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Session 1: Word List

inconvenient

adj. causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable

synonym: troublesome, difficult, awkward

(1) face an **inconvenient** truth, (2) **inconvenient** for shopping

It was **inconvenient** for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.

spurt

v. to suddenly burst forth or flow out powerfully or suddenly; to make a sudden effort or increase in activity or energy

synonym: gush, surge, spew

(1) unexpectedly **spurt**, (2) **spurt** across the table

The water hose suddenly **spurred** out a strong jet of water.

rainforest

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

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

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

deforestation

n. the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area

synonym: clear-cutting, desertification

(1) **deforestation** of the tropics, (2) the lowest

deforestation rate

Large-scale **deforestation** also has a significant impact on marine ecosystems in the area.

seam

n. a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil

synonym : stitch, seam, joint

(1) uneven **seam**, (2) the **seam** on the shoulder

She took the dress to the tailor to fix the torn **seam**.

primeval

adj. relating to or existing at the earliest ages; ancient, primitive, or prehistoric

synonym : ancient, primal, archaic

(1) **primeval** forests, (2) archaic **primeval** cultures

The cave paintings offer a glimpse into **primeval** human art.

soybean

n. a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications

synonym : soya, edamame

(1) **soybean** oil, (2) **soybean** production

The farmer harvested his **soybean** crop and took it to market.

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.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym : interlink, complect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

startling

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

synonym : alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery

He describes the story with **startling** reality.

pasture

n. an area of land used for grazing livestock

synonym : grazing land, meadow, lea

(1) **pasture** for sheep, (2) permanent **pasture**

The cows were grazing in the **pasture**.

rangeland

n. an extensive area of predominantly open land, often used for livestock grazing and forage production

synonym : pasture, grassland, meadow

(1) sustainable **rangeland**, (2) managed **rangeland**

The government implemented new regulations to protect **rangeland** from overgrazing.

devote

v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose

synonym : commit, dedicate, apply

(1) **devote** all of my energies, (2) **devote** my own life

He **devoted** himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.

sprawl

v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out

synonym : drape, spread out

(1) **sprawl** out luxuriously on the sofa, (2) **sprawl** for acres

The lush vegetation **sprawls** across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.

lettuce

n. a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor

synonym : greens, salad, cress

(1) crisp **lettuce**, (2) wilted **lettuce**

I want a sandwich with extra **lettuce**, please.

irrigate

v. to supply water to land to help plants grow

synonym: water, drench, soak

(1) **irrigate** fields, (2) **irrigate** the flowers and plants

The water shortage in the region has made it difficult for farmers to **irrigate** their crops.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

snowmelt

n. the runoff of water resulting from the melting of snow and ice, usually in spring or early summer

synonym: melting, thawing

(1) **snowmelt** flooding, (2) **snowmelt** season

The town faced a flood threat due to rapid **snowmelt** in the mountains.

divert

v. to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

synonym: distract, redirect, sidetrack

(1) **divert** attention, (2) **divert** an assault

Due to the road construction, we had to **divert** our course to get to the restaurant.

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.

shoreline

n. a line that separates land and sea

(1) **shoreline** erosion, (2) coral-reef **shoreline**

Flooding occurs along the city's **shoreline** due to the storm surge.

airborne

adj. moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air

synonym: flying, aerial, floating

(1) **airborne** troop, (2) **airborne** particles

The amount of **airborne** pollen this year is higher than usual.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym: legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

gore

v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death;
(noun) coagulated blood from a wound

synonym: pierce, stab, puncture

(1) **gore** him with a weapon, (2) **gore** scene

The hunter **gored** the deer with an arrow.

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.

moor

n. a large area of open country, typically on high ground, covered with rough grass or heath, especially in Britain

synonym: heath, upland, bog

(1) low- **moor** bog, (2) **moor** the ship

The rolling **moor** was a large, open area of high ground covered with heather.

terrify

v. to frighten someone very much

synonym: unnerve, scare, horrify

(1) **terrify** people, (2) the threats **terrify** him

It would be best not to **terrify** your associates into doing complex tasks.

