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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### bask

*v.* to expose oneself to warmth, sunlight, or enjoyment with a pleasant feeling of relaxation and contentment

*synonym*: sunbathe, lounge, relax

(1) **bask** in the sun, (2) **bask** in the attention

The lizard **basked** on the warm rock for hours.

### plankton

*n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed

(1) **plankton** blooms, (2) **plankton** community

**Plankton** is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.

### opportune

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

*synonym*: suitable, timely, practical

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

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

### subsistence

*n.* the state or condition of being able to maintain or support oneself at a basic level, typically through food, shelter, and other vital necessities; the minimum resources required for survival

*synonym*: survival, livelihood, existence

(1) **subsistence** economy, (2) **subsistence** farming

The farmer's **subsistence** depended on his crops and livestock.

## sunfish

*n.* a type of fish belonging to the family Centrarchidae, typically characterized by their flat bodies, round shape, and brightly colored fins

*synonym* : bream, perch

(1) giant **sunfish**, (2) catch **sunfish**

**Sunfish** species found in freshwater lakes are popular among recreational anglers for their sporty nature.

## woodcut

*n.* a print made by cutting a design into a block of wood and then inking the surface and pressing it onto paper

*synonym* : print, engraving, relief

(1) **woodcut** printing, (2) **woodcut** block

The museum had an exhibition of famous artists' **woodcuts**.

## headland

*n.* a narrow piece of land that projects out into a body of water, typically with steep cliffs on three sides

*synonym* : promontory, cape, point

(1) **headland** erosion, (2) rocky **headland**

The lighthouse on the **headland** provided safety for ships in the stormy sea.

## drown

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

*synonym* : douse, drench, overwhelm

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

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

## suffocate

*v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression

*synonym* : choke, smother, stifle

(1) **suffocate** to death, (2) **suffocate** fire

People can **suffocate** from a lack of oxygen in confined

spaces.

## **lance**

*n.* a long, thin pole with a pointed metal end that was used by people fighting on horses in the past

*synonym*: spear, javelin, pike

(1) wield a **lance**, (2) a pennant raised on a **lance**

The gates are guarded by cavalymen armed with a **lance**.

## **frightening**

*adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming

*synonym*: scary, terrifying, alarming

(1) cast **frightening** eyes, (2) **frightening** experience

The news of the pandemic was a **frightening** reminder of the fragility of human health.

## **deplete**

*v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials

*synonym*: exhaust, consume, use up

(1) **deplete** customer confidence, (2) **deplete** glycogen stores

If we continue to **deplete** the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.

## **signify**

*v.* to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word

*synonym*: indicate, express, convey

(1) **signify** importance, (2) actions that **signify** agreement

The red lights on the dashboard **signify** that the car needs maintenance.

## **pretension**

*n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

*synonym*: presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed

when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

## unwieldy

*adj.* challenging to move or handle because of its size, shape, or weight; difficult to manage or organize because of its enormity or complexity

*synonym* : bulky, cumbersome, ungainly

(1) **unwieldy** amount of information, (2) **unwieldy** rules and regulations

A piano is an **unwieldy** thing to get down a flight of stairs.

## evocative

*adj.* tending to evoke or bring something to mind

*synonym* : suggestive, stimulating, provocative

(1) **evocative** memories, (2) **evocative** language

The music was **evocative** of a bygone era.

## confer

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

*synonym* : consult, meet, discuss

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

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

## isle

*n.* a small island, especially one in the sea

*synonym* : island, atoll, cay

(1) **isle** of paradise, (2) tiny **isle**

I love to spend my vacations on a beautiful **isle** with pristine beaches.

## fidelity

*n.* faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something

*synonym* : loyalty, devotion, allegiance

(1) **fidelity** guarantee deposit, (2) high **fidelity** music

The couple promised each other **fidelity** in their marriage vows.

## peninsula

*n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land

*synonym* : cape, foreland

(1) the tip of the **peninsula**, (2) the Arab **peninsula**

That **peninsula** was an essential base for the country's defense.

