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Session 1: Word List

sandbox

n. an outdoor play area for children consisting of a box filled with sand; a virtual testing environment used for software development or security testing

synonym: playpen, sandpit, box

(1) **sandbox** approach, (2) virtual **sandbox**

The children played in the **sandbox** for hours, building sandcastles and digging tunnels.

obsess

v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else

synonym: torment, beset, engross

(1) **obsess** over her weight, (2) he is **obsessed** with the fear

He's utterly **obsessed** with his promotion.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

rainforest

n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

(1) **rainforest** destruction, (2) tropical **rainforest**

The destruction of the **rainforest** is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

lye

n. a highly alkaline solution made by soaking hardwood ashes in the water, used in the production of soap, detergents, and other cleaning agents; a caustic substance

synonym: caustic soda, sodium hydroxide, alkaline solution

(1) **lye** soap, (2) **lye** water

The drain cleaner contains caustic **lye**, and should be handled with care.

inundate

v. to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something

synonym: flood, submerge, overwhelm

(1) **inundate** swaths of farmland, (2) **inundate** his entire body

The heavy rain **inundated** the low-lying areas and caused flooding.

arctic

adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

synonym: cold, frozen, polar

(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.

glaze

v. to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup

synonym: coat, enamel, varnish

(1) **glaze** a window, (2) **glaze** over eyes

The baker used a brush to **glaze** the donuts with a sweet, shiny coating.

extinct

adj. no longer in existence

synonym : dead, obsolete, abolished

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

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

charismatic

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

synonym : mesmerizing, alluring, captivating

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

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

megafauna

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

synonym : large animals, large mammals

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

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

glacier

n. a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole

synonym : iceberg, ice floe

(1) **glacier** retreat, (2) **glaciers** move tardily

The **glaciers** of the ice age have shaped Fjord.

beard

n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin

synonym : facial hair, whiskers, stubble

(1) a black **beard**, (2) shave my **beard**

He grew a thick **beard** to change his appearance.

regurgitate

v. to bring back partially digested food from the stomach to the mouth; to repeat or recite something without understanding or adding anything new or original

synonym : repeat, echo, restate

(1) **regurgitate** food, (2) **regurgitate** information

The biology student had to **regurgitate** all the material she had learned for the final exam.

cub

n. a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy

synonym: young, male child, boy

(1) a tiger **cub**, (2) the arrival of a **cub**

The **cub** reporter covered the murder case for the first time.

hypothermic

adj. relating to or characterized by abnormally low body temperature, typically resulting from prolonged exposure to cold temperatures

synonym: cold, chilled, freezing

(1) **hypothermic** condition, (2) **hypothermic** preservation

The hiker suffered from **hypothermic** symptoms after being exposed to extreme cold.

recede

v. to pull back or move away or backward

synonym: move back, retreat, downsize

(1) **recede** from view, (2) **recede** in the darkness

The king's political power **receded** even further.

inject

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

synonym: shoot, infiltrate, insinuate

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

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

dumpling

n. a small ball or lump of dough, often boiled or steamed and filled with meat or vegetables

synonym: doughball, potsticker, pierogi

(1) **dumpling** soup, (2) homemade **dumpling**

I ordered some delicious **dumplings** for lunch.

blubber

v. to speak or cry in a way that is noisy, emotional, and often difficult to understand; to sob or weep uncontrollably; (noun) a thick layer of fat that lies under the skin of marine mammals such as whales, seals, and walruses

synonym : snivel, blub, weep

(1) **blubber** uncontrollably, (2) seal **blubber**

The child began to **blubber** when he dropped his ice cream cone.

mainstay

n. a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else

synonym : support, anchor, foundation

(1) the **mainstay** of the community, (2) country's **mainstay**

The company's **mainstay** product was a household appliance that was popular with consumers.

microorganism

n. a very small living thing that may exist in its single-celled form or as a colony of cells and is too small to be seen without a microscope

synonym : germ, microbe, bacterium

(1) pathogenic **microorganism**, (2) **microorganisms** in his gut

This **microorganism** is a producer of respiratory disease.

