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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### leopard

*n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia

(1) snow **leopard**, (2) **leopard** print

**Leopards** lurked in the grass to catch their prey.

### baobab

*n.* a type of African tree with a large, bulbous trunk and sparse branches that often looks upside-down; also known as the "tree of life" due to its ability to store water during droughts

*synonym*: monkey bread tree, cream of tartar tree, bottle tree

(1) **baobab** pulp, (2) ancient **baobab**

The **baobab** tree can grow over 60 feet tall and live for thousands of years.

### rev

*n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

*synonym*: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

## destine

*v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome

*synonym* : ordain, doom, predestine

(1) **destine** us to meet again, (2) be **destined** to become a great artist

Some people believe that we are all **destined** for greatness.

## individualism

*n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant

*synonym* : self-reliance, autonomy, self-sufficiency

(1) rampant **individualism**, (2) nation of **individualism**

An ethic of **individualism** encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.

## seductive

*adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief

*synonym* : alluring, tempting, enticing

(1) a **seductive** smile, (2) **seductive** behavior

The actor's **seductive** gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.

## 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.

## pungent

*adj.* having a strong, sharp odor or taste

*synonym* : sharp, acrid, biting

(1) **pungent** criticism, (2) **pungent** taste

The **pungent** aroma of garlic filled the kitchen.

## stun

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

*synonym* : shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

## cub

n. a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy

*synonym* : young, male child, boy

(1) a tiger **cub**, (2) the arrival of a **cub**

The **cub** reporter covered the murder case for the first time.

## thicket

n. a dense group of trees, shrubs, or other plants, often forming an impenetrable barrier; a tangle or cluster of something that obstructs or impedes progress or movement

*synonym* : thorn patch, bramble, copse

(1) dense **thicket**, (2) **thicket** of bushes

The hikers had to cut through the **thicket** to descend the mountain.

## shiver

v. to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly

*synonym* : quiver, tremble, shake

(1) **shiver** with delight, (2) **shiver** in fear

I **shiver** in the cold winter air as I wait for the train.

## greet

v. to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone

*synonym* : welcome, salute, acknowledge

(1) **greet** a customer, (2) **greet** an idea

He **greeted** his friends with a warm smile and a hug.

## swamp

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

*synonym* :

marsh, mire, bog

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

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

## exhilarating

*adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill

*synonym*: thrilling, exciting, stimulating

(1) an **exhilarating** drink, (2) **exhilarating** view

Bungee jumping was an **exhilarating** experience that left me shaking with adrenaline.

## sane

*adj.* mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind

*synonym*: rational, sound, normal

(1) for a **sane** reason, (2) **sane** judgment

Despite the difficult circumstances, he remained **sane**.

## envelop

*v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase

*synonym*: wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug

The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

## underestimate

*v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

*synonym*: underrate, misjudge, miscalculate

(1) **underestimate** an enemy, (2) **underestimate** the probability

They frequently **underestimated** their abilities and felt inferior.

## submerge

*v.* to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely

*synonym*: deluge, drench, dunk

(1) **submerge** in a liquid, (2) **submerge** my head completely

The ship was **submerged** in the ocean for many years before

it was finally discovered.

## 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.

## seize

*v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

*synonym*: grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

## crocodile

*n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats

*synonym*: alligator, gator, croc

(1) **crocodile** hide, (2) saltwater **crocodile**

The **crocodile** attack left the villagers in a state of shock and fear

## disturb

*v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

*synonym*: agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

## hyena

*n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs

*synonym*: jackal, coyote, wild dog

(1) **hyena** den, (2) spotted **hyena**

The **hyena's** powerful jaws and teeth enable it to crush bones and devour its prey.

## thug

*n.* a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang

*synonym*: gangster, hooligan, criminal

(1) local **thug**, (2) notorious **thug**

The police arrested the **thug** who robbed the convenience store.

## deprivation

*n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life

*synonym*: poverty, destitution, forfeiture

(1) chronic sleep **deprivation**, (2) **deprivation** of liberty

Losing him is great **deprivation** to our team.

## vacate

*v.* to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty

*synonym*: empty, evacuate, abandon

(1) **vacate** a property, (2) **vacate** a seat

I need to **vacate** my apartment by the end of the month.