## reconstruct

*v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed

*synonym* : rebuild, revamp, reorganize

(1) **reconstruct** an image, (2) **reconstruct** the original text

They've decided to **reconstruct** a ruined castle.

## detach

*v.* to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage

*synonym* : separate, disengage, disconnect

(1) **detach** a ticket from its stub, (2) **detach** you from the matter

She **detached** the trailer from the truck before driving away.

## nova

*n.* a star that suddenly becomes brighter, typically because of an explosion in its interior; a sudden increase or burst of activity or growth

*synonym* : supernova, exploding star, nova remnant

(1) **nova** explosion, (2) **nova** star

The astronomer spent months studying the **nova's** light spectrum to learn more about its properties.

## 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.

## equator

*n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around

40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)

(1) south of the **equator**, (2) above the **equator**  
Ecuador is on the **equator**.

## ancestry

*n.* the family or the ethnic descent that you come from  
*synonym*: ancestor, family, descent

(1) a distinguished **ancestry**, (2) prehuman **ancestry**  
He looked down on the royal **ancestry** of the neighboring country.

## passee

*adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

*synonym*: outdated, old-fashioned, antique

(1) **passee** entertainment, (2) **passee** trend

Bell-bottom jeans, once considered **passee** fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

## microsatellite

*n.* a short and repetitive DNA sequence, also known as a simple sequence repeat (SSR), often used in genetics to analyze genetic variations and relationships

*synonym*: short tandem repeat, SSR

(1) genetic **microsatellite**, (2) DNA **microsatellite**

Scientists use **microsatellite** markers to analyze genetic variations and relationships in populations.

## time-consuming

*adj.* requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete

*synonym*: lengthy, prolonged, protracted

(1) **time-consuming** project, (2) **time-consuming** process

Writing a research paper can be a **time-consuming** task.

## bottleneck

*n.* a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry

*synonym*: blockage, obstacle, barrier

(1) performance **bottleneck**, (2) **bottleneck** in production  
Memory bandwidth is a significant **bottleneck** in this computational simulation.

## 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**.

## skeptic

*n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

*synonym*: doubter, disbeliever, questioner

(1) an ingrained **skeptic**, (2) climate **skeptic**

He was a **skeptic** who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

## constrain

*v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

*synonym*: restrict, limit, confine

(1) **constrain** his freedom, (2) **constrain** information flow

The political situation **constrained** the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

## bycatch

*n.* the unintentional capture of non-target species in fishing or harvesting operations, often resulting in their injury or death

*synonym*: byproduct, incidental catch

(1) reduce **bycatch**, (2) sustainable **bycatch**

The fishermen were careful to avoid **bycatch** while fishing for tuna in the ocean.

## trawl

*v.* to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information

*synonym* : fish, dredge, drag

(1) **trawl** the Internet for free music, (2) **trawl** for fish

The fisherman used a net to **trawl** the bottom of the river for his catch.

## rib

*n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule

*synonym* : costa

(1) brake a **rib**, (2) **rib** cage

The accident caused a cracked **rib**.

## smack

*v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

*synonym* : hit, slap, strike

(1) **smack** on the lips, (2) **smack** his knee

The baseball player **smacked** the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

## startle

*v.* to cause a sudden or unexpected reaction of surprise, alarm, or fear in someone, typically by means of a sudden and loud noise, movement, or event

*synonym* : frighten, shock, surprise

(1) **startle** for a moment, (2) **startle** the world

The loud bang outside the window caused him to **startle** and spill his coffee.

## pier

*n.* a structure built on posts extending from land out into a body of water used as a landing place for boats or as a recreational area

*synonym* : jetty, wharf, dock

(1) **pier** fishing, (2) a landing **pier**

Families gathered on the head of a **pier** to watch the sunset and catch a glimpse of the dolphins swimming in the bay.