phytoplankton

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

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

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

seaweed

n. a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae

synonym : kelp, algae

(1) floating **seaweed**, (2) **seaweed** broth

She soaked **seaweed** in water until tender.

zooplankton

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

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

The diversity of riverine ecosystems influences the variety of **zooplankton** in marine areas.

invert

v. to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something

synonym: turn upside down, reverse, flip

(1) **invert** a glass, (2) **invert** position

He decided to **invert** his investment portfolio, shifting from stocks to bonds.

vomit

v. to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth

synonym: puke, throw up, spew

(1) **vomit** abuse, (2) **vomit** after ingesting

She felt sick and had to run to the bathroom to **vomit**.

woo

v. to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery

synonym: court, pursue, charm

(1) **woo** consumers, (2) **woo** voters with promises

He tried to **woo** her with his charm and wit.

beluga

n. a type of whale found mainly in Arctic and sub-Arctic waters

synonym: white whale, sea canary, beluga sturgeon

(1) **beluga** sturgeon, (2) **beluga** caviar

Beluga whales are known for their distinctive white color and vocalizations.

bowhead

n. a large, baleen whale species typically found in Arctic and subarctic regions, known for its distinctive, arched

upper jaw

synonym : whale, marine mammal

(1) Arctic **bowhead**, (2) **bowhead** hunt

The **bowhead** whale is known for its massive size and long lifespan.

narwhal

n. a medium-sized toothed whale found in Arctic waters, known for its long spiral tusk that is actually a protruding canine tooth

synonym : whale, sea unicorn, tusked whale

(1) **narwhal** habitat, (2) **narwhal** migration

The **narwhal's** tusk is an iconic feature of this arctic whale.

leopard

n. a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia

(1) snow **leopard**, (2) **leopard** print

Leopards lurked in the grass to catch their prey.

dizzy

adj. having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance

synonym : addled, confounded, unsteady

(1) feel **dizzy**, (2) had a **dizzy** spell

Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting **dizzy**.

vertigo

n. a feeling of dizziness or disorientation often caused by a disturbance in the inner ear; a sensation or feeling of being unsteady or losing one's balance

synonym : dizziness, lightheadedness, unsteadiness

(1) **vertigo** symptoms, (2) suffer from **vertigo**

The sudden drop on the rollercoaster gave me a wave of **vertigo**.

amphipod

n. a small, shrimp-like crustacean with a laterally compressed body and a curved abdomen, typically found in freshwater and marine environments

synonym : crustacean, shrimp, krill

(1) marine **amphipod**, (2) freshwater **amphipod**

The **amphipod** population declined due to pollution in the river.

copepod

n. a small, planktonic crustacean that is a dominant part of the marine zooplankton and serves as a major food source for many aquatic organisms

synonym: small crustacean, water flea, plankton

(1) planktonic **copepod**, (2) marine **copepod**

The sudden drop in the **copepod** population could negatively affect the local marine food web.

majestic

adj. impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately

synonym: grand, stately, regal

(1) a **majestic** figure, (2) a **majestic** sense of purpose

The **majestic** mountain range was a sight to behold.

ivory

n. a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

synonym: elephant tusk, bone, tooth

(1) tower of **ivory**, (2) **ivory** carving

The intricate carvings on the **ivory** tusk were a work of art.

tusk

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

synonym: ivory, tush, horn

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

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

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.

deathbed

n. a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life

synonym : dying bed, death watch, last moments

(1) **deathbed** confession, (2) **deathbed** scene
The family gathered around their grandfather's **deathbed** to say goodbye.

wry

adj. using or expressing dry or ironic humor, often with a twisted or distorted facial expression

synonym : sarcastic, ironic, dry

(1) **wry** observation, (2) **wry** smile
I couldn't help but grin at his **wry** sense of humor.

sinister

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

synonym : ominous, foreboding, evil

(1) **sinister** look, (2) in **sinister** terms
The dark clouds in the sky gave off a **sinister** feeling.

posit

v. to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration

synonym : assert, declare, assume

(1) **posit** the existence of life after death, (2) **posit** the premise
We should **posit** several hypotheses to discuss the matter.

