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Session 1: Word List

verdant

adj. lush and green, often used to describe plant life; denoting youthfulness or inexperience

synonym : lush, green, leafy

(1) **verdant** fields, (2) **verdant** trees

The **verdant** meadow was a peaceful spot for a picnic.

swamp

n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

synonym : marsh, mire, bog

(1) muddy **swamp**, (2) **swamp** tour

The lowland **swamp** was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

hunt

v. to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit

synonym : chase, pursuit, quest

(1) **hunt** a job, (2) **hunt** after knowledge

Hounds **hunt** their prey by using their keen scent.

suddenly

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

synonym : abruptly, unexpectedly, unawares

(1) **suddenly** attacked by an enemy, (2) die **suddenly**

Who answers **suddenly** knows little.

alligator

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

synonym : crocodile, caiman, gator

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

Alligator skin is used to make purses, boots, and other luxury goods.

hurtle

v. to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way

synonym : throw, hurl, fling

(1) **hurtle** into a tunnel, (2) **hurtle** through life

The car **hurtled** down the highway at breakneck speed.

jaw

n. either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information

synonym : mouth, (verb) chitchat

(1) snatch victory from the **jaws** of defeat, (2) **jaw** muscle

He dropped his **jaw** at the unexpected sight.

prey

n. the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating

synonym : target, quarry, chase

(1) **prey** of beast, (2) become **prey** to terrorists

The majority of snakes swallow their **prey** whole.

swinging

adj. characterized by a lively, energetic, or rhythmic movement; enjoyable and exciting, often referring to music, social events, or a carefree lifestyle

synonym : lively, vibrant, tripping

(1) **swinging** pendulum, (2) **swinging** motion

The party had a **swinging** atmosphere with live music and dancing.

signature

n. a person's name, often handwritten, written in a distinctive way as a form of identification or authorization; a distinctive feature or characteristic that

is a hallmark or identifying mark of something or someone

synonym: autograph, mark, handwriting

(1) **signature** dish, (2) artist's **signature**

The lawyer confirmed that the **signature** on the contract was genuine.

roll

v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

synonym: spin, swirl, wheel

(1) **roll** a ball, (2) **roll** down his cheeks

He was exhausted and **rolled** into bed as soon as he got home.

compete

v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something

synonym: contend, contest, vie

(1) **compete** against a friend, (2) **compete** fiercely

You must **compete** with others to obtain this position.

apex

n. the highest point or tip of something

synonym: summit, peak, zenith

(1) **apex** predator, (2) **apex** position

The company reached the **apex** of success in the market.

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.

devour

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

synonym: consume, swallow, destroy

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

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

nation

n. a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym : country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**

The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

ruling

n. a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation

synonym : judgment, decision, verdict

(1) legal **ruling**, (2) supreme court **ruling**

The judge's **ruling** was in favor of the defendant.

millennium

n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)

(1) past **millennium**, (2) **millennium** bottle of wine

Our world is in the third **millennium**.

deadly

adj. likely to cause or capable of causing death

synonym : fatal, lethal, harmful

(1) fight against the **deadly** disease, (2) a **deadly** weapon

The members of religious organizations released **deadly** poisonous gas on a subway train.

reign

n. the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen

synonym : rule, governance, sovereignty

(1) **reign** of a dictator, (2) **reign** as sovereign

The dictator's **reign** was characterized by widespread human rights abuses and suppression of political opposition.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym : root, source, ancestor

(1) **origin** of information, (2) racial **origin**

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym : intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

unexpected

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

synonym : surprising, unanticipated, incredible

(1) an **unexpected** visitor, (2) some **unexpected** events

The **unexpected** rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

hostile

adj. unfriendly or aggressively opposed

synonym : unfriendly, aggressive, antagonistic

(1) take up a **hostile** attitude, (2) **hostile** environment

The **hostile** takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.

landscape

n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

synonym : geography, terrain, topography

(1) a peaceful **landscape**, (2) **landscape** painting

Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political **landscape** in Europe.

overflow

v. to flow or run over the edge or brim of a container or surface; to be more than enough

synonym : spill, inundate, flood

(1) **overflow** on the platform, (2) **overflow** with emotion

The river **overflowed** its banks during the heavy rain.

biodiversity

n. the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

(1) **biodiversity** conservation, (2) loss of **biodiversity**
The country was instrumental in promoting the **biodiversity** treaty.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**
Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

vital

adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something
synonym: critical, crucial, invigorating

(1) play a **vital** role, (2) **vital** for a healthy society
Perseverance and optimism are **vital** to success.

exception

n. something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
synonym: anomaly, rarity, exemption

(1) make an **exception**, (2) without **exception**
She was the **exception** to the rule, as she managed to graduate college in only two years.

subtropic

adj. describing a region or climate that is between tropical and temperate and often characterized by warm temperatures and moderate rainfall
synonym: semi-tropical, warm

(1) **subtropic** vegetation, (2) **subtropic** region
The **subtropic** climate made for hot and humid weather all year round.

climate

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
synonym: atmosphere, weather, environment

(1) a cold **climate**, (2) effects of **climate** change

Climate and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

ecotone

n. a transition zone between two distinct ecosystems or biomes, characterized by a mixture of features and species from both areas; an area of high biodiversity due to the diversity of habitats and species found there

synonym : transition zone, borderland, edge habitat

(1) **ecotone** boundary, (2) diverse **ecotone**

The **ecotone** between the mountain and the valley provides a transitional habitat for various animal species.

transition

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

synonym : change, growth, shift

(1) **transition** phase, (2) ensure a smooth **transition**

The nation's healthcare system is in **transition** at the moment.

habitat

n. the type of natural environment in which an organism or group usually lives or occurs

synonym : dwelling, environment, home ground

(1) a marine **habitat**, (2) threatened **habitat**

The **habitat** of this bird is freshwater areas and saltwater marshes.

freshwater

adj. living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt

(1) **freshwater** area, (2) **freshwater** aquatic bird

This microbe is a parasite of **freshwater** fish.

prairie

n. a large open grassland or meadow, typically in North America

synonym : grassland, savanna, meadow

(1) **prairie** landscape, (2) **prairie** dogs

The early morning dew on the **prairie** made the grass glisten

like diamonds.

rocky

adj. full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock

synonym: stony, boulder-strewn, rough

(1) **rocky** terrain, (2) **rocky** relationship

The **rocky** road made it difficult to drive on.

pine

n. a coniferous tree of the Pinaceae family, having needles and cones and characterized by its tall and slender shape; (verb) to have a desire for something or someone who is not present

synonym: conifer, evergreen, (verb) long for

(1) **pine** needle, (2) **pine** away for him

The **pine** trees in the forest gave off a fresh and invigorating scent.

mangrove

n. a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

(1) **mangrove** forest, (2) **mangrove** swamp

The **mangrove** trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.

develop

v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created

synonym: evolve, progress, advance

(1) **develop** a strategy, (2) **develop** a skill

We must **develop** a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.

countless

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

synonym: innumerable, myriad, numerous

(1) **countless** hours, (2) answer **countless** questions

There are **countless** methods for dealing with stress.