## phenomenal

*adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding

*synonym*: extraordinary, remarkable, impressive

(1) **phenomenal** success, (2) **phenomenal** growth

The athlete's **phenomenal** performance broke all previous records.

## growl

*v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval

*synonym*: snarl, rumble, grumble

(1) **growl** menacingly, (2) **growl** a command

The dog began to **growl** at the stranger approaching the house.

## hiss

*v.* to make a sound similar to a sharp exhalation or steam escaping under pressure, often expressing disapproval, anger, or fear; to produce a sound that is shrill and prolonged, often resembling the hissing of a snake;  
(noun) a sound or noise made by a person or animal,

characterized by a sharp, prolonged "s" sound

*synonym*: whish, sibilate, wheeze

(1) **hiss** warningly at the intruder, (2) the **hiss** of a snake  
The cat arched its back and **hissed** at the approaching dog.

## **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.

## **surrogate**

*adj.* acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose

*synonym*: substitute, replacement, deputy

(1) **surrogate** pregnancy, (2) **surrogate** decision

The **surrogate** mother gave birth to a healthy baby for the couple who couldn't conceive independently.

## **baboon**

*n.* a large monkey with a dog-like snout and a long, curved tail found in Africa and Arabia

*synonym*: monkey, ape, primate

(1) wild **baboon**, (2) **baboon** habitat

While on safari, we saw a troop of **baboons** roaming through the grasslands.

## **cling**

*v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something

*synonym*: stick, adhere, attach

(1) **cling** onto power, (2) **cling** tightly to the skin

He **clings** to the hope that he will find a job soon.

## **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.

## instinct

*n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true

*synonym* : intuition, aptitude, feeling

(1) **instinct** for self-preservation, (2) aggressive **instinct**

When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial **instinct** was to flee.

## womanhood

*n.* the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman

*synonym* : femininity, womanliness, womanly nature

(1) **womanhood** experience, (2) embrace **womanhood**

The celebration of **womanhood** is often disregarded in male-dominated industries.

## 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.

## cheetah

*n.* a large, slender, and fast-running African cat with a yellowish-brown coat and black spots

*synonym* : leopard, jaguar, panther

(1) **cheetah** sprint, (2) **cheetah** habitat

The mother **cheetahs** fiercely protect their cubs, teaching them valuable hunting and survival skills before they venture out independently.

## plummet

*v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

*synonym* : drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.



## poach

*v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings

*synonym* : steal, snatch

(1) **poach** on his land, (2) **poach** deer

The chef **poached** the eggs perfectly for the benedict breakfast dish.

## paw

*n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one

*synonym* : mitt, manus, talon

(1) **paw** print, (2) **paw** pad

The cat batted at the toy with its **paw**.

## eerily

*adv.* in a strange, weird, or unsettling manner; suggesting the presence of supernatural or mysterious elements

*synonym* : spookily, strangely, creepily

(1) **eerily** accurate, (2) **eerily** atmospheric

The abandoned house was **eerily** silent as if someone was watching from within.

## ironic

*adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

*synonym* : sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

## burgeon

*v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way

*synonym* : flourish, bloom, thrive

(1) **burgeon** rapidly, (2) **burgeon** from every corner.

The city's art scene has been **burgeoning** recently, with new galleries and exhibitions popping up regularly.

## 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.

## infect

*v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

*synonym*: pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

## complacency

*n.* a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems

*synonym*: self-satisfaction, smugness, satisfaction

(1) dangerous **complacency**, (2) avoid **complacency**

The team's **complacency** led to their defeat, as they didn't put in the effort needed to win the game.

## condone

*v.* to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of

*synonym*: excuse, overlook, tolerate

(1) **condone** the behavior, (2) **condone** the action

The parents refused to **condone** their daughter's behavior, which they considered unacceptable.

## 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.

## ecotourism

*n.* a form of tourism that involves responsible travel to natural areas while promoting conservation and local

community development

*synonym* : sustainable tourism, green tourism

(1) **ecotourism** activities, (2) sustainable **ecotourism**

The **ecotourism** industry strongly focuses on preserving natural habitats and protecting endangered species.