prehistoric

adj. belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable

synonym : ancient, primitive, archaic

(1) **prehistoric** settlements, (2) **prehistoric** times

Scientists often fail to date archeological or **prehistorical** findings.

drown

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

synonym: douse, drench, overwhelm

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

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

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

penguin

n. a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait

(1) Adelie **penguin**, (2) **penguin** habitat

We took a boat tour to witness the magnificent **penguin** colony along the rugged coastline.

monstrous

adj. extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance

synonym: grotesque, huge, deformed

(1) a **monstrous** iceberg, (2) **monstrous** behavior

The giant wave was **monstrous** and destroyed the small boat.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more

clues.

zodiac

n. a band or belt of the imaginary celestial sphere divided into twelve equal parts, each named after and associated with a particular constellation; any similar system of division or categorization based on astrological or astronomical concepts

synonym : star chart, astrological sign

(1) **zodiac** stone, (2) **zodiac** circle

Her horoscope predicted a surprise encounter with a stranger, which aligned with her **zodiac** sign.

pontoon

n. a flat-bottomed boat or floating structure used as a platform or support; a device attached to the bottom of an aircraft to provide stability during takeoff and landing

synonym : float, barge, raft

(1) **pontoon** boat, (2) floating **pontoon**

The **pontoon** bridge was built to allow traffic to cross the river during the construction of the new bridge.

cove

n. a small sheltered bay or inlet, typically rocky and steep-sided; a small strip of land jutting into the sea

synonym : inlet, bay, indentation

(1) **cove** beach, (2) rocky **cove**

The kayakers paddled into the little **cove** to explore its hidden beauty.

scold

v. to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily

synonym : reprimand, rebuke, chastise

(1) **scold** him for being late, (2) **scold** in a loud voice

He **scolded** his employees for not meeting their deadlines.

tremble

v. to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness

synonym : shiver, flutter, quaver

(1) **tremble** in fear, (2) **tremble** violently with emotion

When I heard the news, my whole body **trembled** with excitement.

snorkel

n. a tube-like device used for breathing underwater, with one end in the mouth and the other above the surface of the water

synonym: tube, breather

(1) **snorkel** gear, (2) scuba **snorkel**

The **snorkel** rental shop provided us with a map of the nearby snorkel sites.

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.

dejected

adj. feeling or showing sadness, lack of hope, or confidence; disheartened; depressed

synonym: downcast, disheartened, depressed

(1) look **dejected**, (2) a **dejected** expression

After receiving a rejection letter from the job interview, she felt **dejected** and hopeless.

anthropomorphic

adj. describing or relating to the attribution of human characteristics to non-human entities

synonym: human-like

(1) **anthropomorphic** agent, (2) **anthropomorphic** design

The **anthropomorphic** robot was designed to have a human-like appearance.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym : famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

iceberg

n. a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

synonym : glacier, ice mass, floe

(1) hit an **iceberg**, (2) **iceberg** melting

The ship encountered a series of **icebergs** and had to change its course.

jackhammer

n. a powerful mechanical tool used to break up pavement, concrete, or other hard materials, typically used in construction or demolition projects

synonym : pneumatic hammer, hammer drill

(1) handheld **jackhammer**, (2) loud **jackhammer** noise

The operator of the **jackhammer** wears noise-canceling headphones to protect their ears.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym : creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger

The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

Session 2: Spelling

1. reg_____te information
v. to bring back partially digested food from the stomach to the mouth; to repeat or recite something without understanding or adding anything new or original
2. hyp_____ic condition
adj. relating to or characterized by abnormally low body temperature, typically resulting from prolonged exposure to cold temperatures
3. mo_____us behavior
adj. extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
4. the ma_____ay of the community
n. a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else
5. sa_____x approach
n. an outdoor play area for children consisting of a box filled with sand; a virtual testing environment used for software development or security testing
6. ex_____t by human activity
adj. no longer in existence
7. suffer from ve_____o
n. a feeling of dizziness or disorientation often caused by a disturbance in the inner ear; a sensation or feeling of being unsteady or losing one's balance
8. mis_____and each other
v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
9. I was dr__ned in work
v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

