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## Session 1: Word List

### jellyfish

*n.* a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging

*synonym*: medusa, sea nettle, moon jelly

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

The beach was filled with hundreds of **jellyfish**, so swimming was not recommended.

### overwhelm

*v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

*synonym*: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

### diver

*n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey

*synonym*: plunger, frogman, loon

(1) professional **diver**, (2) deep-sea **diver**

The search and rescue team sent a team of **divers** to search for the missing plane wreckage.

## swat

- v. to strike or hit someone or something with a quick, sharp blow, usually with the hand or a flat object; (noun, an acronym that stands for "Special Weapons And Tactics") specialized groups within police departments that are trained to handle high-risk operations that regular officers are not equipped to deal with

*synonym* : slap, smack, hit

(1) expertly **swat** back the ball, (2) **SWAT** operation

I had to **swat** away a fly that was buzzing around my head.

## sting

- v. to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick

*synonym* : bite, prick, poke

(1) **sting** me on the arm, (2) **sting** his face

Bees **sting** as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.

## 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.

## decibel

- n. (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale

*synonym* : dB, sound level, volume

(1) **decibel** level, (2) adjust the **decibel**

The concert reached 100 **decibels**, causing many people to cover their ears.

## swarm

- n. a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

*synonym* : horde, hive, throng

(1) a **swarm** of mosquitoes, (2) locust **swarm**  
A **swarm** of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.

## 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.

## voracious

*adj.* having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something

*synonym*: ravenous, insatiable, greedy

(1) **voracious** thirst, (2) **voracious** reader

The **voracious** appetite of the teenager was legendary.

## larva

*n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose

*synonym*: caterpillar, grub, maggot

(1) **larva** of a butterfly, (2) a moth **larva**

The butterfly emerged from its **larva** stage.

## outcompete

*v.* to be more successful in competition than someone or something

*synonym*: outperform, outdo, surpass

(1) **outcompete** peers, (2) **outcompete** domestic producers

To **outcompete** its rivals, the company invested heavily in research and development.

## trajectory

*n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space

*synonym*: course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over

the years.

## gelatinous

*adj.* having the texture of jelly; having a translucent, jelly-like consistency

*synonym* : jelly-like, viscous, slippery

(1) **gelatinous** texture, (2) **gelatinous** substance

The jellyfish's body was transparent and **gelatinous**, making it difficult to see in the water.

## 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.

## lifespan

*n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

*synonym* : duration, lifetime, continuance

(1) **lifespan** extension, (2) **lifespan** retrieval curve

Generally speaking, men have a shorter **lifespan** than women.

## gonad

*n.* a reproductive organ that produces gametes, such as testes in males or ovaries in females

*synonym* : testes, ovary, reproductive gland

(1) **gonad** development, (2) reproductive **gonad**

Certain chemicals can disrupt the proper functioning of **gonads**, leading to reproductive problems.

## mow

*v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops

*synonym* : cut, trim, clip

(1) **mow** the field, (2) **mow** a yard

My father likes to **mow** the lawn early on Saturday mornings.

## swath

*n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something

*synonym*: strip, band, fodder

(1) a large **swath** of territory, (2) a **swath** of green grass

The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast **swath** of the population.

## unsuspecting

*adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious

*synonym*: unaware, unassuming, gullible

(1) **unsuspecting** boys and girls, (2) **unsuspecting** victim

The thief stole the wallet from the **unsuspecting** tourist.

## tentacle

*n.* a flexible, mobile, and long arm-like organ used for feeling and holding things, catching food, or moving

(1) a squid's **tentacle**, (2) posterior **tentacle**

The police caught the fugitive criminal in the **tentacles** of an expanded investigation.

## venomous

*adj.* extremely poisonous or injurious; containing or producing venom; marked by deep ill will

*synonym*: poisonous, toxic, lethal

(1) the **venomous** jellyfish's sting, (2) have **venomous** eyes

The **venomous** snake bit him, causing him to go into shock.