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

emit

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

synonym: give off, radiate, expel

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

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

methane

n. a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

(1) atmospheric **methane**, (2) reduce **methane** emissions

The ignition of **methane** gas in the plant killed five employees.

nit

n. the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person

(1) **nit** in the dog's fur, (2) she is a little **nit**

Careful brushing can remove **nit**.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues

to **electrify** the market.

phosphorus

n. a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element

synonym : P, phosphoric, phosphorous

(1) **phosphorus** element, (2) yellow **phosphorus**

Phosphorus compounds are commonly used to manufacture fertilizers to promote plant growth.

unleash

v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled

synonym : discharge, free, release

(1) **unleash** a hound, (2) **unleash** her anger

The general was still reluctant to **unleash** his troops in pursuit of an enemy.

biofuel

n. a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels

synonym : renewable energy, green fuel, alternative fuel

(1) **biofuel** production, (2) **biofuel** technology

The airplane was powered by a **biofuel** made from plant-based materials.

populous

adj. having a large population; densely or heavily populated; inhabited by many people

synonym : crowded, populated, teeming

(1) **populous** metropolis, (2) **populous** country

The country's most **populous** cities all are located along the coastline.

bioenergy

n. energy derived from biomass materials, such as plants or organic waste, that can be converted into a usable form of heat, electricity, or fuel

synonym : green energy

(1) **bioenergy** potential, (2) **bioenergy** plant

Bioenergy production can be achieved through various methods, such as anaerobic digestion and combustion.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

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.

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

bloc

n. a group of countries or political parties that have similar interests or goals and often act together

synonym: group, alliance, coalition

(1) **bloc** countries, (2) a **bloc** of developing nations

The country decided to join the economic **bloc** to benefit from the trade agreements.

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.

trade-off

n. a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

synonym : compromise, balance, exchange

(1) **trade-off** problem, (2) environmental **trade-off**

There was a **trade-off** between speed and accuracy in the task.

foreground

n. the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer

(1) **foreground** segmentation, (2) **foreground** galaxy

A happy group of friends occupies the **foreground** of the picture.

cropland

n. land used for growing crops, typically for agricultural purposes

synonym : cultivated land, farmland, arable land

(1) **cropland** management, (2) irrigated **cropland**

The government has set aside a large area of **cropland** for agricultural research.

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.

fertilize

v. to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well

synonym : pollinate, inseminate, enrich

(1) **fertilize** the soil, (2) **fertilize** the female egg

The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to **fertilize** a wife.

drip

v. to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops

synonym : drop, drizzle, trickle

(1) **drip** liquid, (2) **drip** from the vicious wound

Water is **dripping** from the faucet.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym : reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

justly

adv. in a fair, equitable, or morally right manner; according to what is right or deserved

synonym : righteously, fairly, equitably

(1) **justly** treated, (2) **justly** rewarded

The judge **justly** sentenced the criminal to life in prison.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
2. atmospheric me_____e *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
3. g__e him with a weapon *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
4. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
5. re_____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
6. sp__t across the table *v.* to suddenly burst forth or flow out powerfully or suddenly; to make a sudden effort or increase in activity or energy
7. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
8. sn_____lt season *n.* the runoff of water resulting from the melting of snow and ice, usually in spring or early summer
9. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
10. su_____e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

ANSWERS: 1. industrious, 2. methane, 3. gore, 4. writ, 5. recycle, 6. spurt, 7. archaeology, 8. snowmelt, 9. electrify, 10. supple