ANSWERS: 1. regurgitate, 2. hypothermic, 3. monstrous, 4. mainstay, 5. sandbox, 6. extinct, 7. vertigo, 8. misunderstand, 9. drown

10. vo__t after ingesting *v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth
11. homemade du_____ng *n.* a small ball or lump of dough, often boiled or steamed and filled with meat or vegetables
12. floating zoo_____on *n.* very small animals that live in water and on which other sea creatures feed
13. si_____er look *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
14. dr__n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
15. a tiger c_b *n.* a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
16. long-ex_____t volcano *adj.* no longer in existence
17. in_____te swaths of farmland *v.* to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something
18. l_e water *n.* a highly alkaline solution made by soaking hardwood ashes in the water, used in the production of soap, detergents, and other cleaning agents; a caustic substance
19. zo___c circle *n.* a band or belt of the imaginary celestial sphere divided into twelve equal parts, each named after and associated with a particular constellation; any similar system of division or categorization based on astrological or astronomical concepts

ANSWERS: 10. vomit, 11. dumpling, 12. zooplankton, 13. sinister, 14. drown, 15. cub, 16. extinct, 17. inundate, 18. lye, 19. zodiac

20. du____ng soup *n.* a small ball or lump of dough, often boiled or steamed and filled with meat or vegetables
21. a black be__d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
22. sc__d in a loud voice *v.* to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily
23. sn____l gear *n.* a tube-like device used for breathing underwater, with one end in the mouth and the other above the surface of the water
24. pe____n habitat *n.* a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait
25. tr____e in fear *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
26. po____n boat *n.* a flat-bottomed boat or floating structure used as a platform or support; a device attached to the bottom of an aircraft to provide stability during takeoff and landing
27. pre____ic settlements *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
28. look de____ed *adj.* feeling or showing sadness, lack of hope, or confidence; disheartened; depressed

ANSWERS: 20. dumpling, 21. beard, 22. scold, 23. snorkel, 24. penguin, 25. tremble, 26. pontoon, 27. prehistoric, 28. dejected

29. cha_____ic personality *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
30. mic_____isms in his gut *n.* a very small living thing that may exist in its single-celled form or as a colony of cells and is too small to be seen without a microscope
31. hit an ic_____g *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
32. na_____l migration *n.* a medium-sized toothed whale found in Arctic waters, known for its long spiral tusk that is actually a protruding canine tooth
33. c__e beach *n.* a small sheltered bay or inlet, typically rocky and steep-sided; a small strip of land jutting into the sea
34. ar_____c ice *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
35. bl_____r uncontrollably *v.* to speak or cry in a way that is noisy, emotional, and often difficult to understand; to sob or weep uncontrollably; (noun) a thick layer of fat that lies under the skin of marine mammals such as whales, seals, and walruses
36. gl__e a window *v.* to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup

ANSWERS: 29. charismatic, 30. microorganism, 31. iceberg, 32. narwhal, 33. cove, 34. arctic, 35. blubber, 36. glaze

37. a de____ed expression *adj.* feeling or showing sadness, lack of hope, or confidence; disheartened; depressed
38. tr____e violently with emotion *v.* to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness
39. ant_____hic design *adj.* describing or relating to the attribution of human characteristics to non-human entities
40. rocky c__e *n.* a small sheltered bay or inlet, typically rocky and steep-sided; a small strip of land jutting into the sea
41. me____na extinction *n.* a term used to describe large animals that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, such as mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed tigers, and that are now extinct
42. scuba sn____l *n.* a tube-like device used for breathing underwater, with one end in the mouth and the other above the surface of the water
43. gl__e over eyes *v.* to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup
44. the arrival of a c_b *n.* a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy

ANSWERS: 37. dejected, 38. tremble, 39. anthropomorphic, 40. cove, 41. megafauna, 42. snorkel, 43. glaze, 44. cub

45. rai_____st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
46. po__t the premise *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
47. zo___c stone *n.* a band or belt of the imaginary celestial sphere divided into twelve equal parts, each named after and associated with a particular constellation; any similar system of division or categorization based on astrological or astronomical concepts
48. ob___s over her weight *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
49. locust sw__m *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
50. had a di__y spell *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
51. Adelie pe_____n *n.* a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait
52. sc__d him for being late *v.* to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily
53. floating se_____d *n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae

ANSWERS: 45. rainforest, 46. posit, 47. zodiac, 48. obsess, 49. swarm, 50. dizzy, 51. penguin, 52. scold, 53. seaweed

54. phy_____ton blooms *n.* tiny little plants that float on the surface of the water and on which sea creatures feed
55. sn__k out of danger *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
56. a ma_____ic sense of purpose *adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately
57. sexual pr_____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
58. w_y smile *adj.* using or expressing dry or ironic humor, often with a twisted or distorted facial expression
59. ex_____e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
60. t__k of an elephant *n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
61. re_____e in the darkness *v.* to pull back or move away or backward
62. marine co_____d *n.* a small, planktonic crustacean that is a dominant part of the marine zooplankton and serves as a major food source for many aquatic organisms
63. re_____e from view *v.* to pull back or move away or backward
64. freshwater am_____od *n.* a small, shrimp-like crustacean with a laterally compressed body and a curved abdomen, typically found in freshwater and marine environments

ANSWERS: 54. phytoplankton, 55. sneak, 56. majestic, 57. predator, 58. wry, 59. excite, 60. tusk, 61. recede, 62. copepod, 63. recede, 64. amphipod

65. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
66. planktonic co____d *n.* a small, planktonic crustacean that is a dominant part of the marine zooplankton and serves as a major food source for many aquatic organisms
67. loud jac_____er noise *n.* a powerful mechanical tool used to break up pavement, concrete, or other hard materials, typically used in construction or demolition projects
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69. in si_____er terms *adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
70. a mo_____us iceberg *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
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72. po__t the existence of life after death *v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
73. ve_____o symptoms *n.* a feeling of dizziness or disorientation often caused by a disturbance in the inner ear; a sensation or feeling of being unsteady or losing one's balance
74. mis_____and entirely about her *v.* to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
75. de_____ed scene *n.* a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life

ANSWERS: 65. excite, 66. copepod, 67. jackhammer, 68. rainforest, 69. sinister, 70. monstrous, 71. engulf, 72. posit, 73. vertigo, 74. misunderstand, 75. deathbed

76. marine phy_____ton *n.* tiny little plants that float on the surface of the water and on which sea creatures feed
77. in___t a personal opinion into a debate *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
78. w_o voters with promises *v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery
79. gl_____rs move tardily *n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
80. iv__y carving *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
81. in___t position *v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
82. seal bl_____r *v.* to speak or cry in a way that is noisy, emotional, and often difficult to understand; to sob or weep uncontrollably; (noun) a thick layer of fat that lies under the skin of marine mammals such as whales, seals, and walruses
83. a ma_____ic figure *adj.* impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately

ANSWERS: 76. phytoplankton, 77. inject, 78. woo, 79. glacier, 80. ivory, 81. invert, 82. blubber, 83. majestic

84. feel di__y *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
85. en___f in water *v.* to swallow up; to surround and cover completely
86. de____ed confession *n.* a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life
87. pre____ic times *adj.* belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable
88. virtual sa____x *n.* an outdoor play area for children consisting of a box filled with sand; a virtual testing environment used for software development or security testing
89. shave my be__d *n.* hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
90. be___a caviar *n.* a type of whale found mainly in Arctic and sub-Arctic waters
91. st___e to death *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
92. le____d print *n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia
93. high ar___c *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

ANSWERS: 84. dizzy, 85. engulf, 86. deathbed, 87. prehistoric, 88. sandbox, 89. beard, 90. beluga, 91. starve, 92. leopard, 93. arctic

