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Session 1: Word List

- trite** *adj.* lacking originality or freshness; overused, common, or clichéd; lacking in depth or significance due to being overly familiar or predictable
synonym : clichéd, banal, overused
(1) **trite** joke, (2) **trite** melody
The speaker's speech was full of **trite** phrases and platitudes.
- 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.
- delusion** *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
synonym : hallucination, illusion, fantasy
(1) grand **delusion**, (2) labor under a **delusion**
He had a **delusion** that he was a millionaire.
- redefine** *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
synonym : reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role
The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

dandy

n. a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good

synonym: fop, dapper, (adjective) excellent

(1) in a **dandy** manner, (2) fine and **dandy**

He was a positive **dandy** and always dressed in the finest clothing.

quote

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

synonym: cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

pediatrics

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children

synonym: pedology, child health

(1) **pediatrics** department, (2) **pediatrics** clinic

I am studying **pediatrics** in medical school because I love working with children.

germ

n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one

synonym: bacterium, microbe, pathogen

(1) antibiotic-resistant **germ**, (2) a **germ-free** environment

The **germ** of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.

medic

n. a person trained to provide medical care, especially in an emergency

synonym: paramedic, medical professional

(1) **medic** unit, (2) military **medic**

The army **medic** arrived on the scene to provide medical assistance.

predetermine

v. to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand

synonym: determine in advance, predestine, decide beforehand

(1) **predetermine** effectiveness, (2) **predetermine** result

I can't **predetermine** the game's outcome, and anything can happen.

individualize

v. to make something personal or more personal to suit the needs of a particular person, place, etc.

synonym: personalize, differentiate

(1) **individualize** each patient, (2) **individualize** dosages

Our schools offer **individualized** education by excellent teachers.

impatience

n. a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience

synonym: restlessness, irritability, agitation

(1) **impatience** with delays, (2) business **impatience**

The doctor advised him to manage his **impatience** as stress could exacerbate his medical condition.

immersion

n. the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity

synonym: submergence, involvement, engagement

(1) baptism by **immersion**, (2) **immersion** in acid

I felt like I was in a different world because of the **immersion** experience of virtual reality.

roundabout

n. a circuitous or indirect route or path; a traffic circle or rotary used to regulate the flow of traffic

synonym: detour, circuitous route, indirect path

(1) **roundabout** junction, (2) traffic **roundabout**

Because of the road closure, we had to take a **roundabout** route to reach the destination.

headless

adj. having no head or lacking a head

synonym: decapitated, beheaded

(1) find his **headless** body, (2) **headless** torso

The **headless** corpse was found in the alleyway behind the nightclub.

situ

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

synonym: situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control

Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

tadpole

n. the aquatic larval stage of a frog or toad, characterized by a long tail and gills for breathing underwater

synonym: polliwog, froglet, girssle

(1) **tadpole** stage, (2) **tadpole** development

I saw a **tadpole** swimming in the pond during my morning walk.

bureaucracy

n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives

synonym: administration, government, system

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

The bumbling **bureaucracy** made it difficult to get the permits we needed.

contaminate

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

synonym: defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego
We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

endocrine

adj. relating to the glands in the body that secrete hormones directly into the bloodstream to regulate bodily functions and processes

synonym : hormonal, glandular, secretory

(1) **endocrine** disorders, (2) **endocrine** cell

The **endocrine** system regulates many bodily functions, including metabolism and growth.

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.

emulate

v. to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else

synonym : impersonate, mimic, imitate

(1) **emulate** a successful business model, (2) **emulate** his watercolors

They intend to **emulate** the footsteps of successful software companies.

observable

adj. that can be noticed or seen

synonym : visible, perceptible, detectable

(1) **observable** change, (2) experimentally **observable**

Any theorem relies on both **observable** fact and assumption.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

puberty

n. the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction

synonym: adolescence, young adulthood

(1) at the height of **puberty** ., (2) the onset of **puberty**
In this culture, men are initiated when they reach **puberty**.

culmination

n. the peak highest point or climax of something, especially happening after a long time

synonym: climax, completion, ending

(1) the **culmination** of her ambition, (2) **culmination**
altitude

Their achievements stand as a **culmination** of centuries of development.

namesake

n. a person or thing with the same name as somebody or something else

(1) the **namesake** of her mother, (2) less famous than its **namesake**

He is my **namesake**, but we're not related.

cohabit

v. to live together in a sexual relationship without being married; to inhabit or occupy the same space or dwelling

synonym: live together, reside, dwell

(1) **cohabit** with partner, (2) **cohabit** without marriage

My boyfriend and I plan to **cohabit** for a year before deciding to get married.