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| 11. fo_____nts in the snow | <i>n.</i> a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface |
| 12. managed ra_____nd | <i>n.</i> an extensive area of predominantly open land, often used for livestock grazing and forage production |
| 13. ju___y rewarded | <i>adv.</i> in a fair, equitable, or morally right manner; according to what is right or deserved |
| 14. permanent pa_____e | <i>n.</i> an area of land used for grazing livestock |
| 15. ex_____e in anger | <i>v.</i> to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open |
| 16. di_____t sleep | <i>v.</i> to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance |
| 17. def_____ion of the tropics | <i>n.</i> the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area |
| 18. French pa_____x | <i>n.</i> a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange; |
| 19. b__c countries | <i>n.</i> a group of countries or political parties that have similar interests or goals and often act together |
| 20. crisp le_____e | <i>n.</i> a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor |

ANSWERS: 11. footprint, 12. rangeland, 13. justly, 14. pasture, 15. explode, 16. disrupt, 17. deforestation, 18. paradox, 19. bloc, 20. lettuce

21. sn_____lt flooding *n.* the runoff of water resulting from the melting of snow and ice, usually in spring or early summer
22. de_____e all of my energies *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
23. pr_____al forests *adj.* relating to or existing at the earliest ages; ancient, primitive, or prehistoric
24. ju_____y treated *adv.* in a fair, equitable, or morally right manner; according to what is right or deserved
25. the s____m on the shoulder *n.* a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil
26. fo_____nd galaxy *n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
27. su_____e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
28. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
29. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
30. fo_____nd segmentation *n.* the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer
31. ai_____ne troop *adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air

ANSWERS: 21. snowmelt, 22. devote, 23. primeval, 24. justly, 25. seam, 26. foreground, 27. supple, 28. opportune, 29. industrious, 30. foreground, 31. airborne

32. pa____e for sheep *n.* an area of land used for grazing livestock
33. a w__t of summons *n.* a written legal order or command
34. st_____ng earthquake shocks *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
35. po____us metropolis *adj.* having a large population; densely or heavily populated; inhabited by many people
36. inc_____ent for shopping *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
37. the institute of arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
38. low-m__r bog *n.* a large area of open country, typically on high ground, covered with rough grass or heath, especially in Britain
39. a b__c of developing nations *n.* a group of countries or political parties that have similar interests or goals and often act together
40. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
41. e__t a gamma ray *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
42. g__e scene *v.* to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound
43. uneven s__m *n.* a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil

ANSWERS: 32. pasture, 33. writ, 34. startling, 35. populous, 36. inconvenient, 37. archaeology, 38. moor, 39. bloc, 40. explode, 41. emit, 42. gore, 43. seam

44. di___t attention *v.* to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose
45. de___e my own life *v.* to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
46. tropical rai_____st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
47. sh_____ne erosion *n.* a line that separates land and sea
48. reduce me_____e emissions *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
49. un_____h a hound *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
50. yellow pho_____us *n.* a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element
51. bi_____gy potential *n.* energy derived from biomass materials, such as plants or organic waste, that can be converted into a usable form of heat, electricity, or fuel
52. the threats te_____y him *v.* to frighten someone very much
53. 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: 44. divert, 45. devote, 46. rainforest, 47. shoreline, 48. methane, 49. unleash, 50. phosphorus, 51. bioenergy, 52. terrify, 53. pier

54. re_____e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
55. cr_____nd management *n.* land used for growing crops, typically for agricultural purposes
56. directly int_____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
57. bi_____l production *n.* a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels
58. tr_____ff problem *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
59. te_____y people *v.* to frighten someone very much
60. d__p liquid *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
61. fe_____ze the soil *v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
62. rai_____st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
63. coral-reef sh_____ne *n.* a line that separates land and sea
64. archaic pr_____al cultures *adj.* relating to or existing at the earliest ages; ancient, primitive, or prehistoric

ANSWERS: 54. recycle, 55. cropland, 56. interconnect, 57. biofuel, 58. trade-off, 59. terrify, 60. drip, 61. fertilize, 62. rainforest, 63. shoreline, 64. primeval