94. handheld jac_____er *n.* a powerful mechanical tool used to break up pavement, concrete, or other hard materials, typically used in construction or demolition projects
95. he is ob___sed with the fear *v.* to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
96. freshwater zoo_____on *n.* very small animals that live in water and on which other sea creatures feed
97. cha_____ic chairman *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
98. w_o consumers *v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery
99. hyp_____ic preservation *adj.* relating to or characterized by abnormally low body temperature, typically resulting from prolonged exposure to cold temperatures
100. w_y observation *adj.* using or expressing dry or ironic humor, often with a twisted or distorted facial expression
101. l_e soap *n.* a highly alkaline solution made by soaking hardwood ashes in the water, used in the production of soap, detergents, and other cleaning agents; a caustic substance
102. me_____na fossils *n.* a term used to describe large animals that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, such as mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed tigers, and that are now extinct

ANSWERS: 94. jackhammer, 95. obsess, 96. zooplankton, 97. charismatic, 98. woo, 99. hypothermic, 100. wry, 101. lye, 102. megafauna

103. tower of iv__y *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
104. gl____r retreat *n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
105. se____d broth *n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae
106. marine am____od *n.* a small, shrimp-like crustacean with a laterally compressed body and a curved abdomen, typically found in freshwater and marine environments
107. be___a sturgeon *n.* a type of whale found mainly in Arctic and sub-Arctic waters
108. t__k-like tooth *n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
109. un___d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
110. in____te his entire body *v.* to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something
111. pathogenic mic_____ism *n.* a very small living thing that may exist in its single-celled form or as a colony of cells and is too small to be seen without a microscope

ANSWERS: 103. ivory, 104. glacier, 105. seaweed, 106. amphipod, 107. beluga, 108. tusk, 109. unfold, 110. inundate, 111. microorganism

112. reg_____te food *v.* to bring back partially digested food from the stomach to the mouth; to repeat or recite something without understanding or adding anything new or original
113. vo__t abuse *v.* to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth
114. bo_____d hunt *n.* a large, baleen whale species typically found in Arctic and subarctic regions, known for its distinctive, arched upper jaw
115. in___t a glass *v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
116. un___d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
117. 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
118. in___t under the skin *v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
119. country's ma_____ay *n.* a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else
120. sn__k a cigarette *v.* to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

ANSWERS: 112. regurgitate, 113. vomit, 114. bowhead, 115. invert, 116. unfold, 117. swarm, 118. inject, 119. mainstay, 120. sneak

121. Arctic bo____d *n.* a large, baleen whale species typically found in Arctic and subarctic regions, known for its distinctive, arched upper jaw
122. na____l habitat *n.* a medium-sized toothed whale found in Arctic waters, known for its long spiral tusk that is actually a protruding canine tooth
123. ic____g melting *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
124. apex pr____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
125. floating po____n *n.* a flat-bottomed boat or floating structure used as a platform or support; a device attached to the bottom of an aircraft to provide stability during takeoff and landing
126. ant____hic agent *adj.* describing or relating to the attribution of human characteristics to non-human entities
127. snow le____d *n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia
128. st____e for a victory *v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

ANSWERS: 121. bowhead, 122. narwhal, 123. iceberg, 124. predator, 125. pontoon, 126. anthropomorphic, 127. leopard, 128. starve

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The drain cleaner contains caustic _____ and should be handled with care.
n. a highly alkaline solution made by soaking hardwood ashes in the water, used in the production of soap, detergents, and other cleaning agents; a caustic substance
2. The news of her promotion _____ her.
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
3. The operator of the _____ wears noise-canceling headphones to protect their ears.
n. a powerful mechanical tool used to break up pavement, concrete, or other hard materials, typically used in construction or demolition projects
4. You should not _____ the meaning of freedom.
v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way
5. He's utterly _____ with his promotion.
v. to fill the mind of someone continually so that one can't think of anything else
6. The heavy rain _____ the low-lying areas and caused flooding.
v. to flood or overwhelm with an excessive amount of something
7. Many species have become _____ due to habitat destruction and other human activities.
adj. no longer in existence
8. The _____ mountain range was a sight to behold.
adj. impressive or grand in appearance, size, or manner; stately

ANSWERS: 1. lye, 2. excited, 3. jackhammer, 4. misunderstand, 5. obsessed, 6. inundated, 7. extinct, 8. majestic