## slime

*n.* a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet

*synonym* : muck, ooze, gunk



(1) **slime** bacteria, (2) **slime** mold

The kids loved playing with the green **slime**, but it was a nightmare to clean up.

### **crossbow**

*n.* a weapon consisting of a bow mounted on a stock that shoots projectiles, such as arrows, by pulling a trigger  
*synonym*: bow, arrow gun, slingshot

(1) medieval **crossbow**, (2) **crossbow** bolts

The hunter aimed his **crossbow** at the deer in the forest.

### **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.

### **scrape**

*v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter

*synonym*: scratch, graze, rub

(1) **scrape** meat off a bone, (2) **scrape** a hole in the ground

He **scraped** the mud off his boots before entering the house.

### **amaze**

*v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

*synonym*: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

### **amplify**

*v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

*synonym*: intensify, boost, argument

(1) **amplify** a signal, (2) **amplify** the effect

You might need to **amplify** this point.

### **excite**

*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

*synonym*: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion  
The news of her promotion **excited** her.

## **humpback**

*n.* a large whale that has a hump on its back and long flippers, found in both the northern and southern hemispheres

*synonym*: whale, cetacean, mammal

(1) **humpback** mountain, (2) **humpback** bridge

The **humpback** whale is known for its distinctive songs that can travel great distances.

## **clasp**

*v.* to hold tightly with the hands, arms, or other parts of the body; to fasten or secure something with a device such as a hook, clip, or buckle; (noun) a device used for fastening things together

*synonym*: grasp, grip, fasten

(1) **clasp** his seatbelt, (2) **clasp** a necklace

I **clasp** my friend's hand to congratulate her on her achievement.

## **dangle**

*v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

*synonym*: swing, hang, drape

(1) **dangle** a carrot, (2) **dangle** a pendant

The earring on her earlobe would **dangle** as she moved her head.

## **staggering**

*adj.* so shocking as to stun or overwhelm

*synonym*: astounding, astonishing, stunning

(1) **staggering** number, (2) a **staggering** defeat

The amount of money required was **staggering**.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. a sta\_\_\_\_\_ng defeat *adj.* so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
2. giant su\_\_\_\_\_h *n.* a type of fish belonging to the family Centrarchidae, typically characterized by their flat bodies, round shape, and brightly colored fins
3. sm\_\_k on the lips *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
4. tr\_\_l for fish *v.* to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information
5. n\_\_a explosion *n.* a star that suddenly becomes brighter, typically because of an explosion in its interior; a sudden increase or burst of activity or growth
6. sl\_\_e mold *n.* a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet
7. cl\_\_p a necklace *v.* to hold tightly with the hands, arms, or other parts of the body; to fasten or secure something with a device such as a hook, clip, or buckle; (noun) a device used for fastening things together
8. fi\_\_\_\_\_ty guarantee deposit *n.* faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something

ANSWERS: 1. staggering, 2. sunfish, 3. smack, 4. trawl, 5. nova, 6. slime, 7. clasp, 8. fidelity

9. sc\_\_\_e meat off a bone      *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
10. su\_\_\_\_\_te fire      *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
11. am\_\_e and entertain visitors      *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
12. co\_\_\_r honor      *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
13. climate sk\_\_\_\_\_c      *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
14. wield a la\_\_e      *n.* a long, thin pole with a pointed metal end that was used by people fighting on horses in the past
15. catch su\_\_\_\_\_h      *n.* a type of fish belonging to the family Centrarchidae, typically characterized by their flat bodies, round shape, and brightly colored fins
16. 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

ANSWERS: 9. scrape, 10. suffocate, 11. amaze, 12. confer, 13. skeptic, 14. lance, 15. sunfish, 16. temperate