65. bi_____gy plant *n.* energy derived from biomass materials, such as plants or organic waste, that can be converted into a usable form of heat, electricity, or fuel
66. ir_____te the flowers and plants *v.* to supply water to land to help plants grow
67. sp____l out luxuriously on the sofa *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
68. so_____n oil *n.* a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications
69. ir_____te fields *v.* to supply water to land to help plants grow
70. m__r the ship *n.* a large area of open country, typically on high ground, covered with rough grass or heath, especially in Britain
71. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
72. e__t air pollution *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
73. n_t in the dog's fur *n.* the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person
74. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

ANSWERS: 65. bioenergy, 66. irrigate, 67. sprawl, 68. soybean, 69. irrigate, 70. moor, 71. disrupt, 72. emit, 73. nit, 74. electrify

75. p__r fishing *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
76. environmental tr_____ff *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
77. po_____us country *adj.* having a large population; densely or heavily populated; inhabited by many people
78. wilted le_____e *n.* a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor
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81. d__p from the vicious wound *v.* to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
82. fa_____nd acreage *n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes
83. ai_____ne particles *adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
84. bi_____l technology *n.* a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels

ANSWERS: 75. pier, 76. trade-off, 77. populous, 78. lettuce, 79. rangeland, 80. spurt, 81. drip, 82. farmland, 83. airborne, 84. biofuel

85. face an inc_____ent truth *adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
86. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
87. the lowest def_____ion rate *n.* the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area
88. human activities int_____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things
89. pho_____us element *n.* a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element
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91. so_____n production *n.* a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications
92. sp_____l for acres *v.* to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
93. di_____t an assault *v.* to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose
94. she is a little n_t *n.* the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person

ANSWERS: 85. inconvenient, 86. footprint, 87. deforestation, 88. interconnect, 89. phosphorus, 90. opportune, 91. soybean, 92. sprawl, 93. divert, 94. nit

95. fe_____ze the female egg *v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
96. fertile fa_____nd *n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes
97. the pa_____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
98. st_____ng discovery *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
99. un_____h her anger *v.* to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
100. irrigated cr_____nd *n.* land used for growing crops, typically for agricultural purposes

ANSWERS: 95. fertilize, 96. farmland, 97. paradox, 98. startling, 99. unleash, 100. cropland

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
 - v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

2. We largely _____ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.
 - v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

3. He describes the story with _____ reality.
 - adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

4. The hunter _____ the deer with an arrow.
 - v. to pierce with a sharp object, causing injury or death; (noun) coagulated blood from a wound

5. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.
 - v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

6. The ignition of _____ gas in the plant killed five employees.
 - n. a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

7. Careful brushing can remove _____.
 - n. the egg of a louse (= that is a tiny insect that lives in human hair) or some other insect; a foolish person

ANSWERS: 1. electrify, 2. recycle, 3. startling, 4. gored, 5. disrupt, 6. methane, 7. nit

8. Flooding occurs along the city's _____ due to the storm surge.
n. a line that separates land and sea
9. The amount of _____ pollen this year is higher than usual.
adj. moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
10. Water is _____ from the faucet.
v. to fall in drops or make it fall in drops; (noun) liquid or moisture that falls in drops
11. The general was still reluctant to _____ his troops in pursuit of an enemy.
v. to suddenly release a strong force, emotion, etc. that cannot be controlled
12. She teaches _____ at the local university.
n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
13. There was a _____ between speed and accuracy in the task.
n. a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
14. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
15. During the unloading, the container box _____ a clicking sound.
v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
16. The rolling _____ was a large, open area of high ground covered with heather.
n. a large area of open country, typically on high ground, covered with rough grass or heath, especially in Britain

ANSWERS: 8. shoreline, 9. airborne, 10. dripping, 11. unleash, 12. archaeology, 13. trade-off, 14. opportune, 15. emits, 16. moor

17. I want a sandwich with extra _____ please.

- n.* a leafy vegetable that is often used as a base for salads or sandwiches; it has green leaves and a mild flavor

18. _____ compounds are commonly used to manufacture fertilizers to promote plant growth.