9. The _____ tusk is an iconic feature of this arctic whale.
n. a medium-sized toothed whale found in Arctic waters, known for its long spiral tusk that is actually a protruding canine tooth
10. The hiker suffered from _____ symptoms after being exposed to extreme cold.
adj. relating to or characterized by abnormally low body temperature, typically resulting from prolonged exposure to cold temperatures
11. This _____ is a producer of respiratory disease.
n. a very small living thing that may exist in its single-celled form or as a colony of cells and is too small to be seen without a microscope
12. The giant wave was _____ and destroyed the small boat.
adj. extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
13. The ___ reporter covered the murder case for the first time.
n. a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
14. The diversity of riverine ecosystems influences the variety of _____ in marine areas.
n. very small animals that live in water and on which other sea creatures feed
15. The _____ robot was designed to have a human-like appearance.
adj. describing or relating to the attribution of human characteristics to non-human entities
16. Floods have the potential to _____ any subsurface animals easily.
v. to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater

ANSWERS: 9. narwhal's, 10. hypothermic, 11. microorganism, 12. monstrous, 13. cub, 14. zooplankton, 15. anthropomorphic, 16. drown

17. The children played in the _____ for hours, building sandcastles and digging tunnels.
- n.* an outdoor play area for children consisting of a box filled with sand; a virtual testing environment used for software development or security testing
18. I couldn't help but grin at his ____ sense of humor.
- adj.* using or expressing dry or ironic humor, often with a twisted or distorted facial expression
19. The ivory poacher was arrested for possession of illegal _____.
- n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
20. The dark clouds in the sky gave off a _____ feeling.
- adj.* giving the impression that something bad or evil is happening or will happen
21. We took a boat tour to witness the magnificent _____ colony along the rugged coastline.
- n.* a flightless sea bird that is found in the Southern Hemisphere and is known for its distinctive black and white coloring and its upright, waddling gait
22. The ship encountered a series of _____ and had to change its course.
- n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
23. _____ whales are known for their distinctive white color and vocalizations.
- n.* a type of whale found mainly in Arctic and sub-Arctic waters
24. The sudden drop on the rollercoaster gave me a wave of _____.
- n.* a feeling of dizziness or disorientation often caused by a disturbance in the inner ear; a sensation or feeling of being unsteady or losing one's balance

ANSWERS: 17. sandbox, 18. wry, 19. tusks, 20. sinister, 21. penguin, 22. icebergs, 23. Beluga, 24. vertigo

25. The children tried to _____ out and eat the candy.
- v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
26. Her horoscope predicted a surprise encounter with a stranger, which aligned with her _____ sign.
- n. a band or belt of the imaginary celestial sphere divided into twelve equal parts, each named after and associated with a particular constellation; any similar system of division or categorization based on astrological or astronomical concepts
27. The family gathered around their grandfather's _____ to say goodbye.
- n. a person's bed, especially one in a hospital or home, on which they are expected to die or have died; a situation or event that occurs shortly before the end of someone's life
28. The fire quickly _____ the entire building.
- v. to swallow up; to surround and cover completely
29. He grew a thick _____ to change his appearance.
- n. hair that grows on a man's face, often around the mouth and chin
30. A _____ of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.
- n. a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
31. The child began to _____ when he dropped his ice cream cone.
- v. to speak or cry in a way that is noisy, emotional, and often difficult to understand; to sob or weep uncontrollably; (noun) a thick layer of fat that lies under the skin of marine mammals such as whales, seals, and walruses

ANSWERS: 25. sneak, 26. zodiac, 27. deathbed, 28. engulfed, 29. beard, 30. swarm, 31. blubber

32. She studies the relationship between marine creatures' toxicity and the _____ they feed on.
- n.* tiny little plants that float on the surface of the water and on which sea creatures feed
33. He decided to _____ his investment portfolio, shifting from stocks to bonds.
- v.* to turn something upside down, inside out; to reverse the position, order, or relationship of something
34. We should _____ several hypotheses to discuss the matter.
- v.* to suggest or accept something as fact or as a basis for argument or consideration
35. After receiving a rejection letter from the job interview, she felt _____ and hopeless.
- adj.* feeling or showing sadness, lack of hope, or confidence; disheartened; depressed
36. If you don't eat soon, you're going to _____.
- v.* to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
37. Let's try to _____ a bit of enthusiasm into your performance.
- v.* to put a liquid such as a drug or other substance into a person's or an animal's body using a needle and syringe (= small tube)
38. Many prehistoric _____ such as mammoths and saber-toothed tigers, are now extinct.
- n.* a term used to describe large animals that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, such as mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed tigers, and that are now extinct