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym: immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds
The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

span

n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

synonym: interval, period, length

(1) the **span** of a bird's wings, (2) the average life **span**
He slightly modified the **span** of training because it was just before a match.

colonize

v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

synonym: settle, occupy, inhabit

(1) **colonize** planets, (2) **colonize** for cultivation
European powers **colonized** much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

boar

n. a wild pig, especially a male with tusks

synonym: wild pig, sow, hog

(1) wild **boar**, (2) **boar's** head

The hunter tracked the **boar** through the forest for a good shot.

multiply

v. to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity

synonym: boost, amplify, reproduce

(1) **multiply** 5 and 6, (2) **multiply** about hundredfold
Multiply a number by itself twice.

uproot

v. to remove or pull out by the roots, especially a plant or tree; to displace or remove someone or something from a particular place or position

synonym : remove, eradicate

(1) **uproot** the tree, (2) **uproot** tradition

We decided to **uproot** our lives and move to a new city.

wetland

adj. land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs

synonym : bog, marsh, swamp

(1) **wetland** conservation, (2) **wetland** ecosystem

The **wetland** area was home to many different species of birds.

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.

panther

n. a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia

synonym : panthera, big cat, feline

(1) black **panther**, (2) **panther** habitat

The **panther's** sleek black coat and piercing yellow eyes make for a striking vision in the forest.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym : detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

invasive

adj. spreading very quickly, and often aggressively, and difficult to stop

synonym : aggressive, rampant, spreading

(1) **invasive** breast cancer, (2) **invasive** species

The **invasive** disease can spread quickly and potentially cause a global pandemic.

hyacinth

n. (also "jacinth") a fragrant flowering plant with clustered flowers that grow on a tall, spiky stem, typically in shades of blue, purple, or pink

synonym : jacinth

(1) **hyacinth** flower, (2) blue **hyacinth**

The beautiful purple **hyacinth** flowers bloomed every spring in the garden.

clog

v. to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something

synonym : block, jam, obstruct

(1) **clog** a filter, (2) **clog** artery

The drain was **clogged** with hair and needed to be cleaned out.

anole

n. a type of small, arboreal lizard native to the Americas, known for its ability to change color and its distinctive triangular head shape

synonym : chameleon, lizard, reptile

(1) tropical **anole**, (2) **anole** habitat

I spotted a small **anole** lizard hiding in the bushes.

lizard

n. a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail

(1) giant **lizard**, (2) **lizard** leather

The **lizard's** tail regenerates if severed.

upset

adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry

synonym : disturbed, bothered, resentful

(1) get **upset**, (2) have an **upset** stomach

He was awfully **upset** by the news.

chain

n. a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle

synonym : series, string, link

(1) **chain** reaction, (2) supply **chain**

The **chain** on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.

population

n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location

synonym : people, inhabitants, folk

(1) **population** change, (2) labor **population**

In just four years, the **population** has doubled.

endure

v. to undergo or bear something difficult, unpleasant, or challenging over a period of time; to persist or continue despite hardships or adversity

synonym : bear, tolerate, withstand

(1) **endure** adversity, (2) **endure** challenges

I had to **endure** intense physical pain during the marathon to cross the finish line.

onslaught

n. a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative

synonym : attack, assault, charge

(1) **onslaught** of criticism, (2) urban **onslaught**

The village was unprepared for the sudden **onslaught** of the enemy army.

intervention

n. the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
synonym : interference, intercession, treatment

(1) **intervention** by foreign powers, (2) surgical

intervention

This **intervention** does not require the patient's consent.

notch

n. a V-shaped cut or indentation made in a surface or edge; a level of achievement or success; a point or degree of measurement or comparison

synonym : groove, slit, incision

(1) top- **notch** service, (2) score a **notch**

The cake was decorated with a **notch** to represent the birthday boy's age.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym : administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

farmland

n. land used for farming or agricultural purposes

synonym : agriculture, cropland

(1) **farmland** acreage, (2) fertile **farmland**

The government is encouraging farmers to expand their **farmland** to increase food production.

canal

n. a long and narrow strip of water made artificially either for boats and ships to travel along or for irrigation

synonym : aqueduct, trench, channel

(1) an ear **canal**, (2) an irrigation **canal**

Our container ship went through the Panama **Canal**.

drain

v. to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it

synonym : draw off, bleed

(1) **drain** water from the swamp, (2) **drain** excess liquid
Push the button and let the water **drain** away.

native

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

synonym: endemic, domestic, aboriginal

(1) **native** to Africa, (2) **native** language

The vegetation here is almost wholly **native**.

rely

v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

synonym: depend, count, lean

(1) **rely** on convenience stores, (2) **rely** entirely on him

Babies heavily **rely** on others for food.

shelter

n. a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger

synonym: refuge, hideout, lair

(1) rainproof **shelter**, (2) anti-air raid **shelter**

They need food and **shelter**.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym: flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

wreak

v. to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events

synonym: cause, inflict, bring about

(1) **wreak** a lot of changes, (2) **wreak** further damage

The virus has **wreaked** havoc on the healthcare system,

overwhelming hospitals and causing shortages of supplies.

havoc

n. widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events

synonym : destruction, devastation, ruin

(1) cause **havoc**, (2) play **havoc** in the mind

The storm wreaked **havoc** on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.

conservationist

n. a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife

synonym : environmentalist

(1) wildlife **conservationist**, (2) dedicated **conservationist**

The extinction of this species has been a significant concern for **conservationists**.

defend

v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

synonym : protect, guard, support

(1) **defend** my country, (2) **defend** against a threat

International law allows each nation to **defend** itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.

landmark

n. a notable or important event, place, or achievement; a significant object or feature that serves as a reference point

synonym : marker, reference point, guidepost

(1) a **landmark** discovery, (2) historical **landmark**

The Empire State Building is a **landmark** in New York City.

unique

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

synonym : one-of-a-kind, unparalleled, incomparable

(1) a **unique** teacher, (2) **unique** design

The painting is **unique**, and there is no other like it.

precious

adj. uncommon and extremely valuable

synonym : adored, cherished, valued

(1) price of **precious** metals, (2) **precious** information
We cannot afford to squander **precious** time.

ecosystem

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

(1) marine **ecosystem**, (2) change the **ecosystem**

Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the **ecosystem**.

fearsome

adj. causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable

synonym: terrifying, alarming, intimidating

(1) **fearsome** creature, (2) **fearsome** reputation

The dragon's **fearsome** roar echoed through the valley.

resident

n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place

synonym: dweller, inhabitant, inhabitant

(1) a **resident** of the city, (2) **resident** tax

Visa renewal for **resident** foreigners in this country is once every five years.

sustain

v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

synonym: maintain, nurture, support

(1) **sustain** a good relationship with him, (2) **sustain** a wellness lifestyle

She struggled to **sustain** the children's reading habits.