## harpoon

*n.* a spear-like weapon used for fishing or hunting sea creatures such as whales or sharks; a sharp tool used for piercing or impaling something; (verb) to hunt or capture a fish or other sea creature using a spear-like instrument called a harpoon

*synonym*: spear, lance, arrow

(1) **harpoon** fishing, (2) **harpoon** the giant octopus

The whaling industry declined as countries began to ban the use of **harpoons**

## barb

*n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly

colored feather or hair

*synonym* : spine, barbed remark, sting

(1) **barb** wire, (2) aim a **barb**

The politician's words were full of **barbs** designed to hurt his opponent.

## nematocyst

*n.* a specialized stinging cell found in the tentacles of cnidarians, such as jellyfish and sea anemones, used for protection and capturing prey

*synonym* : cnidocyst, stinging cell, nematocyte

(1) **nematocyst** discharge, (2) **nematocyst** injection

The **nematocysts** on jellyfish tentacles can cause a painful sting.

## paralyze

*v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

*synonym* : immobilize, disable, numb

(1) **paralyze** a city, (2) **paralyze** a person

The venom from the snake bite **paralyzed** his arm.

## irritate

*v.* to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore

*synonym* : annoy, vex, bother

(1) **irritate** skin, (2) **irritate** my partner

The sound of his chewing loudly **irritates** me during dinner.

## intruder

*n.* someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something

*synonym* : trespasser, intruder, interloper

(1) illegal **intruder**, (2) infrared **intruder** system

The homeowner called the police when they spotted an **intruder** in their backyard.

## 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.

## keratin

*n.* a fibrous protein that is the main structural component of hair, nails, and the outer layer of skin in mammals and birds; also found in horns, hooves, and feathers

*synonym* : ceratin

(1) **keratin** treatment, (2) **keratin** protein

Keratosis is a skin condition characterized by the formation of excess **keratin** on the skin's surface

## 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.

## imp

*n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore

*synonym* : demon, sprite, mischievous child

(1) a little **imp**, (2) behave like an **imp**

The mischievous **imp** caused trouble wherever it went.

## esophagus

*n.* the muscular tube that connects the mouth and throat to the stomach, which allows food to pass through

*synonym* : gullet, throat, food pipe

(1) **esophagus** reflux, (2) upper **esophagus**

The tumor in her **esophagus** was causing her difficulty in eating and drinking.

## asexual

*adj.* lacking sexual organs or characteristics; not involving or characterized by sexual activity; neither male nor female in gender identity; not operating in a sexual manner or

with sexual connotations

*synonym* : neutral, sexless, unisex

(1) **asexual** community, (2) **asexual** individual

**Asexual** reproduction is a common trait found in certain species of plants and animals.

## numb

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

*synonym* : dazed, insensitive, emotionless

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

My left arm became **numb**.

## temperate

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

*synonym* : moderate, mild, genial

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

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

## alarming

*adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing

*synonym* : forbidding, concerning, disturbing

(1) **alarming** news, (2) **alarming** statistics

The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite **alarming**.

## polyp

*n.* (of zoology) a small, typically sessile, marine animal with a hollow, cylindrical body and tentacles surrounding a central mouth, often found in colonies and sometimes forming coral reefs; (of gastroenterology) an abnormal tissue growth that can occur in the colon, rectum, or other parts of the gastrointestinal tract

*synonym* : polypus, hydra, anemone

(1) the **polyp** on the hydra's tentacle, (2) gastric **polyp**

The coral reef was home to various **polyps** and other sea



creatures.

## **gill**

*n.* a respiratory organ of fish and some other aquatic animals that extracts dissolved oxygen from water and excretes carbon dioxide

*synonym* : respiratory organ, lung

(1) **gill** slits, (2) **gill** apparatus

The fish's **gills** are necessary for extracting oxygen from the water.

## **unintentional**

*adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental

*synonym* : accidental, unforeseen, spontaneous

(1) avoid **unintentional** harm, (2) **unintentional** insult

The mistake was **unintentional** and made in good faith.

## **dolphin**

*n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid

*synonym* : porpoise, cetacean, marine mammal

(1) **dolphin** show, (2) **dolphin-watching** tour

The large group of **dolphins** swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.