**devoid**

*adj.* completely lacking or free from something

*synonym* : empty, lacking, void

(1) **devoid** of life, (2) air **devoid** of pollution

The room was **devoid** of any furniture or decorations.

**grandparent**

*n.* a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

## Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| 1. local t__g                       | <i>n.</i> a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang   |
| 2. en____p the whole world          | <i>v.</i> to surround and cover completely; to encase   |
| 3. avoid com_____cy                 | <i>n.</i> a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems   |
| 4. th____t of bushes                | <i>n.</i> a dense group of trees, shrubs, or other plants, often forming an impenetrable barrier; a tangle or cluster of something that obstructs or impedes progress or movement |
| 5. for a s__e reason                | <i>adj.</i> mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind  |
| 6. gr__l menacingly                 | <i>v.</i> to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval  |
| 7. se__e a person's property        | <i>v.</i> to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something   |
| 8. co_____e the behavior            | <i>v.</i> to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of  |
| 9. di____t a well-ordered condition | <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                           |

ANSWERS: 1. thug, 2. envelop, 3. complacency, 4. thicket, 5. sane, 6. growl, 7. seize, 8. condone, 9. disrupt

10. an op\_\_\_\_\_ne remark      *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
11. po\_\_h on his land      *v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
12. ch\_\_\_\_\_h sprint      *n.* a large, slender, and fast-running African cat with a yellowish-brown coat and black spots
13. great-gra\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
14. r\_v up the crowd      *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
15. eco\_\_\_\_\_sm activities      *n.* a form of tourism that involves responsible travel to natural areas while promoting conservation and local community development
16. s\_\_n fish      *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
17. cr\_\_\_\_\_le hide      *n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats

ANSWERS: 10. opportune, 11. poach, 12. cheetah, 13. grandparent, 14. rev, 15. ecotourism, 16. stun, 17. crocodile

18. ancient ba\_\_\_b      *n.* a type of African tree with a large, bulbous trunk and sparse branches that often looks upside-down; also known as the "tree of life" due to its ability to store water during droughts
19. the h\_\_s of a snake      *v.* to make a sound similar to a sharp exhalation or steam escaping under pressure, often expressing disapproval, anger, or fear; to produce a sound that is shrill and prolonged, often resembling the hissing of a snake; (noun) a sound or noise made by a person or animal, characterized by a sharp, prolonged "s" sound
20. ee\_\_\_y accurate      *adv.* in a strange, weird, or unsettling manner; suggesting the presence of supernatural or mysterious elements
21. sw\_\_p tour      *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
22. h\_\_s warningly at the intruder      *v.* to make a sound similar to a sharp exhalation or steam escaping under pressure, often expressing disapproval, anger, or fear; to produce a sound that is shrill and prolonged, often resembling the hissing of a snake; (noun) a sound or noise made by a person or animal, characterized by a sharp, prolonged "s" sound
23. p\_w pad      *n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one

ANSWERS: 18. baobab, 19. hiss, 20. eerily, 21. swamp, 22. hiss, 23. paw

24. dep\_\_\_\_\_on of liberty *n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life
25. muddy sw\_\_p *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
26. sh\_\_\_r with delight *v.* to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly
27. p\_w print *n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one
28. ex\_\_\_e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
29. an exh\_\_\_\_\_ing drink *adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
30. ee\_\_\_y atmospheric *adv.* in a strange, weird, or unsettling manner; suggesting the presence of supernatural or mysterious elements
31. se\_\_e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
32. ir\_\_\_c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
33. dangerous com\_\_\_\_\_cy *n.* a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems

ANSWERS: 24. deprivation, 25. swamp, 26. shiver, 27. paw, 28. excite, 29. exhilarating, 30. eerily, 31. seize, 32. ironic, 33. complacency

34. I was dr\_\_ned in work *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
35. low-r\_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
36. a tiger c\_b *n.* a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
37. de\_\_\_d of life *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
38. hy\_\_a den *n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs
39. pu\_\_\_\_t criticism *adj.* having a strong, sharp odor or taste
40. gr\_\_l a command *v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval
41. cast fri\_\_\_\_\_ng eyes *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
42. be de\_\_\_\_\_ed to become a great artist *v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
43. und\_\_\_\_\_ate an enemy *v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is