quintessence

n. the perfect example of a quality or class

synonym: essence, core, heart

(1) the **quintessence** of virtue, (2) **quintessence** of life

The **quintessence** of the author's writing is the depth of emotion conveyed.

mammalian

adj. of or relating to mammals, a class of warm-blooded vertebrate animals that typically nurse their young and have hair or fur on their skin; characterized by mammalian qualities, such as nurturing and protective behavior

synonym: animal, mammal-like, warm-blooded

(1) **mammalian** embryo, (2) **mammalian** evolution

Mammalian milk is known to be rich in protein and essential vitamins.

stressor

n. something that causes stress or emotional tension

synonym: pressure, strain, burden

(1) **stressor** event, (2) **stressor** management

The deadline for the project was a major **stressor** for the team.

pollutant

n. a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil

synonym: contaminant, toxic substance

(1) noxious **pollutant**, (2) water **pollutant**

The factory's use of chemicals has made it a significant **pollutant** in the area.

antidepressant

n. any of a class of drugs used to reduce feelings of sadness and worry

(1) an **antidepressant** drug, (2) **antidepressant** effect

She has been taking **antidepressants** since her baby died.

vodka

n. a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring

synonym: spirit, liquor, distilled beverage

(1) **vodka** shot, (2) flavored **vodka**

I ordered a **vodka** tonic at the bar.

entrap

v. to lure or trap someone into doing something they should not; to ensnare; to trick or deceive into an undesirable situation

synonym : ensnare, deceive, trammel

(1) **entrap** me into going to the event, (2) **entrap** unsuspecting victims

The police officer used a wire to **entrap** the criminal in a sting operation.

hydrant

n. a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes

synonym : fireplug, tap, spigot

(1) **hydrant** valve, (2) fire **hydrant**

The residents reported a leaky **hydrant** in their community, prompting the city to dispatch a maintenance crew

asphalt

n. a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen

synonym : tar, road surface, blacktop

(1) **asphalt** pavement, (2) **asphalt** driveway

The road crew was laying fresh **asphalt** on the highway.

infiltrate

v. to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly

synonym : penetrate, sneak in, invade

(1) **infiltrate** the bloodstream, (2) **infiltrate** a community

The spy was able to **infiltrate** the enemy's headquarters undetected.

pollute

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

synonym : contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

impervious

adj. unable to be affected by something; not allowing something to pass through, especially fluid; unresponsive or indifferent to criticism or persuasion

synonym: impregnable, invulnerable, indestructible

(1) **impervious** to criticism, (2) **impervious** material

The jacket is **impervious** to water and will keep you dry in the rain.

cadmium

n. a soft, bluish-white metallic element with the atomic number 48 and the symbol Cd that is used in batteries, pigments, and other products and can be toxic if ingested or inhaled

(1) **cadmium** poisoning, (2) **cadmium** coatings

Cadmium batteries have a longer lifespan and higher energy density than other types of batteries.

neurotoxin

n. a poisonous substance that damages or destroys nerve tissue and causes neurological damage or dysfunction; a toxin that specifically targets the nervous system

(1) snake **neurotoxin**, (2) lethal **neurotoxin**

Certain types of fish contain **neurotoxins** that can harm humans if ingested.

hydrocarbon

n. an organic compound consisting entirely of hydrogen and carbon

(1) **hydrocarbon** production, (2) **hydrocarbon** molecules in crude oil

Burning **hydrocarbons** releases water vapor and carbon dioxide.

estuary

n. a place where a river meets the sea, typically where the fresh and saltwater mix

synonym: delta, mouth, inlet

(1) **estuary** port, (2) **estuary** delta

The mouth of the river formed an **estuary** where saltwater and freshwater met.

intercept

v. to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

synonym: ambush, block, prevent

(1) **intercept** an enemy force, (2) **intercept** X rays

It is illegal to **intercept** police radio.

regenerate

v. to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful

synonym: renew, revive, improve

(1) **regenerate** bone tissue, (2) a **regenerate** sinner

The new CEO's primary mission is to **regenerate** the company on the verge of bankruptcy.

sequester

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

synonym: isolate, set apart, segregate

(1) **sequester** ten percent of the annual carbon emissions,

(2) **sequester** myself from the world

He approved their requests to **sequester** the jury.

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.

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.