27. pl\_\_\_\_\_on community *n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
28. de\_\_\_h you from the matter *v.* to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage
29. r\_b cage *n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule
30. i\_\_e of paradise *n.* a small island, especially one in the sea
31. co\_\_\_\_r degree *v.* to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
32. a pennant raised on a la\_\_e *n.* a long, thin pole with a pointed metal end that was used by people fighting on horses in the past
33. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
34. the Arab pe\_\_\_\_\_la *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
35. wo\_\_\_\_\_t printing *n.* a print made by cutting a design into a block of wood and then inking the surface and pressing it onto paper
36. am\_\_\_\_\_y the effect *v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness
37. high fi\_\_\_\_\_ty music *n.* faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something

ANSWERS: 27. plankton, 28. detach, 29. rib, 30. isle, 31. confer, 32. lance, 33. excite, 34. peninsula, 35. woodcut, 36. amplify, 37. fidelity

38. hu\_\_\_\_ck bridge *n.* a large whale that has a hump on its back and long flippers, found in both the northern and southern hemispheres
39. dr\_\_n in a bath *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
40. an ingrained sk\_\_\_\_c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
41. de\_\_\_\_h a ticket from its stub *v.* to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage
42. da\_\_\_\_e a carrot *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
43. medieval cr\_\_\_\_ow *n.* a weapon consisting of a bow mounted on a stock that shoots projectiles, such as arrows, by pulling a trigger
44. south of the eq\_\_\_\_r *n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
45. co\_\_\_\_in his freedom *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
46. cl\_\_p his seatbelt *v.* to hold tightly with the hands, arms, or other parts of the body; to fasten or secure something with a device such as a hook, clip, or buckle; (noun) a device used for fastening things together

ANSWERS: 38. humpback, 39. drown, 40. skeptic, 41. detach, 42. dangle, 43. crossbow, 44. equator, 45. constrain, 46. clasp

47. rocky he\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a narrow piece of land that projects out into a body of water, typically with steep cliffs on three sides
48. 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
49. un\_\_\_\_\_dy amount of information *adj.* challenging to move or handle because of its size, shape, or weight; difficult to manage or organize because of its enormity or complexity
50. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
51. sm\_\_k his knee *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
52. pa\_\_e entertainment *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
53. a distinguished an\_\_\_\_\_ry *n.* the family or the ethnic descent that you come from
54. pre\_\_\_\_\_on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
55. ev\_\_\_\_\_ve language *adj.* tending to evoke or bring something to mind

ANSWERS: 47. headland, 48. temperate, 49. unwieldy, 50. opportune, 51. smack, 52. passe, 53. ancestry, 54. pretension, 55. evocative



56. rec\_\_\_\_\_ct an image      *v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
57. ex\_\_\_e rebellion      *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
58. sc\_\_\_e a hole in the ground      *v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
59. co\_\_\_\_\_in information flow      *v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something
60. genetic mic\_\_\_\_\_ite      *n.* a short and repetitive DNA sequence, also known as a simple sequence repeat (SSR), often used in genetics to analyze genetic variations and relationships
61. st\_\_\_\_\_e the world      *v.* to cause a sudden or unexpected reaction of surprise, alarm, or fear in someone, typically by means of a sudden and loud noise, movement, or event
62. the tip of the pe\_\_\_\_\_la      *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
63. pa\_\_e trend      *adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date
64. st\_\_\_\_\_e for a moment      *v.* to cause a sudden or unexpected reaction of surprise, alarm, or fear in someone, typically by means of a sudden and loud noise, movement, or event

ANSWERS: 56. reconstruct, 57. excite, 58. scrape, 59. constrain, 60. microsatellite, 61. startle, 62. peninsula, 63. passe, 64. startle

65. 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
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73. a landing p\_\_r *n.* a structure built on posts extending from land out into a body of water used as a landing place for boats or as a recreational area

ANSWERS: 65. dolphin, 66. headland, 67. time-consuming, 68. deplete, 69. numb, 70. bask, 71. trawl, 72. signify, 73. pier

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ANSWERS: 74. dangle, 75. opportune, 76. deplete, 77. unwieldy, 78. woodcut, 79. bask, 80. isle, 81. nova, 82. plankton

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ANSWERS: 83. subsistence, 84. equator, 85. reconstruct, 86. amaze, 87. pier, 88. frightening, 89. crossbow, 90. pretension, 91. bycatch