ANSWERS: 34. drown, 35. rev, 36. cub, 37. devoid, 38. hyena, 39. pungent, 40. growl, 41. frightening, 42. destine, 43. underestimate



44. notorious t\_\_g *n.* a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang
45. ba\_\_\_b pulp *n.* a type of African tree with a large, bulbous trunk and sparse branches that often looks upside-down; also known as the "tree of life" due to its ability to store water during droughts
46. dense th\_\_\_\_t *n.* a dense group of trees, shrubs, or other plants, often forming an impenetrable barrier; a tangle or cluster of something that obstructs or impedes progress or movement
47. su\_\_\_\_\_te decision *adj.* acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose
48. le\_\_\_\_\_d print *n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia
49. di\_\_\_\_\_b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
50. phe\_\_\_\_\_al growth *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
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ANSWERS: 44. thug, 45. baobab, 46. thicket, 47. surrogate, 48. leopard, 49. disturb, 50. phenomenal, 51. baboon, 52. cub

53. fri\_\_\_\_\_ng experience *adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
54. pl\_\_\_\_\_t against other major currencies *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
55. cl\_\_g tightly to the skin *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
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61. snow le\_\_\_\_\_d *n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia
62. gr\_\_t a customer *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
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ANSWERS: 53. frightening, 54. plummet, 55. cling, 56. seductive, 57. shiver, 58. womanhood, 59. deprivation, 60. burgeon, 61. leopard, 62. greet, 63. exhilarating

64. air de\_\_\_d of pollution *adj.* completely lacking or free from something
65. cl\_\_g onto power *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
66. co\_\_\_\_\_e the action *v.* to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of
67. bu\_\_\_\_\_n from every corner. *v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way
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ANSWERS: 64. devoid, 65. cling, 66. condone, 67. burgeon, 68. instinct, 69. disrupt, 70. opportune, 71. destine, 72. ironic

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79. pu\_\_\_\_\_t taste *adj.* having a strong, sharp odor or taste
80. su\_\_\_\_\_ge in a liquid *v.* to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely
81. sexual pr\_\_\_\_\_ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
82. in\_\_\_\_\_ct for self-preservation *n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
83. saltwater cr\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats

ANSWERS: 73. surrogate, 74. vacate, 75. underestimate, 76. industrious, 77. submerge, 78. industrious, 79. pungent, 80. submerge, 81. predator, 82. instinct, 83. crocodile

84. s\_\_n an audience      *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
85. ba\_\_\_n habitat      *n.* a large monkey with a dog-like snout and a long, curved tail found in Africa and Arabia
86. nation of ind\_\_\_\_\_ism      *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
87. ch\_\_\_\_h habitat      *n.* a large, slender, and fast-running African cat with a yellowish-brown coat and black spots
88. spotted hy\_\_a      *n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs
89. rampant ind\_\_\_\_\_ism      *n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
90. dr\_\_n in a bath      *v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
91. s\_\_e judgment      *adj.* mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
92. di\_\_\_\_\_b his sleep      *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
93. in\_\_\_t a computer with a virus      *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism
94. po\_\_h deer      *v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings

ANSWERS: 84. stun, 85. baboon, 86. individualism, 87. cheetah, 88. hyena, 89. individualism, 90. drown, 91. sane, 92. disturb, 93. infect, 94. poach

95. phe\_\_\_\_\_al success *adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
96. sustainable eco\_\_\_\_\_sm *n.* a form of tourism that involves responsible travel to natural areas while promoting conservation and local community development
97. ex\_\_\_e rebellion *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
98. en\_\_\_\_\_p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
99. wo\_\_\_\_\_od experience *n.* the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman
100. a se\_\_\_\_\_ve smile *adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
101. person of gra\_\_\_\_\_nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
102. apex pr\_\_\_\_\_or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
103. gr\_\_t an idea *v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
104. va\_\_\_e a property *v.* to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty
105. in\_\_\_t other animal species *v.* to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

ANSWERS: 95. phenomenal, 96. ecotourism, 97. excite, 98. envelop, 99. womanhood, 100. seductive, 101. grandparent, 102. predator, 103. greet, 104. vacate, 105. infect