constantly

adv. all the time

synonym: continuously, always, frequently

(1) a **constantly** innovative enterprise, (2) a **constantly** varying mind

The mobile application industry is **constantly** changing.

mud

n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay

synonym : muck, sludge, ooze

(1) **mud** wall, (2) **mud** volcano

The **mud** of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.

drawing

n. the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

synonym : sketch, depiction, illustration

(1) technical **drawing**, (2) **drawing** for design

She is talented at **drawing** and has won several awards for her artwork.

snout

n. the nose and mouth of an animal, especially when protruding or prominently featured

synonym : nose, muzzle, bill

(1) dig with the **snout**, (2) short **snouts**

The pig's **snout** was wet and covered in mud.

claw

n. a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

synonym : paw, talon, nail

(1) **claw** marks, (2) **claw** hammer

The bear used its **claw** to catch a fish in the river.

indentation

n. a cut, gap, or mark on the surface of something; the space left between the margin and the start of an indented line

synonym : gouge, dent, division

(1) a broad **indentation** of the gulf, (2) automatic **indentation**

Archaeologists found a slight **indentation** in the middle of the lower jawbone on a bone excavated from that historic site.

essential

adj. indispensable; fundamental

synonym : critical, crucial, basic

(1) **essential** amino acid, (2) **essential** commodities of life
Trial and error is an **essential** part of education.

maintain

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

synonym : preserve, uphold, sustain

(1) **maintain** order, (2) **maintain** good health
I need to **maintain** my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

formal

adj. following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber manner

synonym : ceremonial, official, traditional

(1) a **formal** festival, (2) **formal** request
The event required **formal** attire, so he wore a suit and tie.

scaly

adj. covered or characterized by scales, which are small, hard, overlapping plates on the skin or surface of an animal or object; having a texture or appearance similar to scales

synonym : rough, flaky, reptilian

(1) **scaly** texture, (2) **scaly** reptile
The reptile's **scaly** skin helped protect it from predators.

steward

n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

synonym : caretaker, manager, custodian

(1) **steward** duties, (2) **steward** service
The **steward** on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

brew

v. to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water

synonym: make, prepare

(1) **brew** a cup of tea, (2) **brew** beer

I am going to **brew** some coffee this morning.

invasion

n. army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it

synonym: aggression, attack, raid

(1) the Turkish **invasion**, (2) home **invasion**

An **invasion** would most probably result in a political catastrophe.

exotic

adj. originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

synonym: foreign, alien, unfamiliar

(1) **exotic** species, (2) **exotic** vacation

I love trying **exotic** foods from different cultures.

pet

n. an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

(1) a **pet** bird, (2) a teacher's **pet**

I have a parrot as a **pet**.

parakeet

n. any one of many small to medium-sized species of parrot, usually with a long tail

(1) extinct **parakeet**, (2) African **parakeet**

We had named our pet **parakeets**.

iguana

n. a large tropical lizard with a ridge of spines down its back and a long tail, native to the Americas

synonym: lizard, reptile, dragon

(1) green **iguana**, (2) spiny-tailed **iguana**

The nature documentary showcased the mating rituals of the blue **iguana** species native to the Cayman Islands.

relative

adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

synonym : comparative, proximate, congeneric

(1) a remote **relative**, (2) **relative** factors

Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close **relatives**.

piranha

n. a small freshwater fish that inhabit South American rivers that has sharp teeth and eats live animals

(1) swarm of **piranha**, (2) go **piranha** fishing

He thought she was a man-hungry **piranha**.

python

n. a nonvenomous snake found in Africa, Asia, and Australia, known for its ability to squeeze and suffocate its prey before swallowing it whole; a high-level programming language used for various purposes, often in scientific computing and data analysis

synonym : anaconda, boa, serpent

(1) **python** species, (2) **Python** programming

The African rock **python** can eat prey as large as antelopes and crocodiles.

florid

adj. decorated with elaborate designs or ornamentation; overly ornate or showy

synonym : ornate, elaborate, flowery

(1) **florid** music, (2) **florid** style

The **florid** language of the poet was often difficult to understand.

release

v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement

synonym : free, let go, discharge

(1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air

The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

hurricane

n. a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74

miles per hour)

synonym : cyclone, typhoon, storm

(1) a **hurricane** of applause, (2) the ravages of a **hurricane**

The devastating **hurricane** caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym : demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

breed

v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner

synonym : raise, multiply, reproduce

(1) **breed** horses, (2) **breed** suspicion

This animal **breeds** in northern latitudes.

facility

n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

synonym : building, structure, installation

(1) a cell phone with an internet **facility**, (2) **facility** design

This company has an entire recycling **facility**, including major reprocessing plants.

mammal

n. any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

(1) a primitive **mammal**, (2) a sort of **mammal**

Marine **mammal** populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

decimate

v. to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number

synonym : devastate, destroy, annihilate

(1) **decimate** population, (2) **decimate** economy

The hurricane **decimated** the small town, leaving behind destruction and devastation.

reptile

n. a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles

synonym: lizard, serpent, snake

(1) **reptile** exhibition, (2) fossil **reptile**

Alligators are a type of **reptile** that live in swamps and rivers.

giant

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

synonym: big, gigantic, huge

(1) **giant** trees, (2) **giant** tech company

The **giant** jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

rank

n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others

synonym: position, status, standing

(1) **rank** amateur, (2) high **rank**

He was promoted to the **rank** of captain in the military.

recommend

v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

synonym: advise, suggest, instruct

(1) **recommend** a hospitalization, (2) **recommend** reading

We **recommend** taking media training every six months.

creature

n. a living being, especially an animal

synonym: being, animal, organism

(1) **creature** of habit, (2) artificial **creature**

The deep sea **creature** was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.

balance

n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away

synonym: equilibrium, counterpoise, remainder

(1) the **balance** of power, (2) asset on the company's **balance** sheet

Try to keep a **balance** between work and off.

insect

n. any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

(1) **insect** antenna, (2) **insect** biology

These **insects** are more prevalent above a certain latitude.

absurd

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

synonym: ridiculous, foolish, idiotic

(1) **absurd** storyline, (2) an **absurd** amount of money

We immediately rejected his **absurd** suggestion.

fauna

n. the animal life of a particular region, habitat, or geological period

synonym: wildlife, creatures, animals

(1) the tropical **fauna**, (2) **fauna** reserve

The national park is home to a diverse **fauna** of animal species.

arrival

n. the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective

synonym: reaching, appearance, coming

(1) **arrival** and departure gate, (2) **arrival** at a conclusion

Weather forecasters are predicting the **arrival** of a heatwave.

boost

v. to improve, raise, or increase something

synonym: raise, advance, promote

(1) **boost** the economy, (2) **boost** flexibility

The new service helped **boost** net income by 10%.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym: recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym : archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian **ancient**, (2) **ancient** stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