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98. hu\_\_\_\_\_ck mountain *n.* a large whale that has a hump on its back and long flippers, found in both the northern and southern hemispheres
99. su\_\_\_\_\_te to death *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
100. a n\_\_b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity

ANSWERS: 92. rib, 93. microsatellite, 94. amplify, 95. ancestry, 96. bottleneck, 97. frightening, 98. humpback, 99. suffocate, 100. numb

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.  
*n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
  
2. They've decided to \_\_\_\_\_ a ruined castle.  
*v.* to build or form something again that has been damaged or destroyed
  
3. The news of the pandemic was a \_\_\_\_\_ reminder of the fragility of human health.  
*adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
  
4. The fishermen were careful to avoid \_\_\_\_\_ while fishing for tuna in the ocean.  
*n.* the unintentional capture of non-target species in fishing or harvesting operations, often resulting in their injury or death
  
5. The fisherman used a net to \_\_\_\_\_ the bottom of the river for his catch.  
*v.* to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information
  
6. If we continue to \_\_\_\_\_ the Earth's natural resources, we will cause severe damage to the environment.  
*v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
  
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ whale is known for its distinctive songs that can travel great distances.  
*n.* a large whale that has a hump on its back and long flippers, found in both the northern and southern hemispheres

ANSWERS: 1. skeptic, 2. reconstruct, 3. frightening, 4. bycatch, 5. trawl, 6. deplete, 7. humpback

8. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.

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

9. Memory bandwidth is a significant \_\_\_\_\_ in this computational simulation.

*n.* a narrow or busy section of road or a junction where the traffic often gets slower and stops; anything that slows down development or progress, especially in business or industry

10. The earring on her earlobe would \_\_\_\_\_ as she moved her head.

*v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

11. Bell-bottom jeans, once considered \_\_\_\_\_ fashion, have made a surprising comeback in recent years.

*adj.* no longer fashionable or current; outdated; considered to be old-fashioned or out of date

12. Floods have the potential to \_\_\_\_\_ any subsurface animals easily.

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

13. 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

14. The leaders of the two countries met to \_\_\_\_\_ on the issue.

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

ANSWERS: 8. opportune, 9. bottleneck, 10. dangle, 11. passe, 12. drown, 13. dolphins, 14. confer



15. My left arm became \_\_\_\_\_.

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

16. \_\_\_\_\_ species found in freshwater lakes are popular among recreational anglers for their sporty nature.

*n.* a type of fish belonging to the family Centrarchidae, typically characterized by their flat bodies, round shape, and brightly colored fins

17. The couple promised each other \_\_\_\_\_ in their marriage vows.

*n.* faithfulness to a person, cause, or thing; loyalty or devotion to a duty or obligation; accuracy or exactness in reproducing or representing something

18. The red lights on the dashboard \_\_\_\_\_ that the car needs maintenance.

*v.* to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word

19. The political situation \_\_\_\_\_ the country's economic growth and foreign relations.

*v.* to restrict or limit someone or something's freedom or ability to do something

20. That \_\_\_\_\_ was an essential base for the country's defense.

*n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land

21. Scientists use \_\_\_\_\_ markers to analyze genetic variations and relationships in populations.

*n.* a short and repetitive DNA sequence, also known as a simple sequence repeat (SSR), often used in genetics to analyze genetic variations and relationships

ANSWERS: 15. numb, 16. Sunfish, 17. fidelity, 18. signify, 19. constrained, 20. peninsula, 21. microsatellite

22. The lighthouse on the \_\_\_\_\_ provided safety for ships in the stormy sea.  
*n.* a narrow piece of land that projects out into a body of water, typically with steep cliffs on three sides
23. The amount of money required was \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* so shocking as to stun or overwhelm
24. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.  
*v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
25. The kids loved playing with the green \_\_\_\_\_ but it was a nightmare to clean up.  
*n.* a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet
26. The museum had an exhibition of famous artists' \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* a print made by cutting a design into a block of wood and then inking the surface and pressing it onto paper
27. The magician's tricks \_\_\_\_\_ the audience.  
*v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
28. Writing a research paper can be a \_\_\_\_\_ task.  
*adj.* requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete
29. Ecuador is on the \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
30. The music was \_\_\_\_\_ of a bygone era.  
*adj.* tending to evoke or bring something to mind