106. pl\_\_\_\_ting sales

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

ANSWERS: 106. plummet

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ to the hope that he will find a job soon.  
*v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
  
2. The lowland \_\_\_\_\_ was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.  
*n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
  
3. I need to \_\_\_\_\_ my apartment by the end of the month.  
*v.* to leave or give up possession of a place or position; to make a place or position empty
  
4. The news of the pandemic was a \_\_\_\_\_ reminder of the fragility of human health.  
*adj.* causing fear or alarm, or very surprising and alarming
  
5. Some people believe that we are all \_\_\_\_\_ for greatness.  
*v.* to determine or set the course of something in advance, often in a way that seems predetermined or inevitable; to specify or choose someone or something for a particular fate or outcome
  
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ aroma of garlic filled the kitchen.  
*adj.* having a strong, sharp odor or taste
  
7. The cat arched its back and \_\_\_\_\_ at the approaching dog.  
*v.* to make a sound similar to a sharp exhalation or steam escaping under pressure, often expressing disapproval, anger, or fear; to produce a sound that is shrill and prolonged, often resembling the hissing of a snake; (noun) a sound or noise made by a person or animal, characterized by a sharp, prolonged "s" sound

ANSWERS: 1. clings, 2. swamp, 3. vacate, 4. frightening, 5. destined, 6. pungent, 7. hissed



8. Floods have the potential to \_\_\_\_\_ any subsurface animals easily.
- v.* to die or cause to die by being unable to breathe underwater
9. The hikers had to cut through the \_\_\_\_\_ to descend the mountain.
- n.* a dense group of trees, shrubs, or other plants, often forming an impenetrable barrier; a tangle or cluster of something that obstructs or impedes progress or movement
10. An ethic of \_\_\_\_\_ encourages people to make choices based on their values and beliefs rather than the values and beliefs of the group or society.
- n.* the habit or principle of being independent and self-reliant
11. The native South American animals were in danger because of the \_\_\_\_\_ arrival.
- n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
12. The fog \_\_\_\_\_ the city, making it difficult to see.
- v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
13. The abandoned house was \_\_\_\_\_ silent as if someone was watching from within.
- adv.* in a strange, weird, or unsettling manner; suggesting the presence of supernatural or mysterious elements
14. They frequently \_\_\_\_\_ their abilities and felt inferior.
- v.* to think or suppose that a quantity, price, or size is smaller than it is
15. The mother \_\_\_\_\_ fiercely protect their cubs, teaching them valuable hunting and survival skills before they venture out independently.
- n.* a large, slender, and fast-running African cat with a yellowish-brown coat and black spots

ANSWERS: 8. drown, 9. thicket, 10. individualism, 11. predator's, 12. enveloped, 13. eerily, 14. underestimated, 15. cheetahs

16. He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud \_\_\_\_.
- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
17. The actor's \_\_\_\_\_ gaze drew the audience's attention on stage.
- adj.* tempting or alluring attractively or persuasively; often used to describe a person, behavior, or idea that is intended to lure or entice someone into a specific action or belief
18. The athlete's \_\_\_\_\_ performance broke all previous records.
- adj.* extremely good or impressive; outstanding
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ industry strongly focuses on preserving natural habitats and protecting endangered species.
- n.* a form of tourism that involves responsible travel to natural areas while promoting conservation and local community development
20. Tourists frequently \_\_\_\_\_ the island's delicate natural balance.
- v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
21. The stock prices have \_\_\_\_\_ in the last hour, causing concern for investors.
- v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
22. Bungee jumping was an \_\_\_\_\_ experience that left me shaking with adrenaline.
- adj.* making one feel very happy and lively; invigorating; providing a feeling of excitement or thrill
23. 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

ANSWERS: 16. rev, 17. seductive, 18. phenomenal, 19. ecotourism, 20. disturb, 21. plummeted, 22. exhilarating, 23. disrupt

