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Session 1: Word List

- 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.
- boreal** *adj.* relating to the Northern Hemisphere or relating to the northern forests called taiga
synonym : arctic, northern, tundra
(1) **boreal** conifer, (2) **boreal** ecosystem
The **boreal** forest covers vast areas of Canada and Alaska.
- 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.
- antler** *n.* a branched, bony growth that protrudes from the forehead of male deer, elk, and moose and that is shed and regrown annually

synonym : horn, branch

(1) branches of an **antler**, (2) shedding **antlers**

The deer's **antlers** were an impressive sight to see in the forest.

sequester

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

synonym : isolate, set apart, segregate

(1) **sequester** ten percent of the annual carbon emissions,
(2) **sequester** myself from the world

He approved their requests to **sequester** the jury.

aboriginal

adj. relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous

synonym : native, indigenous, autochthonous

(1) **aboriginal** art, (2) **aboriginal** land

Many **aboriginal** cultures have deep spiritual connections to the land and its natural resources.

canoe

n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

(1) **canoe** race, (2) make a **canoe** trip

After the accident, the police found an empty **canoe**.

paddle

n. a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance

synonym : oar, oarlock, scull

(1) **paddle** strokes, (2) canoe **paddle**

The **paddle** boarders glided across the crystal-clear waters of the cove.

tundra

n. a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen

synonym : arctic plain, permafrost, polar desert

(1) the Siberian **tundra**, (2) **tundra** biome

The Arctic **tundra** is a vast and desolate landscape with few signs of life.

porcupine

n. a large, slow-moving, spiny mammal that is covered in sharp quills and is native to Asia, Africa, and certain parts of the Americas

synonym : hedgehog, echidna, spiny mammal

(1) **porcupine** movement, (2) **porcupine** habitat

The quills on a **porcupine's** back are used for defense.

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.

temperate

adj. mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude

synonym : moderate, mild, genial

(1) **temperate** grassland, (2) **temperate** behavior

The **temperate** climate of the region made it an ideal vacation spot.

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.

antithesis

n. the direct opposite; a contrast or opposition between two things

synonym : opposition, contrast, reverse

(1) make an **antithesis**, (2) the **antithesis** of evil

The **antithesis** of love is hate.

bitumen

n. a viscous, black, or dark-colored semi-solid or solid material derived from petroleum or natural deposits, commonly used in road construction and waterproofing

synonym : asphalt, tar, pitch

(1) **bitumen** pavement, (2) **bitumen** production

The **bitumen** road was smooth and durable, perfect for heavy traffic.

devastation

n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale

synonym : destruction, ruin, havoc

(1) financial **devastation**, (2) **devastation** to life

The economic recession caused **devastation** in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym : group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

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.

compress

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

synonym : condense, constrict, squeeze

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

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

repugnant

adj. causing strong disgust, aversion, or offense; highly offensive or objectionable

synonym : disgusting, offensive, revolting

(1) **repugnant** odor, (2) **repugnant** attitude

The dictator's **repugnant** actions have been condemned by leaders worldwide.

grizzly

n. a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair

synonym : bear, ursus, bruin

(1) **grizzly** size, (2) **grizzly** encounter

The hiker stumbled upon a **grizzly** bear in the woods and quickly retreated.

impound

v. to seize or confiscate and place in legal custody; to secure or store something in a confined space, such as a pound or impoundment

synonym : confiscate, seize, sequester

(1) **impound** any property of the tenant, (2) **impound** evidence

The police **impounded** the stolen vehicle and returned it to its rightful owner.

polluted

adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances

synonym : contaminated, poisoned, unclean

(1) **polluted** air, (2) cadmium- **polluted** area

The river was **polluted** with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.

toxin

n. a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism

synonym : poison, venom, contaminant

(1) **toxin** exposure, (2) **toxin** production

Mold exposure can release dangerous **toxins** into the air.