Session 2: Spelling

1. hy_____th flower
n. (also "jacinth") a fragrant flowering plant with clustered flowers that grow on a tall, spiky stem, typically in shades of blue, purple, or pink
2. artist's si_____re
n. a person's name, often handwritten, written in a distinctive way as a form of identification or authorization; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is a hallmark or identifying mark of something or someone
3. su_____n a good relationship with him
v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
4. an ear ca__l
n. a long and narrow strip of water made artificially either for boats and ships to travel along or for irrigation
5. answer co_____ss questions
adj. too numerous to be counted or very many
6. a fo___l festival
adj. following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber manner
7. muddy sw__p
n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
8. dr_____g for design
n. the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material

ANSWERS: 1. hyacinth, 2. signature, 3. sustain, 4. canal, 5. countless, 6. formal, 7. swamp, 8. drawing

9. a la____rk discovery *n.* a notable or important event, place, or achievement; a significant object or feature that serves as a reference point
10. ind____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
11. labor pop____on *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
12. sw____ng pendulum *adj.* characterized by a lively, energetic, or rhythmic movement; enjoyable and exciting, often referring to music, social events, or a carefree lifestyle
13. br__d horses *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
14. co____e against a friend *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
15. fa____nd acreage *n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes
16. es____al amino acid *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
17. re__n of a dictator *n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen
18. home in____on *n.* army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
19. py____n species *n.* a nonvenomous snake found in Africa, Asia, and Australia, known for its ability to squeeze and suffocate its prey before swallowing it whole; a high-level programming language used for various purposes, often in scientific computing and data analysis

ANSWERS: 9. landmark, 10. industrious, 11. population, 12. swinging, 13. breed, 14. compete, 15. farmland, 16. essential, 17. reign, 18. invasion, 19. python

20. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
21. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
22. we_____d ecosystem *adj.* land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs
23. artificial cr_____re *n.* a living being, especially an animal
24. past mil_____um *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
25. snatch victory from the j_ws of defeat *n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
26. ar_____l at a conclusion *n.* the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective
27. in_____ve breast cancer *adj.* spreading very quickly, and often aggressively, and difficult to stop
28. ma_____in order *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
29. c__g artery *v.* to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something
30. short sn__ts *n.* the nose and mouth of an animal, especially when protruding or prominently featured

ANSWERS: 20. government, 21. predator, 22. wetland, 23. creature, 24. millennium, 25. jaw, 26. arrival, 27. invasive, 28. maintain, 29. clog, 30. snout

31. fl___d music *adj.* decorated with elaborate designs or ornamentation; overly ornate or showy
32. r___y on convenience stores *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
33. wr___k further damage *v.* to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events
34. a cold cl_____e *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
35. de___d against a threat *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
36. bio_____ity conservation *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
37. pre-Christian an_____t *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
38. li___d leather *n.* a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail
39. h___t after knowledge *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
40. ov_____ow on the platform *v.* to flow or run over the edge or brim of a container or surface; to be more than enough
41. r___y entirely on him *v.* to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.

ANSWERS: 31. florid, 32. rely, 33. wreak, 34. climate, 35. defend, 36. biodiversity, 37. ancient, 38. lizard, 39. hunt, 40. overflow, 41. rely

42. r__l down his cheeks
v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
43. or___n of information
n. the first existence or beginning of something
44. we_____d conservation
adj. land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs
45. the Turkish in_____on
n. army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
46. al_____or watch strap
n. a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China
47. re_____ve factors
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
48. wr__k a lot of changes
v. to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events
49. b__w beer
v. to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
50. co_____ss hours
adj. too numerous to be counted or very many
51. c__w hammer
n. a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

ANSWERS: 42. roll, 43. origin, 44. wetland, 45. invasion, 46. alligator, 47. relative, 48. wreak, 49. brew, 50. countless, 51. claw

52. vi__l for a healthy society *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
53. go pi_____a fishing *n.* a small freshwater fish that inhabit South American rivers that has sharp teeth and eats live animals
54. ensure a smooth tra_____on *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
55. ov_____ow with emotion *v.* to flow or run over the edge or brim of a container or surface; to be more than enough
56. re__n as sovereign *n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen
57. ec_____e boundary *n.* a transition zone between two distinct ecosystems or biomes, characterized by a mixture of features and species from both areas; an area of high biodiversity due to the diversity of habitats and species found there
58. asset on the company's ba_____e sheet *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
59. have an up__t stomach *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
60. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
61. su___e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

ANSWERS: 52. vital, 53. piranha, 54. transition, 55. overflow, 56. reign, 57. ecotone, 58. balance, 59. upset, 60. government, 61. supple

62. a con_____ly varying mind *adv.* all the time
63. su_____n a wellness lifestyle *v.* to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid
64. play a vi__l role *adj.* necessary for the success or continued existence of something
65. es_____al commodities of life *adj.* indispensable; fundamental
66. cause ha__c *n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
67. fre_____er aquatic bird *adj.* living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt
68. blue hy_____th *n.* (also "jacinth") a fragrant flowering plant with clustered flowers that grow on a tall, spiky stem, typically in shades of blue, purple, or pink
69. an ab___d amount of money *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
70. pr_____us information *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
71. dedicated con_____ist *n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
72. br__d suspicion *v.* to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
73. racial or___n *n.* the first existence or beginning of something
74. st_____d duties *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

ANSWERS: 62. constantly, 63. sustain, 64. vital, 65. essential, 66. havoc, 67. freshwater, 68. hyacinth, 69. absurd, 70. precious, 71. conservationist, 72. breed, 73.

origin, 74. steward

75. blood-sucking pa____te *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
76. mu____ly about hundredfold *v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
77. h__t a job *v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
78. hu____e through life *v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way
79. na____e to Africa *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
80. a re____nt of the city *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
81. fa__a reserve *n.* the animal life of a particular region, habitat, or geological period
82. de____te population *v.* to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
83. the average life s__n *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers

ANSWERS: 75. parasite, 76. multiply, 77. hunt, 78. hurtle, 79. native, 80. resident, 81. fauna, 82. decimate, 83. span

84. a hu_____ne of applause *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
85. a con_____ly innovative enterprise *adv.* all the time
86. re_____m a competitive position *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
87. si_____re dish *n.* a person's name, often handwritten, written in a distinctive way as a form of identification or authorization; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is a hallmark or identifying mark of something or someone
88. diverse ec_____e *n.* a transition zone between two distinct ecosystems or biomes, characterized by a mixture of features and species from both areas; an area of high biodiversity due to the diversity of habitats and species found there
89. historical la_____rk *n.* a notable or important event, place, or achievement; a significant object or feature that serves as a reference point
90. a teacher's p_t *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
91. dig with the sn__t *n.* the nose and mouth of an animal, especially when protruding or prominently featured
92. make an ex_____on *n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others

ANSWERS: 84. hurricane, 85. constantly, 86. reclaim, 87. signature, 88. ecotone, 89. landmark, 90. pet, 91. snout, 92. exception