- n.* a chemical element with the symbol P and atomic number 15 that is a non-metallic, highly reactive, and luminescent element

19. The government implemented new regulations to protect _____ from overgrazing.

- n.* an extensive area of predominantly open land, often used for livestock grazing and forage production

20. 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

21. The destruction of the _____ is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

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

22. The water hose suddenly _____ out a strong jet of water.

- v.* to suddenly burst forth or flow out powerfully or suddenly; to make a sudden effort or increase in activity or energy

23. It would be best not to _____ your associates into doing complex tasks.

- v.* to frighten someone very much

ANSWERS: 17. lettuce, 18. Phosphorus, 19. rangeland, 20. pier, 21. rainforest, 22. spurted, 23. terrify

24. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.
- n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
25. It was _____ for her to go out of her way to pick up the package.
- adj.* causing trouble or difficulty; not convenient or suitable
26. The cows were grazing in the _____.
- n.* an area of land used for grazing livestock
27. The country decided to join the economic _____ to benefit from the trade agreements.
- n.* a group of countries or political parties that have similar interests or goals and often act together
28. She took the dress to the tailor to fix the torn _____.
- n.* a line of stitching or joining where two pieces of fabric or material are united; also, a narrow furrow or fissure in rock or soil
29. The country's most _____ cities all are located along the coastline.
- adj.* having a large population; densely or heavily populated; inhabited by many people
30. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n.* a written legal order or command
31. The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to _____ a wife.
- v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well

ANSWERS: 24. footprint, 25. inconvenient, 26. pasture, 27. bloc, 28. seam, 29. populous, 30. writ, 31. fertilize

32. The cave paintings offer a glimpse into _____ human art.

adj. relating to or existing at the earliest ages; ancient, primitive, or prehistoric

33. 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

34. The farmer harvested his _____ crop and took it to market.

n. a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications

35. Our system can now _____ with other databases.

v. to connect similar things

36. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.

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

37. A happy group of friends occupies the _____ of the picture.

n. the part of a view, picture, etc., that is nearest to the viewer

38. The water shortage in the region has made it difficult for farmers to _____ their crops.

v. to supply water to land to help plants grow

39. The government is encouraging farmers to expand their _____ to increase food production.

n. land used for farming or agricultural purposes

ANSWERS: 32. primeval, 33. supple, 34. soybean, 35. interconnect, 36. exploded, 37. foreground, 38. irrigate, 39. farmland

40. The airplane was powered by a _____ made from plant-based materials.
n. a fuel produced from organic matter, such as crops or waste material, that can be used to replace or supplement traditional fossil fuels
41. The lush vegetation _____ across the wonderfully landscaped gardens.
v. to sit, lie, or fall with one's arms and legs spread out
42. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
43. The government has set aside a large area of _____ for agricultural research.
n. land used for growing crops, typically for agricultural purposes
44. The town faced a flood threat due to rapid _____ in the mountains.
n. the runoff of water resulting from the melting of snow and ice, usually in spring or early summer
45. He _____ himself to studying the history of ancient civilizations.
v. to commit or dedicate oneself or one's time, effort, or energy to a particular task or purpose
46. _____ production can be achieved through various methods, such as anaerobic digestion and combustion.
n. energy derived from biomass materials, such as plants or organic waste, that can be converted into a usable form of heat, electricity, or fuel
47. Due to the road construction, we had to _____ our course to get to the restaurant.
v. to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

ANSWERS: 40. biofuel, 41. sprawls, 42. industrious, 43. cropland, 44. snowmelt, 45. devoted, 46. Bioenergy, 47. divert

48. The judge _____ sentenced the criminal to life in prison.

adv. in a fair, equitable, or morally right manner; according to what is right or deserved

49. Large-scale _____ also has a significant impact on marine ecosystems in the area.

n. the act of cutting down or burning trees in a large area

50. There are many theories to explain this _____.

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

ANSWERS: 48. justly, 49. deforestation, 50. paradox