wasteland

n. a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value

synonym: desert, barren, wild

(1) post-apocalyptic **wasteland**, (2) nuclear **wasteland**

The abandoned industrial site is now a **wasteland** of decaying buildings and rusted machinery.

carcinogenic

adj. capable of causing cancer or promoting tumor growth; cancer-causing

synonym: cancer-causing, cancerous, malignant

(1) **carcinogenic** chemicals, (2) **carcinogenic** air pollution

Long-term exposure to **carcinogenic** materials can result in serious health problems.

emit

v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

synonym: give off, radiate, expel

(1) **emit** a gamma ray, (2) **emit** air pollution

During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.

confer

v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something

synonym: consult, meet, discuss

(1) **confer** degree, (2) **confer** honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

dinosaur

n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

synonym: reptile, beast, monster

(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil

The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

junction

n. a critical point or moment in time, often indicating a key decision or turning point; a place or point of connection, such as a joint or seam

synonym : turning point, crossroads, crisis

(1) the **junction** of Eastern and Western cultures,

(2) decisive **junction**

At this **junction** in the project, we must reassess our plans and make some changes.

migratory

adj. relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons

synonym : nomadic, wandering, roving

(1) **migratory** species, (2) **migratory** route

The **migratory** birds flew thousands of miles to reach their wintering grounds.

bison

n. a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

synonym : buffalo

(1) endangered **bison**, (2) American **bison's** meat

Large herds of **bison** used to live on the plains of this area.

leach

v. to remove or drain away something from a material, usually by seeping or filtering, such as chemicals from soil or minerals from rock

synonym : drain, filter, strain

(1) **leach** into the brewed coffee, (2) **leach** calcium from the bones

The chemicals from the landfill have begun to **leach** into the groundwater.

keystone

n. the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place

synonym : linchpin, mainstay, cornerstone

(1) **keystone** for success, (2) the **keystone** of campaign

reform

The **keystone** of the arch held the structure together.

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.

rarity

n. the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual

synonym: rareness, infrequency, uncommonness

(1) the **rarity** of the event, (2) book of great **rarity**

Due to their **rarity**, diamonds are expensive.

drench

v. to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet

synonym: soak, saturate, immerse

(1) **drench** with sweat, (2) **drench** the soil with fertilizer

The storm last night **drenched** everything in the yard, leaving puddles everywhere.

aground

adj. describing a ship or boat that is resting on the bottom of a body of water, usually due to running aground or intentionally grounding; (adverb) on or onto the ground, especially the bottom of a body of water

synonym: stranded, stuck, marooned

(1) **aground** sailboat, (2) run **aground** during the storm

The **aground** vessel became a temporary tourist attraction for beachgoers.

industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

synonym: motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym: suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

underprivileged

adj. lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success

synonym: poor, disadvantaged, destitute

(1) poor and **underprivileged** elderly, (2) **underprivileged** communities

The **underprivileged** children were in dire need of food, clothing, and shelter.

heartland

n. a region or area that is considered central or vital to a particular country, culture, or social or economic system, often characterized by a sense of national identity or pride and a strong attachment to tradition or values associated with that region

synonym: central area

(1) industrial **heartland**, (2) American **heartland**

I grew up surrounded by cornfields and farms in the country's **heartland**.

villain

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

synonym: scoundrel, rogue, antagonist

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

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

Session 2: Spelling

1. co____ss gas
v. to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space
2. make a ca__e trip
n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
3. tropical rai____st
n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
4. ar____c ice
adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
5. gr____y size
n. a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair
6. le__h calcium from the bones
v. to remove or drain away something from a material, usually by seeping or filtering, such as chemicals from soil or minerals from rock
7. te____te grassland
adj. mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude
8. abo____al land
adj. relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous

ANSWERS: 1. compress, 2. canoe, 3. rainforest, 4. arctic, 5. grizzly, 6. leach, 7. temperate, 8. aboriginal