93. na___n-state *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
94. a p_t bird *n.* an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly
95. fossil re_____e *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
96. a broad ind_____on of the gulf *n.* a cut, gap, or mark on the surface of something; the space left between the margin and the start of an indented line
97. mi_____t worker *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
98. en___e challenges *v.* to undergo or bear something difficult, unpleasant, or challenging over a period of time; to persist or continue despite hardships or adversity
99. gi__t trees *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
100. fe_____me creature *adj.* causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable
101. score a no__h *n.* a V-shaped cut or indentation made in a surface or edge; a level of achievement or success; a point or degree of measurement or comparison
102. re_____e CO2 into the air *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement

ANSWERS: 93. nation, 94. pet, 95. reptile, 96. indentation, 97. migrant, 98. endure, 99. giant, 100. fearsome, 101. notch, 102. release

103. dr__n water from the swamp *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
104. fa____ty design *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
105. without ex_____on *n.* something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
106. su_____ic region *adj.* describing a region or climate that is between tropical and temperate and often characterized by warm temperatures and moderate rainfall
107. sw_____ng motion *adj.* characterized by a lively, energetic, or rhythmic movement; enjoyable and exciting, often referring to music, social events, or a carefree lifestyle
108. chaotic env_____nt *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
109. m_d volcano *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
110. loss of bio_____ity *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
111. green ig___a *n.* a large tropical lizard with a ridge of spines down its back and a long tail, native to the Americas
112. a remote re_____ve *adj.* considered and evaluated through comparison with something else

ANSWERS: 103. drain, 104. facility, 105. exception, 106. subtropic, 107. swinging, 108. environment, 109. mud, 110. biodiversity, 111. iguana, 112. relative

113. surgical int_____ion *n.* the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so
114. a primitive ma___l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
115. de___r a meal *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
116. dr___n excess liquid *v.* to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it
117. pr_____e dogs *n.* a large open grassland or meadow, typically in North America
118. a cell phone with an internet fa_____ty *n.* a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry
119. b___w a cup of tea *v.* to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water
120. anti-air raid sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
121. a___x position *n.* the highest point or tip of something
122. su_____ly attacked by an enemy *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
123. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
124. change the ec_____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

ANSWERS: 113. intervention, 114. mammal, 115. devour, 116. drain, 117. prairie, 118. facility, 119. brew, 120. shelter, 121. apex, 122. suddenly, 123. industrious, 124. ecosystem

125. j_w muscle *n.* either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
126. de____te economy *v.* to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
127. in____t antenna *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
128. sexual pr____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
129. take up a ho____e attitude *adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed
130. re____e exhibition *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
131. legal ru____g *n.* a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation
132. bo__t flexibility *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
133. swarm of pi____a *n.* a small freshwater fish that inhabit South American rivers that has sharp teeth and eats live animals
134. re____nd reading *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

ANSWERS: 125. jaw, 126. decimate, 127. insect, 128. predator, 129. hostile, 130. reptile, 131. ruling, 132. boost, 133. piranha, 134. recommend

135. an irrigation ca__l *n.* a long and narrow strip of water made artificially either for boats and ships to travel along or for irrigation
136. de___d my country *v.* to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.
137. ve_____t fields *adj.* lush and green, often used to describe plant life; denoting youthfulness or inexperience
138. an_____t stories *adj.* relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
139. p__e needle *n.* a coniferous tree of the Pinaceae family, having needles and cones and characterized by its tall and slender shape; (verb) to have a desire for something or someone who is not present
140. wildlife con_____ist *n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
141. fertile fa_____nd *n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes
142. gi__t tech company *adj.* enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are
143. get up__t *adj.* causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
144. ar_____l and departure gate *n.* the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective

ANSWERS: 135. canal, 136. defend, 137. verdant, 138. ancient, 139. pine, 140. conservationist, 141. farmland, 142. giant, 143. upset, 144. arrival

145. a de___y weapon *adj.* likely to cause or capable of causing death
146. pop_____on change *n.* the total number of people in a country, region, or location
147. m_d wall *n.* a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
148. automatic ind_____on *n.* a cut, gap, or mark on the surface of something; the space left between the margin and the start of an indented line
149. re_____m land from the sea *v.* to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back
150. fl___d style *adj.* decorated with elaborate designs or ornamentation; overly ornate or showy
151. la_____pe painting *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
152. supply ch__n *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
153. de_____p a skill *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
154. pa_____te disease *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
155. pa_____r habitat *n.* a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia

ANSWERS: 145. deadly, 146. population, 147. mud, 148. indentation, 149. reclaim, 150. florid, 151. landscape, 152. chain, 153. develop, 154. parasite, 155. panther

156. ex____e in anger *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
157. c__w marks *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
158. a sort of ma____l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
159. ch__n reaction *n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
160. on_____ht of criticism *n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative
161. wild b__r *n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
162. na____e language *adj.* connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place
163. mu_____ly 5 and 6 *v.* to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
164. urban on_____ht *n.* a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative

ANSWERS: 156. explode, 157. claw, 158. mammal, 159. chain, 160. onslaught, 161. boar, 162. native, 163. multiply, 164. onslaught

165. die su____ly *adv.* quickly and unexpectedly
166. ma____in good health *v.* to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true
167. re____nt tax *n.* a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
168. the ba____e of power *n.* a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
169. some une____ed events *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
170. an une____ed visitor *adj.* not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen
171. c__g a filter *v.* to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something
172. ex__c vacation *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
173. a un__e teacher *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else
174. de____y the ecosystem *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
175. co____ze for cultivation *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

ANSWERS: 165. suddenly, 166. maintain, 167. resident, 168. balance, 169. unexpected, 170. unexpected, 171. clog, 172. exotic, 173. unique, 174. destroy, 175. colonize

176. ex____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
177. supreme court ru____g *n.* a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation
178. ro__y terrain *adj.* full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock
179. become p__y to terrorists *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
180. hu____e into a tunnel *v.* to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way
181. threatened ha____t *n.* the type of natural environment in which an organism or group usually lives or occurs
182. the s__n of a bird's wings *n.* the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
183. up____t the tree *v.* to remove or pull out by the roots, especially a plant or tree; to displace or remove someone or something from a particular place or position
184. in____t biology *n.* any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections

ANSWERS: 176. explode, 177. ruling, 178. rocky, 179. prey, 180. hurtle, 181. habitat, 182. span, 183. uproot, 184. insect

185. effects of cl____e change *n.* the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period
186. a marine ha____t *n.* the type of natural environment in which an organism or group usually lives or occurs
187. su____ic vegetation *adj.* describing a region or climate that is between tropical and temperate and often characterized by warm temperatures and moderate rainfall
188. extinct pa____et *n.* any one of many small to medium-sized species of parrot, usually with a long tail
189. pr____e landscape *n.* a large open grassland or meadow, typically in North America
190. su____e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
191. ab____d storyline *adj.* ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical
192. mil____um bottle of wine *n.* a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
193. ex____c species *adj.* originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing
194. a__x predator *n.* the highest point or tip of something
195. marine ec____em *n.* all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment
196. int____ion by foreign powers *n.* the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so