24. The \_\_\_\_\_ powerful jaws and teeth enable it to crush bones and devour its prey.
- n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs
25. The \_\_\_ reporter covered the murder case for the first time.
- n.* a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
26. The \_\_\_\_\_ mother gave birth to a healthy baby for the couple who couldn't conceive independently.
- adj.* acting as a substitute or replacement for someone or something else; having a similar function or purpose
27. He has the superpower to \_\_\_\_\_ a business opportunity.
- v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
28. It was \_\_\_\_\_ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.
- adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
29. The \_\_\_\_\_ tree can grow over 60 feet tall and live for thousands of years.
- n.* a type of African tree with a large, bulbous trunk and sparse branches that often looks upside-down; also known as the "tree of life" due to its ability to store water during droughts
30. \_\_\_\_\_ lurked in the grass to catch their prey.
- n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia

ANSWERS: 24. hyena's, 25. cub, 26. surrogate, 27. seize, 28. ironic, 29. baobab, 30. Leopards

31. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
32. The phone rang at the most \_\_\_\_\_ time.  
*adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
33. Despite the difficult circumstances, he remained \_\_\_\_\_.  
*adj.* mentally sound or normal; having a rational mind
34. The cat batted at the toy with its \_\_\_\_\_.  
*n.* the foot of an animal that has claws or nails, such as a cat, dog, or bear; a person's hand, especially a clumsy or heavy-handed one
35. The city's art scene has been \_\_\_\_\_ recently, with new galleries and exhibitions popping up regularly.  
*v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way
36. While on safari, we saw a troop of \_\_\_\_\_ roaming through the grasslands.  
*n.* a large monkey with a dog-like snout and a long, curved tail found in Africa and Arabia
37. The dog began to \_\_\_\_\_ at the stranger approaching the house.  
*v.* to make a low, guttural sound, usually similar to that of an animal, expressing anger, agitation, or disapproval
38. The police arrested the \_\_\_\_\_ who robbed the convenience store.  
*n.* a violent or criminal individual, especially one who is part of a group or gang

ANSWERS: 31. industrious, 32. opportune, 33. sane, 34. paw, 35. burgeoning, 36. baboons, 37. growl, 38. thug

39. The chef \_\_\_\_\_ the eggs perfectly for the benedict breakfast dish.
- v. to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
40. She was close to her paternal \_\_\_\_\_ and often spent summers with them.
- n. a parent of one's father or mother
41. The news of her promotion \_\_\_\_\_ her.
- v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
42. I \_\_\_\_\_ in the cold winter air as I wait for the train.
- v. to shake or quiver with cold, fear, or excitement; to tremble or vibrate rapidly
43. The parents refused to \_\_\_\_\_ their daughter's behavior, which they considered unacceptable.
- v. to overlook, forgive, or show approval for an action or behavior that is wrong or disapproved of
44. This sprinter \_\_\_\_\_ the world with his speed.
- v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
45. The celebration of \_\_\_\_\_ is often disregarded in male-dominated industries.
- n. the state or condition of being an adult female; a term used to describe the social and cultural aspects of being a woman
46. Children often \_\_\_\_\_ parents with this head cold.
- v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

ANSWERS: 39. poached, 40. grandparents, 41. excited, 42. shiver, 43. condone, 44. stunned, 45. womanhood, 46. infect

47. The ship was \_\_\_\_\_ in the ocean for many years before it was finally discovered.
- v.* to put something under water or to go under water; to bury or hide something deeply or completely
48. He \_\_\_\_\_ his friends with a warm smile and a hug.
- v.* to say hello to someone; to express welcome on meeting someone
49. The team's \_\_\_\_\_ led to their defeat, as they didn't put in the effort needed to win the game.
- n.* a feeling of self-satisfaction or contentment, often resulting in a lack of motivation to improve or address problems
50. The room was \_\_\_\_\_ of any furniture or decorations.
- adj.* completely lacking or free from something
51. When faced with a dangerous situation, his initial \_\_\_\_\_ was to flee.
- n.* an inborn behavioral pattern that is often responsive to specific stimuli; an innate feeling that causes you to act or believe that something is true
52. Losing him is great \_\_\_\_\_ to our team.
- n.* a state of not having something, such as food or money, that you need for a pleasant life
53. The \_\_\_\_\_ attack left the villagers in a state of shock and fear
- n.* a large, carnivorous reptile with powerful jaws and a long, scaly body; native to tropical regions and often found in rivers and freshwater habitats

ANSWERS: 47. submerged, 48. greeted, 49. complacency, 50. devoid, 51. instinct, 52. deprivation, 53. crocodile