stink \_\_\_\_ crawling across the ceiling.

- n.* any tiny insect; a fault or defect in a computer program, system, or machine

22. The saw had a \_\_\_\_\_ edge that allowed it to cut through the thick branches with ease.

- adj.* having a saw-toothed or notched edge; of or relating to leaves, knives, or other objects with jagged edges

23. Bees are important \_\_\_\_\_ for many crops and plants.

- n.* an animal or insect, such as bees, butterflies, birds, etc., that carries pollen from a male part of a flower to a female part of a flower, fertilizing it and allowing it to produce seeds

24. A stagnant water area are breeding ground for \_\_\_\_\_.

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

ANSWERS: 17. evolved, 18. detest, 19. spot, 20. Caribou, 21. bug, 22. serrated, 23. pollinators, 24. mosquitos

25. An infected person in the hospital will likely pass the \_\_\_\_\_ to others.
- n.* a tiny infectious organic material that causes disease in people, animals, and plants
26. Parents often \_\_\_\_\_ their characteristics to their children.
- v.* to send or forward an electronic signal; to pass something from one person or thing to another
27. The artist used a \_\_\_\_\_ paint can to create a graffiti mural on the wall.
- n.* a fine mist of liquid that is dispersed into the air; flower arrangement consisting of a single branch or shoot bearing flowers and foliage
28. 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
29. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the crime deserves justice and support to recover from the trauma.
- n.* a person who has been harmed, injured, or otherwise negatively affected by a particular action, circumstance, or event
30. The farmer sprayed \_\_\_\_\_ on his crops to protect them from insects.
- n.* a substance used for preventing, destroying, repelling, or mitigating any pest
31. My left arm became \_\_\_\_\_.
- adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
32. Mercury is the closest \_\_\_\_\_ to the sun.
- n.* any of the nine large celestial bodies that circle in the solar system; any celestial body that revolves around a star

ANSWERS: 25. virus, 26. transmit, 27. spray, 28. parasites, 29. victim, 30. pesticide, 31. numb, 32. planet

33. \_\_\_\_\_ is the foundation of our economy.  
*n.* the practice or science of cultivating the land or raising stock
34. The \_\_\_\_\_ arrived in port the following day.  
*n.* a ship or large boat
35. NASA sent a \_\_\_\_\_ to study the atmosphere of Jupiter.  
*n.* a tool used for testing or examining, especially for medical or scientific purposes, or an exploratory mission to a planet or other celestial body; (verb) to investigate, examine, or search into something
36. The couple began to \_\_\_\_\_ over which restaurant to go to for dinner.  
*v.* to express differing opinions or points of view, often in a heated or contentious manner; to present a case or reasoning to persuade or convince others
37. The dentist asked him to spit out the excess \_\_\_\_\_ into the sink.  
*n.* the clear liquid that is secreted into the mouth by glands in the walls of the mouth and throat, helping to lubricate food during chewing and digestion
38. We must \_\_\_\_\_ ourselves of pollution.  
*v.* to make someone or something free of unwanted or unpleasant tasks, objects, or person
39. 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
40. I can't stop \_\_\_\_\_ my arm because of the mosquito bite.  
*v.* to have an uncomfortable feeling on the skin that makes you want to scratch it

ANSWERS: 33. Agriculture, 34. vessel, 35. probe, 36. argue, 37. saliva, 38. rid, 39. wasp, 40. itching



41. Many people in this region have contracted \_\_\_\_\_ fever from mosquito bites.
- n.* a viral disease transmitted by mosquitoes, characterized by fever, severe joint and muscle pain, and a rash
42. Many people in tropical countries die from \_\_\_\_\_ every year.
- n.* a severe disease caused by a parasite that is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito
43. He cleaned the wound with a skin \_\_\_\_\_ to prevent infection.
- n.* a substance or preparation that prevents infection, decay, or putrefaction by killing or inhibiting the growth of microorganisms; (adjective) of or relating to something that inhibits the growth and reproduction of microorganisms such as bacteria, fungi, or viruses

ANSWERS: 41. dengue, 42. malaria, 43. antiseptic