## **seabird**

*n.* a bird species that spends much of its life on or near the sea, often feeding on fish and other marine animals

*synonym* : seafowl, oceanic bird

(1) **seabird** migration, (2) **seabird** nesting

The fishermen were alarmed to see a flock of **seabirds** circling above the water.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. apex pr\_\_\_\_or  
*n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
2. de\_\_\_r my way  
*v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
3. adjust the de\_\_\_\_\_l  
*n.* (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale
4. te\_\_\_\_\_te grassland  
*adj.* mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude
5. expertly s\_\_t back the ball  
*v.* to strike or hit someone or something with a quick, sharp blow, usually with the hand or a flat object; (noun, an acronym that stands for "Special Weapons And Tactics") specialized groups within police departments that are trained to handle high-risk operations that regular officers are not equipped to deal with
6. de\_\_\_r a meal  
*v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

ANSWERS: 1. predator, 2. devour, 3. decibel, 4. temperate, 5. swat, 6. devour

7. la\_\_a of a butterfly *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
8. g\_\_l apparatus *n.* a respiratory organ of fish and some other aquatic animals that extracts dissolved oxygen from water and excretes carbon dioxide
9. m\_w a yard *v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
10. gel\_\_\_\_\_us substance *adj.* having the texture of jelly; having a translucent, jelly-like consistency
11. out\_\_\_\_\_te peers *v.* to be more successful in competition than someone or something
12. S\_\_T operation *v.* to strike or hit someone or something with a quick, sharp blow, usually with the hand or a flat object; (noun, an acronym that stands for "Special Weapons And Tactics") specialized groups within police departments that are trained to handle high-risk operations that regular officers are not equipped to deal with
13. ke\_\_\_\_\_n protein *n.* a fibrous protein that is the main structural component of hair, nails, and the outer layer of skin in mammals and birds; also found in horns, hooves, and feathers

ANSWERS: 7. larva, 8. gill, 9. mow, 10. gelatinous, 11. outcompete, 12. swat, 13. keratin

14. je\_\_\_\_\_sh sting *n.* a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging
15. a sw\_\_h of green grass *n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
16. 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
17. a squid's te\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a flexible, mobile, and long arm-like organ used for feeling and holding things, catching food, or moving
18. a n\_\_b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
19. the po\_\_p on the hydra's tentacle *n.* (of zoology) a small, typically sessile, marine animal with a hollow, cylindrical body and tentacles surrounding a central mouth, often found in colonies and sometimes forming coral reefs; (of gastroenterology) an abnormal tissue growth that can occur in the colon, rectum, or other parts of the gastrointestinal tract
20. as\_\_\_\_\_l individual *adj.* lacking sexual organs or characteristics; not involving or characterized by sexual activity; neither male nor female in gender identity; not operating in a sexual manner or with sexual connotations

ANSWERS: 14. jellyfish, 15. swath, 16. clog, 17. tentacle, 18. numb, 19. polyp, 20. asexual

21. do\_\_\_\_\_n-watching tour *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
22. al\_\_\_\_\_ng statistics *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
23. he was ov\_\_\_\_\_lmed with gratitude *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
24. avoid uni\_\_\_\_\_nal harm *adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
25. infrared in\_\_\_\_\_er system *n.* someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something
26. n\_\_b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
27. vo\_\_\_\_\_us thirst *adj.* having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something
28. deep-sea di\_\_r *n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
29. aim a b\_\_b *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

ANSWERS: 21. dolphin, 22. alarming, 23. overwhelm, 24. unintentional, 25. intruder, 26. numb, 27. voracious, 28. diver, 29. barb

30. a large sw\_\_h of territory *n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
31. pa\_\_\_\_ze a city *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
32. es\_\_\_\_\_us reflux *n.* the muscular tube that connects the mouth and throat to the stomach, which allows food to pass through
33. ke\_\_\_\_\_n treatment *n.* a fibrous protein that is the main structural component of hair, nails, and the outer layer of skin in mammals and birds; also found in horns, hooves, and feathers
34. 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
35. ha\_\_\_\_\_n the giant octopus *n.* a spear-like weapon used for fishing or hunting sea creatures such as whales or sharks; a sharp tool used for piercing or impaling something; (verb) to hunt or capture a fish or other sea creature using a spear-like instrument called a harpoon
36. b\_\_b wire *n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair

ANSWERS: 30. swath, 31. paralyze, 32. esophagus, 33. keratin, 34. claw, 35. harpoon, 36. barb

37. uns\_\_\_\_\_ing victim *adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
38. go\_\_d development *n.* a reproductive organ that produces gametes, such as testes in males or ovaries in females
39. out\_\_\_\_\_te domestic producers *v.* to be more successful in competition than someone or something
40. re\_\_\_\_\_e exhibition *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
41. ov\_\_\_\_\_lm opponents by numbers *v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
42. uns\_\_\_\_\_ing boys and girls *adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
43. reproductive go\_\_d *n.* a reproductive organ that produces gametes, such as testes in males or ovaries in females
44. pa\_\_\_\_\_ze a person *v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel
45. as\_\_\_\_\_l community *adj.* lacking sexual organs or characteristics; not involving or characterized by sexual activity; neither male nor female in gender identity; not operating in a sexual manner or with sexual connotations
46. posterior te\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a flexible, mobile, and long arm-like organ used for feeling and holding things, catching food, or moving

ANSWERS: 37. unsuspecting, 38. gonad, 39. outcompete, 40. reptile, 41. overwhelm, 42. unsuspecting, 43. gonad, 44. paralyze, 45. asexual, 46. tentacle

47. nem\_\_\_\_\_st discharge      *n.* a specialized stinging cell found in the tentacles of cnidarians, such as jellyfish and sea anemones, used for protection and capturing prey
48. a moth la\_\_a      *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
49. ir\_\_\_\_\_te skin      *v.* to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore
50. have ve\_\_\_\_\_us eyes      *adj.* extremely poisonous or injurious; containing or producing venom; marked by deep ill will
51. professional di\_\_r      *n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
52. m\_w the field      *v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
53. li\_\_\_\_\_an extension      *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
54. 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

ANSWERS: 47. nematocyst, 48. larva, 49. irritate, 50. venomous, 51. diver, 52. mow, 53. lifespan, 54. claw



55. nem\_\_\_\_\_st injection *n.* a specialized stinging cell found in the tentacles of cnidarians, such as jellyfish and sea anemones, used for protection and capturing prey
56. a little i\_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
57. uni\_\_\_\_\_nal insult *adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
58. gel\_\_\_\_\_us texture *adj.* having the texture of jelly; having a translucent, jelly-like consistency
59. career tra\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
60. ir\_\_\_\_\_te my partner *v.* to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore
61. gastric po\_\_p *n.* (of zoology) a small, typically sessile, marine animal with a hollow, cylindrical body and tentacles surrounding a central mouth, often found in colonies and sometimes forming coral reefs; (of gastroenterology) an abnormal tissue growth that can occur in the colon, rectum, or other parts of the gastrointestinal tract
62. te\_\_\_\_\_te behavior *adj.* mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude

ANSWERS: 55. nematocyst, 56. imp, 57. unintentional, 58. gelatinous, 59. trajectory, 60. irritate, 61. polyp, 62. temperate

63. do\_\_\_\_n show *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
64. fossil re\_\_\_\_e *n.* a cold-blooded animal that has dry, scaly skin and lays eggs on land, such as snakes, lizards, and turtles
65. locust sw\_\_m *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
66. se\_\_\_\_d nesting *n.* a bird species that spends much of its life on or near the sea, often feeding on fish and other marine animals
67. vo\_\_\_\_us reader *adj.* having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something
68. upper es\_\_\_\_us *n.* the muscular tube that connects the mouth and throat to the stomach, which allows food to pass through
69. se\_\_\_\_d migration *n.* a bird species that spends much of its life on or near the sea, often feeding on fish and other marine animals
70. st\_\_g his face *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
71. a tra\_\_\_\_ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
72. illegal in\_\_\_\_er *n.* someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something

ANSWERS: 63. dolphin, 64. reptile, 65. swarm, 66. seabird, 67. voracious, 68. esophagus, 69. seabird, 70. sting, 71. trajectory, 72. intruder