9. the ra___y of the event *n.* the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual
10. the ke____ne of campaign reform *n.* the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place
11. decisive ju____re *n.* a critical point or moment in time, often indicating a key decision or turning point; a place or point of connection, such as a joint or seam
12. to__n exposure *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
13. dr___h with sweat *v.* to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet
14. tu___a biome *n.* a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen
15. se_____er ten percent of the annual carbon emissions *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
16. le__h into the brewed coffee *v.* to remove or drain away something from a material, usually by seeping or filtering, such as chemicals from soil or minerals from rock
17. bo___l conifer *adj.* relating to the Northern Hemisphere or relating to the northern forests called taiga
18. the ant_____is of evil *n.* the direct opposite; a contrast or opposition between two things

ANSWERS: 9. rarity, 10. keystone, 11. juncture, 12. toxin, 13. drench, 14. tundra, 15. sequester, 16. leach, 17. boreal, 18. antithesis

19. re_____nt attitude *adj.* causing strong disgust, aversion, or offense; highly offensive or objectionable
20. im_____d evidence *v.* to seize or confiscate and place in legal custody; to secure or store something in a confined space, such as a pound or impoundment
21. po_____ne habitat *n.* a large, slow-moving, spiny mammal that is covered in sharp quills and is native to Asia, Africa, and certain parts of the Americas
22. te_____te behavior *adj.* mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude
23. American bi__n's meat *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
24. ag_____d sailboat *adj.* describing a ship or boat that is resting on the bottom of a body of water, usually due to running aground or intentionally grounding; (adverb) on or onto the ground, especially the bottom of a body of water
25. ind_____ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry

ANSWERS: 19. repugnant, 20. impound, 21. porcupine, 22. temperate, 23. bison, 24. aground, 25. industrialize

26. e__t a gamma ray *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
27. to__n production *n.* a poisonous substance produced by a living organism, such as a plant, animal, or microorganism; a chemical compound that can cause harm or illness to a living organism
28. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
29. mi_____ry route *adj.* relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons
30. ind_____ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
31. ca_____u herd *n.* a large North American deer that is found in Arctic and sub-Arctic regions
32. financial dev_____on *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
33. se_____er myself from the world *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
34. the Siberian tu___a *n.* a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen
35. dev_____on to life *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
36. co_____ss the chest *v.* to press or squeeze together to make something take up less space

ANSWERS: 26. emit, 27. toxin, 28. opportune, 29. migratory, 30. industrialize, 31. caribou, 32. devastation, 33. sequester, 34. tundra, 35. devastation, 36. compress

37. ke____ne for success *n.* the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place
38. authoritarian vi____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
39. reintroduce ca____u *n.* a large North American deer that is found in Arctic and sub-Arctic regions
40. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
41. dr____h the soil with fertilizer *v.* to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet
42. make an ant____is *n.* the direct opposite; a contrast or opposition between two things
43. po____ed air *adj.* contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
44. American he____nd *n.* a region or area that is considered central or vital to a particular country, culture, or social or economic system, often characterized by a sense of national identity or pride and a strong attachment to tradition or values associated with that region
45. gr____y encounter *n.* a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair

ANSWERS: 37. keystone, 38. villain, 39. caribou, 40. sect, 41. drench, 42. antithesis, 43. polluted, 44. heartland, 45. grizzly

46. pa___e strokes *n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance
47. bo___l ecosystem *adj.* relating to the Northern Hemisphere or relating to the northern forests called taiga
48. canoe pa___e *n.* a flat, usually wooden implement with a handle used for stirring, mixing, or beating a liquid or substance
49. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
50. g__f stream *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
51. co___r honor *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
52. g__f war *n.* a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land
53. book of great ra___y *n.* the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual
54. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
55. e__t air pollution *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
56. su_____at the cheese *v.* to heat a substance to a temperature higher than its boiling point
57. po_____ne movement *n.* a large, slow-moving, spiny mammal that is covered in sharp quills and is native to Asia, Africa, and certain parts of the Americas