ANSWERS: 185. climate, 186. habitat, 187. subtropic, 188. parakeet, 189. prairie, 190. supple, 191. absurd, 192. millennium, 193. exotic, 194. apex, 195. ecosystem, 196. intervention

197. b__r's head *n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
198. de____yed evidence *v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
199. technical dr____g *n.* the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
200. spiny-tailed ig____a *n.* a large tropical lizard with a ridge of spines down its back and a long tail, native to the Americas
201. ho____e environment *adj.* unfriendly or aggressively opposed
202. in____e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
203. sc__y texture *adj.* covered or characterized by scales, which are small, hard, overlapping plates on the skin or surface of an animal or object; having a texture or appearance similar to scales
204. African pa____et *n.* any one of many small to medium-sized species of parrot, usually with a long tail
205. env____nt affairs *n.* the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
206. black pa____r *n.* a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia

ANSWERS: 197. boar, 198. destroy, 199. drawing, 200. iguana, 201. hostile, 202. invade, 203. scaly, 204. parakeet, 205. environment, 206. panther

207. top-no__h service *n.* a V-shaped cut or indentation made in a surface or edge; a level of achievement or success; a point or degree of measurement or comparison
208. re____e a prisoner *v.* to set free or allow to escape from confinement
209. Py___n programming *n.* a nonvenomous snake found in Africa, Asia, and Australia, known for its ability to squeeze and suffocate its prey before swallowing it whole; a high-level programming language used for various purposes, often in scientific computing and data analysis
210. en___e adversity *v.* to undergo or bear something difficult, unpleasant, or challenging over a period of time; to persist or continue despite hardships or adversity
211. co____ze planets *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
212. de____p a strategy *v.* to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
213. de___r my way *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
214. in____ve species *adj.* spreading very quickly, and often aggressively, and difficult to stop

ANSWERS: 207. notch, 208. release, 209. python, 210. endure, 211. colonize, 212. develop, 213. devour, 214. invasive

215. sc__y reptile *adj.* covered or characterized by scales, which are small, hard, overlapping plates on the skin or surface of an animal or object; having a texture or appearance similar to scales
216. a seafaring na___n *n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
217. ro__y relationship *adj.* full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock
218. an__e habitat *n.* a type of small, arboreal lizard native to the Americas, known for its ability to change color and its distinctive triangular head shape
219. st____d service *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
220. tra_____on phase *n.* the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another
221. the movement of mi____t birds *n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
222. tropical an__e *n.* a type of small, arboreal lizard native to the Americas, known for its ability to change color and its distinctive triangular head shape

ANSWERS: 215. scaly, 216. nation, 217. rocky, 218. anole, 219. steward, 220. transition, 221. migrant, 222. anole

223. ma____ve forest *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
224. a peaceful la____pe *n.* an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance
225. co____e fiercely *v.* to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
226. the tropical fa__a *n.* the animal life of a particular region, habitat, or geological period
227. price of pr____us metals *adj.* uncommon and extremely valuable
228. giant li____d *n.* a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail
229. high r__k *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
230. ve____t trees *adj.* lush and green, often used to describe plant life; denoting youthfulness or inexperience
231. bo__t the economy *v.* to improve, raise, or increase something
232. p__e away for him *n.* a coniferous tree of the Pinaceae family, having needles and cones and characterized by its tall and slender shape; (verb) to have a desire for something or someone who is not present
233. un____e design *adj.* being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

ANSWERS: 223. mangrove, 224. landscape, 225. compete, 226. fauna, 227. precious, 228. lizard, 229. rank, 230. verdant, 231. boost, 232. pine, 233. unique

234. the ravages of a hu_____ne *n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)
235. cr_____re of habit *n.* a living being, especially an animal
236. ma_____ve swamp *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
237. up____t tradition *v.* to remove or pull out by the roots, especially a plant or tree; to displace or remove someone or something from a particular place or position
238. p__y of beast *n.* the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating
239. fe_____me reputation *adj.* causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable
240. sw__p tour *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
241. play ha__c in the mind *n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
242. fight against the de____y disease *adj.* likely to cause or capable of causing death
243. in____e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
244. re_____nd a hospitalization *v.* to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role

ANSWERS: 234. hurricane, 235. creature, 236. mangrove, 237. uproot, 238. prey, 239. fearsome, 240. swamp, 241. havoc, 242. deadly, 243. invade, 244. recommend

245. fre_____er area *adj.* living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt
246. al_____or habitat *n.* a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China
247. rainproof sh_____r *n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
248. fo____l request *adj.* following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber manner
249. r__k amateur *n.* a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
250. r__l a ball *v.* to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side

ANSWERS: 245. freshwater, 246. alligator, 247. shelter, 248. formal, 249. rank, 250. roll

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The reptile's _____ skin helped protect it from predators.
adj. covered or characterized by scales, which are small, hard, overlapping plates on the skin or surface of an animal or object; having a texture or appearance similar to scales
2. The car _____ down the highway at breakneck speed.
v. to move quickly and forcefully, especially in an uncontrolled or dangerous way
3. The _____ meadow was a peaceful spot for a picnic.
adj. lush and green, often used to describe plant life; denoting youthfulness or inexperience
4. You must _____ with others to obtain this position.
v. to strive to achieve more success than someone or something
5. The members of religious organizations released _____ poisonous gas on a subway train.
adj. likely to cause or capable of causing death
6. These _____ are more prevalent above a certain latitude.
n. any small creature that has six legs and a body divided into three sections
7. Archaeologists found a slight _____ in the middle of the lower jawbone on a bone excavated from that historic site.
n. a cut, gap, or mark on the surface of something; the space left between the margin and the start of an indented line

ANSWERS: 1. scaly, 2. hurtled, 3. verdant, 4. compete, 5. deadly, 6. insects, 7. indentation

8. The vegetation here is almost wholly _____.

adj. connecting with or describing someone's birth country or place of birth, or someone born in a specific country or place

9. The _____ takeover of the company was met with resistance from the employees.

adj. unfriendly or aggressively opposed

10. The lowland _____ was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

11. I love trying _____ foods from different cultures.

adj. originating from or characteristic of a foreign country or culture; strikingly unusual, uncommon, or intriguing

12. The nation's healthcare system is in _____ at the moment.

n. the process or period of changing from one state or circumstance to another

13. Human conservation efforts often fail unexpectedly because they disturb the balance of the _____.

n. all the plants and living creatures in an area and the way they affect each other and the environment

14. The _____ disease can spread quickly and potentially cause a global pandemic.

adj. spreading very quickly, and often aggressively, and difficult to stop

15. Who answers _____ knows little.

adv. quickly and unexpectedly

ANSWERS: 8. native, 9. hostile, 10. swamp, 11. exotic, 12. transition, 13. ecosystem, 14. invasive, 15. suddenly