ANSWERS: 22. headland, 23. staggering, 24. excited, 25. slime, 26. woodcuts, 27. amazed, 28. time-consuming, 29. equator, 30. evocative

31. The hunter aimed his \_\_\_\_\_ at the deer in the forest.
- n.* a weapon consisting of a bow mounted on a stock that shoots projectiles, such as arrows, by pulling a trigger
32. He \_\_\_\_\_ the mud off his boots before entering the house.
- v.* to draw something along a rough or hard surface, typically to remove dirt or other matter
33. The lizard \_\_\_\_\_ on the warm rock for hours.
- v.* to expose oneself to warmth, sunlight, or enjoyment with a pleasant feeling of relaxation and contentment
34. He looked down on the royal \_\_\_\_\_ of the neighboring country.
- n.* the family or the ethnic descent that you come from
35. His \_\_\_\_\_ of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.
- n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
36. People can \_\_\_\_\_ from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.
- v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
37. The baseball player \_\_\_\_\_ the ball out of the park, securing a home run.
- v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
38. The accident caused a cracked \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* each of a series of curved bones that are connected to the spine and surround the chest; (adjective) subject to laughter or ridicule

ANSWERS: 31. crossbow, 32. scraped, 33. basked, 34. ancestry, 35. pretensions, 36. suffocate, 37. smacked, 38. rib

39. Families gathered on the head of a \_\_\_\_\_ to watch the sunset and catch a glimpse of the dolphins swimming in the bay.
- n.* a structure built on posts extending from land out into a body of water used as a landing place for boats or as a recreational area
40. The farmer's \_\_\_\_\_ depended on his crops and livestock.
- n.* the state or condition of being able to maintain or support oneself at a basic level, typically through food, shelter, and other vital necessities; the minimum resources required for survival
41. The \_\_\_\_\_ climate of the region made it an ideal vacation spot.
- adj.* mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude
42. She \_\_\_\_\_ the trailer from the truck before driving away.
- v.* to separate or disjoin something from something else; to disengage
43. \_\_\_\_\_ is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.
- n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
44. I \_\_\_\_\_ my friend's hand to congratulate her on her achievement.
- v.* to hold tightly with the hands, arms, or other parts of the body; to fasten or secure something with a device such as a hook, clip, or buckle; (noun) a device used for fastening things together
45. You might need to \_\_\_\_\_ this point.
- v.* to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness

ANSWERS: 39. pier, 40. subsistence, 41. temperate, 42. detached, 43. Plankton, 44. clasp, 45. amplify

46. The astronomer spent months studying the \_\_\_\_\_ light spectrum to learn more about its properties.

*n.* a star that suddenly becomes brighter, typically because of an explosion in its interior; a sudden increase or burst of activity or growth

47. The loud bang outside the window caused him to \_\_\_\_\_ and spill his coffee.

*v.* to cause a sudden or unexpected reaction of surprise, alarm, or fear in someone, typically by means of a sudden and loud noise, movement, or event

48. The gates are guarded by cavalymen armed with a \_\_\_\_\_.

*n.* a long, thin pole with a pointed metal end that was used by people fighting on horses in the past

49. I love to spend my vacations on a beautiful \_\_\_\_\_ with pristine beaches.

*n.* a small island, especially one in the sea

50. A piano is an \_\_\_\_\_ thing to get down a flight of stairs.

*adj.* challenging to move or handle because of its size, shape, or weight; difficult to manage or organize because of its enormity or complexity

ANSWERS: 46. nova's, 47. startle, 48. lance, 49. isle, 50. unwieldy