ANSWERS: 46. paddle, 47. boreal, 48. paddle, 49. situ, 50. gulf, 51. confer, 52. gulf, 53. rarity, 54. situ, 55. emit, 56. superheat, 57. porcupine

58. nuclear wa_____nd *n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
59. im_____d any property of the tenant *v.* to seize or confiscate and place in legal custody; to secure or store something in a confined space, such as a pound or impoundment
60. evil vi_____n *n.* a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
61. post-apocalyptic wa_____nd *n.* a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
62. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
63. su_____at the solution *v.* to heat a substance to a temperature higher than its boiling point
64. car_____nic chemicals *adj.* capable of causing cancer or promoting tumor growth; cancer-causing
65. mi_____ry species *adj.* relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons

ANSWERS: 58. wasteland, 59. impound, 60. villain, 61. wasteland, 62. opportune, 63. superheat, 64. carcinogenic, 65. migratory

66. the ju____re of Eastern and Western cultures *n.* a critical point or moment in time, often indicating a key decision or turning point; a place or point of connection, such as a joint or seam
67. cadmium-po____ed area *adj.* contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
68. re_____nt odor *adj.* causing strong disgust, aversion, or offense; highly offensive or objectionable
69. branches of an an____r *n.* a branched, bony growth that protrudes from the forehead of male deer, elk, and moose and that is shed and regrown annually
70. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
71. co____r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
72. und_____ged communities *adj.* lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success
73. bi____n production *n.* a viscous, black, or dark-colored semi-solid or solid material derived from petroleum or natural deposits, commonly used in road construction and waterproofing
74. endangered bi__n *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

ANSWERS: 66. juncture, 67. polluted, 68. repugnant, 69. antler, 70. sect, 71. confer, 72. underprivileged, 73. bitumen, 74. bison

75. shedding an___rs *n.* a branched, bony growth that protrudes from the forehead of male deer, elk, and moose and that is shed and regrown annually
76. hulking di____ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
77. high ar___c *adj.* of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
78. poor and und_____ged elderly *adj.* lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success
79. abo____al art *adj.* relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous
80. rai____st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
81. industrial he____nd *n.* a region or area that is considered central or vital to a particular country, culture, or social or economic system, often characterized by a sense of national identity or pride and a strong attachment to tradition or values associated with that region
82. di____ur fossil *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

ANSWERS: 75. antler, 76. dinosaur, 77. arctic, 78. underprivileged, 79. aboriginal, 80. rainforest, 81. heartland, 82. dinosaur

83. ca__e race *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
84. bi____n pavement *n.* a viscous, black, or dark-colored semi-solid or solid material derived from petroleum or natural deposits, commonly used in road construction and waterproofing
85. run ag____d during the storm *adj.* describing a ship or boat that is resting on the bottom of a body of water, usually due to running aground or intentionally grounding; (adverb) on or onto the ground, especially the bottom of a body of water
86. car____nic air pollution *adj.* capable of causing cancer or promoting tumor growth; cancer-causing

ANSWERS: 83. canoe, 84. bitumen, 85. aground, 86. carcinogenic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The deer's _____ were an impressive sight to see in the forest.
n. a branched, bony growth that protrudes from the forehead of male deer, elk, and moose and that is shed and regrown annually

2. After the accident, the police found an empty _____.
n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

3. The minority _____ believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.
n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

4. The hiker stumbled upon a _____ bear in the woods and quickly retreated.
n. a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair

5. The destruction of the _____ is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.
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ANSWERS: 1. antlers, 2. canoe, 3. sect, 4. grizzly, 5. rainforest, 6. juncture, 7. wasteland