16. The ____ of the swamp made it difficult to walk through the field.
n. a soft, wet, sticky earth or clay
17. We decided to _____ our lives and move to a new city.
v. to remove or pull out by the roots, especially a plant or tree; to displace or remove someone or something from a particular place or position
18. She was the _____ to the rule, as she managed to graduate college in only two years.
n. something that is not included in a general rule or pattern; a person or thing that is excluded or stands apart from others
19. We cannot afford to squander _____ time.
adj. uncommon and extremely valuable
20. He dropped his ____ at the unexpected sight.
n. either of the two bones at the bottom of the face that moves when you open your mouth; (verb) talk socially without exchanging too much information
21. _____ a number by itself twice.
v. to add a number to itself a specified number of times; to increase or cause to increase very much in number or quantity
22. She is talented at _____ and has won several awards for her artwork.
n. the act of making a picture with a pencil, pen, or other instruments on paper, cardboard, or other material
23. This company has an entire recycling _____ including major reprocessing plants.
n. a building or place that provides a particular service or is used for a particular industry

ANSWERS: 16. mud, 17. uproot, 18. exception, 19. precious, 20. jaw, 21. Multiply, 22. drawing, 23. facility,

24. He was exhausted and _____ into bed as soon as he got home.
v. to move in a particular direction by turning over and over or from side to side
25. Try to keep a _____ between work and off.
n. a condition in which everything has the same weight or force; something left after other parts have been taken away
26. The deep sea _____ was unlike anything the scientists had ever seen before.
n. a living being, especially an animal
27. The bear used its _____ to catch a fish in the river.
n. a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
28. They have been living near water since _____ times.
adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old
29. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
30. He was awfully _____ by the news.
adj. causing or marked by anxiety, uneasiness, trouble, or grief; (verb) to make someone anxious, unhappy, or angry
31. The party had a _____ atmosphere with live music and dancing.
adj. characterized by a lively, energetic, or rhythmic movement; enjoyable and exciting, often referring to music, social events, or a carefree lifestyle

ANSWERS: 24. rolled, 25. balance, 26. creature, 27. claw, 28. ancient, 29. industrious, 30. upset, 31. swinging

32. We had named our pet _____.
- n.* any one of many small to medium-sized species of parrot, usually with a long tail
33. _____ skin is used to make purses, boots, and other luxury goods.
- n.* a large semiaquatic reptile with a long tail, powerful jaws, and rough skin, native to the Americas and China
34. The _____ on my bike broke, leaving me stranded.
- n.* a series of connected links or objects; a system or group of interconnected elements; a restraint or shackle
35. Our container ship went through the Panama _____.
- n.* a long and narrow strip of water made artificially either for boats and ships to travel along or for irrigation
36. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.
- v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
37. The Empire State Building is a _____ in New York City.
- n.* a notable or important event, place, or achievement; a significant object or feature that serves as a reference point
38. The river _____ its banks during the heavy rain.
- v.* to flow or run over the edge or brim of a container or surface; to be more than enough
39. The devastating _____ caused widespread damage and left many people homeless.
- n.* a violent, tropical, cyclonic storm of the western North Atlantic, having wind speeds of or over 64 knots (74 miles per hour)

ANSWERS: 32. parakeets, 33. Alligator, 34. chain, 35. Canal, 36. invade, 37. landmark, 38. overflowed, 39. hurricane

40. The beautiful purple _____ flowers bloomed every spring in the garden.
n. (also "jacinth") a fragrant flowering plant with clustered flowers that grow on a tall, spiky stem, typically in shades of blue, purple, or pink
41. Visa renewal for _____ foreigners in this country is once every five years.
n. a person who lives in a particular place or has their home in a place
42. 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
43. He slightly modified the _____ of training because it was just before a match.
n. the entire length of something, such as time or space from beginning to end; the amount of space that something covers
44. The new service helped _____ net income by 10%.
v. to improve, raise, or increase something
45. The mobile application industry is _____ changing.
adv. all the time
46. The _____ tail regenerates if severed.
n. a reptile that has a relatively long body, two pairs of legs, and a tapering tail
47. Perseverance and optimism are _____ to success.
adj. necessary for the success or continued existence of something
48. The _____ trees in the forest gave off a fresh and invigorating scent.
n. a coniferous tree of the Pinaceae family, having needles and cones and characterized by its tall and slender shape; (verb) to have a desire for something or someone who is not present

ANSWERS: 40. hyacinth, 41. resident, 42. parasites, 43. span, 44. boost, 45. constantly, 46. lizard's, 47. vital, 48. pine

49. The federal _____ is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.
n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state
50. There are various hypotheses concerning the _____ of life.
n. the first existence or beginning of something
51. The drain was _____ with hair and needed to be cleaned out.
v. to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something
52. The animal rights group worked to _____ the dolphins back into the wild.
v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
53. The cake was decorated with a _____ to represent the birthday boy's age.
n. a V-shaped cut or indentation made in a surface or edge; a level of achievement or success; a point or degree of measurement or comparison
54. The company reached the _____ of success in the market.
n. the highest point or tip of something
55. The _____ on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.
n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
56. She struggled to _____ the children's reading habits.
v. to supply enough of what somebody or something needs to survive or exist; to accept as valid

ANSWERS: 49. government, 50. origin, 51. clogged, 52. release, 53. notch, 54. apex, 55. steward, 56. sustain

57. The _____ jets gradually dominate the world's airlines.

adj. enormous; much bigger or more important than similar items usually are

58. The _____ area was home to many different species of birds.

adj. land that is saturated with water, either permanently or seasonally, such as swamps, marshes, and bogs

59. The national park is home to a diverse _____ of animal species.

n. the animal life of a particular region, habitat, or geological period

60. The _____ rainstorm caused the collapse of the corral.

adj. not anticipated or regarded as likely to happen

61. This _____ does not require the patient's consent.

n. the action or process of being done to improve or help a circumstance, often they have not been asked to do so

62. European powers _____ much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

63. I spotted a small _____ lizard hiding in the bushes.

n. a type of small, arboreal lizard native to the Americas, known for its ability to change color and its distinctive triangular head shape

64. The African rock _____ can eat prey as large as antelopes and crocodiles.

n. a nonvenomous snake found in Africa, Asia, and Australia, known for its ability to squeeze and suffocate its prey before swallowing it whole; a high-level programming language used for various purposes, often in scientific computing and data analysis

ANSWERS: 57. giant, 58. wetland, 59. fauna, 60. unexpected, 61. intervention, 62. colonized, 63. anole, 64. python

65. An _____ would most probably result in a political catastrophe.
n. army's act of forcibly entering another country or territory to take control of it
66. Our world is in the third _____.
n. a span of 1000 years, or the 1000th anniversary (plural: millennia)
67. The storm wreaked _____ on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.
n. widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
68. Most countries prohibit sexual activity between certain close _____.
adj. considered and evaluated through comparison with something else
69. Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's _____.
n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live
70. I had to _____ intense physical pain during the marathon to cross the finish line.
v. to undergo or bear something difficult, unpleasant, or challenging over a period of time; to persist or continue despite hardships or adversity
71. We must _____ a new system to streamline our workflow and increase efficiency.
v. to grow or expand; to improve or refine through a process of progress and refinement, often to achieve greater sophistication or complexity; to elaborate or add detail to something that is in the process of being created
72. International law allows each nation to _____ itself when its rights and interests are illegally violated.
v. to protect someone or something from attack, criticism, danger, etc.