73. 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
74. al\_\_\_\_ng news *adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
75. behave like an i\_p *n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
76. de\_\_\_\_l level *n.* (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale
77. st\_\_g me on the arm *v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
78. li\_\_\_\_an retrieval curve *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
79. ha\_\_\_\_n fishing *n.* a spear-like weapon used for fishing or hunting sea creatures such as whales or sharks; a sharp tool used for piercing or impaling something; (verb) to hunt or capture a fish or other sea creature using a spear-like instrument called a harpoon
80. a sw\_\_m of mosquitoes *n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground

ANSWERS: 73. clog, 74. alarming, 75. imp, 76. decibel, 77. sting, 78. lifespan, 79. harpoon, 80. swarm

81. the ve\_\_\_\_us jellyfish's sting

*adj.* extremely poisonous or injurious;  
containing or producing venom; marked  
by deep ill will

82. sexual pr\_\_\_\_ors

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

83. spineless je\_\_\_\_\_sh

*n.* a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like  
body and tentacles for stinging

84. g\_\_l slits

*n.* a respiratory organ of fish and some  
other aquatic animals that extracts  
dissolved oxygen from water and  
excretes carbon dioxide

ANSWERS: 81. venomous, 82. predator, 83. jellyfish, 84. gill

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. \_\_\_\_\_ reproduction is a common trait found in certain species of plants and animals.  
*adj.* lacking sexual organs or characteristics; not involving or characterized by sexual activity; neither male nor female in gender identity; not operating in a sexual manner or with sexual connotations
2. The fish's \_\_\_\_\_ are necessary for extracting oxygen from the water.  
*n.* a respiratory organ of fish and some other aquatic animals that extracts dissolved oxygen from water and excretes carbon dioxide
3. My father likes to \_\_\_\_\_ the lawn early on Saturday mornings.  
*v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
4. The whaling industry declined as countries began to ban the use of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a spear-like weapon used for fishing or hunting sea creatures such as whales or sharks; a sharp tool used for piercing or impaling something; (verb) to hunt or capture a fish or other sea creature using a spear-like instrument called a harpoon
5. The thief stole the wallet from the \_\_\_\_\_ tourist.  
*adj.* unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
6. The search and rescue team sent a team of \_\_\_\_\_ to search for the missing plane wreckage.  
*n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey

ANSWERS: 1. Asexual, 2. gills, 3. mow, 4. harpoons, 5. unsuspecting, 6. divers

7. The \_\_\_\_\_ climate of the region made it an ideal vacation spot.  
*adj.* mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude
8. The company has shown an excellent growth \_\_\_\_\_ over the years.  
*n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
9. Generally speaking, men have a shorter \_\_\_\_\_ than women.  
*n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
10. My left arm became \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
11. 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
12. The sudden rise in crime rates in our neighborhood is quite \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* causing concern or apprehension; causing a feeling of danger, harm, or emergency; unsettling or disturbing
13. She \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery novel in one sitting.  
*v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ on jellyfish tentacles can cause a painful sting.  
*n.* a specialized stinging cell found in the tentacles of cnidarians, such as jellyfish and sea anemones, used for protection and capturing prey

ANSWERS: 7. temperate, 8. trajectory, 9. lifespan, 10. numb, 11. clogged, 12. alarming, 13. devoured, 14. nematocysts

15. The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast \_\_\_\_\_ of the population.
- n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
16. 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
17. The sound of his chewing loudly \_\_\_\_\_ me during dinner.
- v.* to annoy, provoke, or cause resentment or anger in someone; to inflame or make sore
18. A \_\_\_\_\_ of angry bees attacked because we had approached the hive.
- n.* a group of many things, such as insects, fishes, etc., in the air or water or on the ground
19. Bees \_\_\_\_\_ as a defense mechanism when they feel threatened.
- v.* to cause a sharp, painful sensation or injury with a poison, venom, or other substance or by a physical action such as a bite or prick
20. To \_\_\_\_\_ its rivals, the company invested heavily in research and development.
- v.* to be more successful in competition than someone or something
21. Too much variety may \_\_\_\_\_ and confuse viewers.
- v.* to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody
22. The police caught the fugitive criminal in the \_\_\_\_\_ of an expanded investigation.
- n.* a flexible, mobile, and long arm-like organ used for feeling and holding things, catching food, or moving