8. Mold exposure can release dangerous _____ into the air.
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9. The _____ of the arch held the structure together.
n. the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place
10. Due to their _____ diamonds are expensive.
n. the condition or trait of being unusual; something that is unusual
11. Many _____ cultures have deep spiritual connections to the land and its natural resources.
adj. relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous
12. 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
13. The quills on a _____ back are used for defense.
n. a large, slow-moving, spiny mammal that is covered in sharp quills and is native to Asia, Africa, and certain parts of the Americas
14. The _____ vessel became a temporary tourist attraction for beachgoers.
adj. describing a ship or boat that is resting on the bottom of a body of water, usually due to running aground or intentionally grounding; (adverb) on or onto the ground, especially the bottom of a body of water
15. _____ 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

ANSWERS: 8. toxins, 9. keystone, 10. rarity, 11. aboriginal, 12. Gulf, 13. porcupine's, 14. aground, 15. Caribou

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adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
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21. The _____ in the movie was a complex character with a tragic backstory.
n. a character in a story, movie, or play which often opposes the hero, typically characterized as immoral, evil, or cruel
22. The _____ forest covers vast areas of Canada and Alaska.
adj. relating to the Northern Hemisphere or relating to the northern forests called taiga
23. Long-term exposure to _____ materials can result in serious health problems.
adj. capable of causing cancer or promoting tumor growth; cancer-causing

ANSWERS: 16. emits, 17. paddle, 18. leach, 19. arctic, 20. compressed, 21. villain, 22. boreal, 23. carcinogenic

24. The dictator's _____ actions have been condemned by leaders worldwide.
adj. causing strong disgust, aversion, or offense; highly offensive or objectionable
25. The storm last night _____ everything in the yard, leaving puddles everywhere.
v. to completely soak or saturate with liquid, typically with the intent of making something thoroughly wet
26. He approved their requests to _____ the jury.
v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
27. The _____ of love is hate.
n. the direct opposite; a contrast or opposition between two things
28. The discovery of a new _____ species made headlines in the scientific community.
n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
29. The economic recession caused _____ in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.
n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
30. The police _____ the stolen vehicle and returned it to its rightful owner.
v. to seize or confiscate and place in legal custody; to secure or store something in a confined space, such as a pound or impoundment
31. The nations of South East Asia will quickly _____ and catch up with the West.
v. to organize the production of something into an industry

ANSWERS: 24. repugnant, 25. drenched, 26. sequester, 27. antithesis, 28. dinosaur, 29. devastation, 30. impounded, 31. industrialize

32. The _____ road was smooth and durable, perfect for heavy traffic.
- n.* a viscous, black, or dark-colored semi-solid or solid material derived from petroleum or natural deposits, commonly used in road construction and waterproofing
33. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
34. I grew up surrounded by cornfields and farms in the country's _____.
- n.* a region or area that is considered central or vital to a particular country, culture, or social or economic system, often characterized by a sense of national identity or pride and a strong attachment to tradition or values associated with that region
35. Large herds of _____ used to live on the plains of this area.
- n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
36. The _____ birds flew thousands of miles to reach their wintering grounds.
- adj.* relating to or characterized by the movement of individuals or groups from one place to another, often for regular seasonal or environmental reasons
37. The leaders of the two countries met to _____ on the issue.
- v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
38. The river was _____ with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.
- adj.* contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances

ANSWERS: 32. bitumen, 33. opportune, 34. heartland, 35. bison, 36. migratory, 37. confer, 38. polluted

39. 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

40. The _____ children were in dire need of food, clothing, and shelter.

adj. lacking resources, opportunities, or advantages that are necessary for success

41. The _____ climate of the region made it an ideal vacation spot.

adj. mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude

42. The metal must be _____ before being shaped into the final product.

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

43. The Arctic _____ is a vast and desolate landscape with few signs of life.

n. a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen

ANSWERS: 39. situ, 40. underprivileged, 41. temperate, 42. superheated, 43. tundra