ANSWERS: 65. invasion, 66. millennium, 67. havoc, 68. relatives, 69. environment, 70. endure, 71. develop, 72. defend

73. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
- v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
74. This animal _____ in northern latitudes.
- v. to keep animals for producing offspring in a regulated manner
75. He was promoted to the _____ of captain in the military.
- n. a position in a hierarchy of status or authority; (verb) to take or have a position relative to others
76. Babies heavily _____ on others for food.
- v. to require a specific thing or the assistance and support of someone or something to continue, run properly, or succeed.
77. The _____ between the mountain and the valley provides a transitional habitat for various animal species.
- n. a transition zone between two distinct ecosystems or biomes, characterized by a mixture of features and species from both areas; an area of high biodiversity due to the diversity of habitats and species found there
78. The hurricane _____ the small town, leaving behind destruction and devastation.
- v. to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
79. The judge's _____ was in favor of the defendant.
- n. a decision, judgment, or decree made by a judge, court, or other authority; a set of guiding principles or regulations that dictate behavior or procedures; (adjective) dominant or authoritative in a particular situation

ANSWERS: 73. exploded, 74. breeds, 75. rank, 76. rely, 77. ecotone, 78. decimated, 79. ruling

80. The _____ road made it difficult to drive on.

adj. full of or abounding in rocks; of, relating to, or made of rock

81. You may be entitled to _____ some tax.

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

82. _____ and weather have an impact on every part of our lifestyles.

n. the weather in a particular location averaged over some long period

83. The country was instrumental in promoting the _____ treaty.

n. the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

84. Weather forecasters are predicting the _____ of a heatwave.

n. the act or situation of coming or being brought to a place; accomplishment of an objective

85. The dragon's _____ roar echoed through the valley.

adj. causing fear or terror; frightening, alarming, or formidable

86. We immediately rejected his _____ suggestion.

adj. ridiculously silly, unreasonable, or illogical

87. There are _____ methods for dealing with stress.

adj. too numerous to be counted or very many

88. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.

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

ANSWERS: 80. rocky, 81. reclaim, 82. Climate, 83. biodiversity, 84. arrival, 85. fearsome, 86. absurd, 87. countless, 88. predator's

89. The _____ sleek black coat and piercing yellow eyes make for a striking vision in the forest.
- n.* a large and powerful wildcat with a distinctive sleek black coat found primarily in the Americas, Africa, and Asia
90. Trial and error is an _____ part of education.
- adj.* indispensable; fundamental
91. The virus has _____ havoc on the healthcare system, overwhelming hospitals and causing shortages of supplies.
- v.* to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events
92. Hounds _____ their prey by using their keen scent.
- v.* to go after and try to catch wild animals to kill them for food, sport, or profit
93. The government revoked his license to employ _____ labor crews.
- n.* a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
94. The dictator's _____ was characterized by widespread human rights abuses and suppression of political opposition.
- n.* the period of time during which a monarch or government holds power; (verb) to be the king or queen
95. The hunter tracked the _____ through the forest for a good shot.
- n.* a wild pig, especially a male with tusks
96. She _____ the mystery novel in one sitting.
- v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

ANSWERS: 89. panther's, 90. essential, 91. wreaked, 92. hunt, 93. migrant, 94. reign, 95. boar, 96. devoured

97. The event required _____ attire, so he wore a suit and tie.

adj. following established, public, or official forms and conventions, often in a serious or somber manner

98. Alligators are a type of _____ that live in swamps and rivers.

n. a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles

99. Marine _____ populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

n. any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

100. Push the button and let the water _____ away.

v. to empty or dry something by removing the liquid from it

101. The _____ language of the poet was often difficult to understand.

adj. decorated with elaborate designs or ornamentation; overly ornate or showy

102. The village was unprepared for the sudden _____ of the enemy army.

n. a fierce or violent attack; a sudden and intense outburst of something, usually negative

103. I need to _____ my car regularly to prevent any major mechanical issues.

v. to continue to uphold or sustain; to keep in a particular state or condition; to assert or declare something to be true

104. The majority of snakes swallow their _____ whole.

n. the object of a hunt; an animal hunted or trapped for eating

ANSWERS: 97. formal, 98. reptile, 99. mammal, 100. drain, 101. florid, 102. onslaught, 103. maintain, 104. prey

105. The government is encouraging farmers to expand their _____ to increase food production.
n. land used for farming or agricultural purposes
106. He thought she was a man-hungry _____.
n. a small freshwater fish that inhabit South American rivers that has sharp teeth and eats live animals
107. This microbe is a parasite of _____ fish.
adj. living in, found in, or connecting with water that does not contain salt
108. The early morning dew on the _____ made the grass glisten like diamonds.
n. a large open grassland or meadow, typically in North America
109. We _____ taking media training every six months.
v. to suggest that someone or something would be a suitable fit for a particular purpose or role
110. In just four years, the _____ has doubled.
n. the total number of people in a country, region, or location
111. The lawyer confirmed that the _____ on the contract was genuine.
n. a person's name, often handwritten, written in a distinctive way as a form of identification or authorization; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is a hallmark or identifying mark of something or someone
112. Recent electoral shocks have shaken the political _____ in Europe.
n. an expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view; a large area of land, especially in the country and relating to its appearance

ANSWERS: 105. farmland, 106. piranha, 107. freshwater, 108. prairie, 109. recommend, 110. population, 111. signature, 112. landscape

113. The _____ of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
- n.* a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
114. The nature documentary showcased the mating rituals of the blue _____ species native to the Cayman Islands.
- n.* a large tropical lizard with a ridge of spines down its back and a long tail, native to the Americas
115. The pig's _____ was wet and covered in mud.
- n.* the nose and mouth of an animal, especially when protruding or prominently featured
116. They need food and _____.
- n.* a structure built to protect from poor weather, danger, or attack; (verb) to protect or shield from harm or adversity, particularly relating to environmental conditions or danger
117. The _____ trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.
- n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
118. The _____ climate made for hot and humid weather all year round.
- adj.* describing a region or climate that is between tropical and temperate and often characterized by warm temperatures and moderate rainfall
119. The _____ of this bird is freshwater areas and saltwater marshes.
- n.* the type of natural environment in which an organism or group usually lives or occurs

ANSWERS: 113. nation, 114. iguana, 115. snout, 116. shelter, 117. mangrove, 118. subtropic, 119. habitat

120. I have a parrot as a ____.

n. an animal that you have at home as a companion and treated kindly

121. The painting is _____ and there is no other like it.

adj. being the only one of its kind; unlike anything else

122. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

123. I am going to ____ some coffee this morning.

v. to make beer or tea by mixing a substance with hot water

124. The extinction of this species has been a significant concern for _____.

n. a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife

125. The ballerina's _____ movements left the audience mesmerized.

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

ANSWERS: 120. pet, 121. unique, 122. destroyed, 123. brew, 124. conservationists, 125. supple