ANSWERS: 15. swath, 16. reptile, 17. irritates, 18. swarm, 19. sting, 20. outcompete, 21. overwhelm, 22. tentacles

23. Keratosis is a skin condition characterized by the formation of excess \_\_\_\_\_ on the skin's surface
- n.* a fibrous protein that is the main structural component of hair, nails, and the outer layer of skin in mammals and birds; also found in horns, hooves, and feathers
24. The mistake was \_\_\_\_\_ and made in good faith.
- adj.* not done or made on purpose; accidental
25. The native South American animals were in danger because of the \_\_\_\_\_ arrival.
- n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
26. The tumor in her \_\_\_\_\_ was causing her difficulty in eating and drinking.
- n.* the muscular tube that connects the mouth and throat to the stomach, which allows food to pass through
27. The politician's words were full of \_\_\_\_\_ designed to hurt his opponent.
- n.* a sharp projection or point, often on a plant or animal; a cutting remark or criticism that is meant to hurt or insult; a type of fishing lure that has small hooks and a brightly colored feather or hair
28. The homeowner called the police when they spotted an \_\_\_\_\_ in their backyard.
- n.* someone who enters a place or situation without permission or invitation; someone who interrupts or interferes in something
29. The mischievous \_\_\_\_ caused trouble wherever it went.
- n.* a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore

ANSWERS: 23. keratin, 24. unintentional, 25. predator's, 26. esophagus, 27. barbs, 28. intruder, 29. imp



30. 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

31. The \_\_\_\_\_ appetite of the teenager was legendary.

- adj.* having a very strong appetite or desire for something, especially for food or activity; extremely eager or enthusiastic for something

32. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ away a fly that was buzzing around my head.

- v.* to strike or hit someone or something with a quick, sharp blow, usually with the hand or a flat object; (noun, an acronym that stands for "Special Weapons And Tactics") specialized groups within police departments that are trained to handle high-risk operations that regular officers are not equipped to deal with

33. The \_\_\_\_\_ snake bit him, causing him to go into shock.

- adj.* extremely poisonous or injurious; containing or producing venom; marked by deep ill will

34. The coral reef was home to various \_\_\_\_\_ and other sea creatures.

- n.* (of zoology) a small, typically sessile, marine animal with a hollow, cylindrical body and tentacles surrounding a central mouth, often found in colonies and sometimes forming coral reefs; (of gastroenterology) an abnormal tissue growth that can occur in the colon, rectum, or other parts of the gastrointestinal tract

35. The concert reached 100 \_\_\_\_\_ causing many people to cover their ears.

- n.* (also "dB") a unit used to measure the intensity of sound or the comparative loudness of two sounds based on a logarithmic scale

ANSWERS: 30. claw, 31. voracious, 32. swat, 33. venomous, 34. polyps, 35. decibels,

36. The venom from the snake bite \_\_\_\_\_ his arm.

*v.* to cause a person or part of the body to become unable to move or feel

37. The jellyfish's body was transparent and \_\_\_\_\_ making it difficult to see in the water.

*adj.* having the texture of jelly; having a translucent, jelly-like consistency

38. The large group of \_\_\_\_\_ swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.

*n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid

39. Certain chemicals can disrupt the proper functioning of \_\_\_\_\_ leading to reproductive problems.

*n.* a reproductive organ that produces gametes, such as testes in males or ovaries in females

40. The fishermen were alarmed to see a flock of \_\_\_\_\_ circling above the water.

*n.* a bird species that spends much of its life on or near the sea, often feeding on fish and other marine animals

41. The butterfly emerged from its \_\_\_\_\_ stage.

*n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose

42. The beach was filled with hundreds of \_\_\_\_\_ so swimming was not recommended.

*n.* a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging

ANSWERS: 36. paralyzed, 37. gelatinous, 38. dolphins, 39. gonads, 40. seabirds, 41. larva, 42. jellyfish,