ANSWERS: 32. phytoplankton, 33. invert, 34. posit, 35. dejected, 36. starve, 37. inject, 38. megafaunas,

39. The king's political power _____ even further.
v. to pull back or move away or backward
40. The intricate carvings on the _____ tusk were a work of art.
n. a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
41. He was a _____ leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.
adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
42. She soaked _____ in water until tender.
n. a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae
43. The company's _____ product was a household appliance that was popular with consumers.
n. a thing that is relied upon to support or uphold something else
44. I ordered some delicious _____ for lunch.
n. a small ball or lump of dough, often boiled or steamed and filled with meat or vegetables
45. The kayakers paddled into the little _____ to explore its hidden beauty.
n. a small sheltered bay or inlet, typically rocky and steep-sided; a small strip of land jutting into the sea
46. The biology student had to _____ all the material she had learned for the final exam.
v. to bring back partially digested food from the stomach to the mouth; to repeat or recite something without understanding or adding anything new or original

ANSWERS: 39. receded, 40. ivory, 41. charismatic, 42. seaweed, 43. mainstay, 44. dumplings, 45. cove, 46. regurgitate

47. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
- n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
48. _____ lurked in the grass to catch their prey.
- n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia
49. He tried to ____ her with his charm and wit.
- v.* to seek the affection or favor of someone; to court or pursue someone romantically or with flattery
50. Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting _____.
- adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
51. Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the _____ climate.
- adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
52. The _____ population declined due to pollution in the river.
- n.* a small, shrimp-like crustacean with a laterally compressed body and a curved abdomen, typically found in freshwater and marine environments
53. The destruction of the _____ is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.
- n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
54. The sudden drop in the _____ population could negatively affect the local marine food web.
- n.* a small, planktonic crustacean that is a dominant part of the marine zooplankton and serves as a major food source for many aquatic organisms

ANSWERS: 47. predator's, 48. Leopards, 49. woo, 50. dizzy, 51. arctic, 52. amphipod, 53. rainforest, 54. copepod

55. He _____ his employees for not meeting their deadlines.
- v. to reprimand or criticize someone severely or angrily
56. The _____ whale is known for its massive size and long lifespan.
- n. a large, baleen whale species typically found in Arctic and subarctic regions, known for its distinctive, arched upper jaw
57. The _____ bridge was built to allow traffic to cross the river during the construction of the new bridge.
- n. a flat-bottomed boat or floating structure used as a platform or support; a device attached to the bottom of an aircraft to provide stability during takeoff and landing
58. The _____ of the ice age have shaped Fjord.
- n. a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
59. She felt sick and had to run to the bathroom to _____.
- v. to eject food, blood, etc., from the stomach through the mouth; (noun) the matter ejected from the stomach through the mouth
60. The baker used a brush to _____ the donuts with a sweet, shiny coating.
- v. to cover or coat with a thin layer of film, particularly a shiny or glossy layer, such as a layer of protective material on ceramics or a top coat of paint on a surface; to apply a thin, glossy coating to food, often using a sauce or syrup
61. The mystery _____ as the detectives gathered more clues.
- v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

ANSWERS: 55. scolded, 56. bowhead, 57. pontoon, 58. glaciers, 59. vomit, 60. glaze, 61. unfolded

62. Scientists often fail to date archeological or _____ findings.

adj. belonging to or existing in times before recorded history; no longer fashionable

63. When I heard the news, my whole body _____ with excitement.

v. to shake slightly in a way that you cannot control, for example, because you are frightened, angry, or excited, or because of illness

64. The _____ rental shop provided us with a map of the nearby snorkel sites.

n. a tube-like device used for breathing underwater, with one end in the mouth and the other above the surface of the water

ANSWERS: 62. prehistorical, 63. trembled, 64. snorkel