- 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**.
- insidious** *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
synonym: sly, cunning, subtle
(1) **insidious** plot, (2) **insidious** behavior
The disease has an **insidious** onset, making it difficult to diagnose.
- pervasive** *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
synonym: extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent
(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic
Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.
- 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.
- fallout** *n.* the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion
(1) nuclear **fallout**, (2) the **fallout** from the incident
they had no protection from the radioactive **fallout**.
- mobilize** *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
synonym: activate, rally, marshal
(1) **mobilize** cooperation, (2) **mobilize** a stiff joint

The military **mobilized** troops to the border.

resupply

v. to provide something with additional supplies or materials, often used for resupplying remote or distant outposts, such as military bases or science stations

synonym : restock, replenish, refill

(1) **resupply** food, (2) **resupply** water

We need to **resupply** our inventory before the holiday rush.

masonry

n. the art or work of constructing buildings, walls, or other structures from carefully shaped and arranged blocks of stone, brick, or other materials

synonym : brickwork, stonework, bricklaying

(1) **masonry** wall, (2) **masonry** restoration

The cathedral's **masonry** sculptures were intricately carved and carefully placed.

chimney

n. a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system

synonym : flue, smokestack, stack

(1) smoke **chimney**, (2) **chimney** sweep

The **chimney** in the factory was constantly emitting dark smoke.

airflow

n. the flow of air, especially around a moving object such as an aircraft or vehicle

synonym : current, breeze, breath

(1) **airflow** duct, (2) high-speed **airflow**

They thoroughly tested the **airflow** around their latest formula car.

reflector

n. a surface or object that reflects light, sound, or heat in a specific direction, often used to redirect or focus these elements toward a desired target or area

synonym : mirror

(1) **reflector** coating, (2) vehicle **reflector**

The cyclist wore a **reflector** vest to increase visibility on the road at night.

inefficient

adj. lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.

synonym : ineffective, counterproductive, inadequate

(1) **inefficient** use, (2) **inefficient** management

The system is still so **inefficient** that it is useless.

avid

adj. characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity

synonym : enthusiastic, eager, fervent

(1) **avid** baseball fan, (2) have **avid** eyes

She was an **avid** reader and spent hours every day lost in a book.

personalize

v. to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something

synonym : customize, individualize, tailor

(1) **personalize** social media profile, (2) **personalize** my workspace

I like to **personalize** my phone case with a picture of my dog.

elk

n. a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size

synonym : moose, deer, stag

(1) **elk** population, (2) **elk** hunting

We saw a group of **elk** grazing in the field near our cabin in the mountains.

livable

adj. capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation

synonym : habitable, comfortable, pleasant

(1) **livable** city, (2) **livable** housing

Finding a safe and **livable** neighborhood is important when looking for a new place to live.

moniker

n. a name or nickname, especially one that is unconventional or adopted rather than given

synonym: name, nickname, alias

(1) royal **moniker**, (2) commonly used **moniker**

The **moniker** of The King of Pop will forever be associated with Michael Jackson.

whistle

v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

synonym: sound, honk, tweet

(1) **whistle** a tune, (2) **whistle** for help

The employee decided to **whistle-blow** on the company's illegal activities.

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

synonym: disperse, spread, bestrew

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet

The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

pigeon

n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

elicit

v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty

synonym: bring out, obtain, evoke

(1) **elicit** a confession, (2) **elicit** a solution

Have you **elicited** a response from them yet?

avian

adj. relating to or characteristic of birds

synonym : bird-like, feathered, winged

(1) **avian** influenza, (2) **avian** habitat

The expert on **avian** species studied the behavior of different types of birds.

monopolize

v. (business) to have complete control or dominance over a particular market or industry, often to the exclusion of other competitors

synonym : dominate, control, corner

(1) **monopolize** the podium, (2) **monopolize** the industry

The large corporation sought to **monopolize** the market by buying out its competitors.

buoy

n. a floating device typically used to mark a location in a body of water, often used as a navigational aid; a source of support or encouragement

synonym : float, marker, beacon

(1) navigation **buoy**, (2) a mooring **buoy**

A red and white striped **buoy** marked the edge of the shipping lane.

seasick

adj. feeling ill or nauseous as a result of being on a ship or boat that is moving or rocking back and forth in a rough sea; suffering from motion sickness

synonym : nauseous, seasickness, queasy

(1) avoid getting **seasick**, (2) **seasick** medication

The rough waves made some passengers feel **seasick** during the boat ride.

dissolve

v. to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss

synonym : disband, disappear, liquefy

(1) **dissolve** the sugar, (2) officially **dissolved** the marriage

The political party **dissolved** after much internal fighting.

wink

v. to close one eye briefly as a way of showing agreement, understanding, or flirtation; to emit a flashing light

synonym: blink, flutter, twinkle

(1) **wink** at abuses, (2) **wink** away my tears

He couldn't help but **wink** at his wife during the boring meeting to make her laugh.

rescript

n. an official written order or decree, particularly one issued by a government or other authority

synonym: decree, order, edict

(1) **rescript** decree, (2) papal **rescript**

The government issued a **rescript** regarding the new regulations for tax compliance.

chew

v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it

synonym: masticate, crush, grind

(1) **chew** each word, (2) **chew** a stick of gum

My dog loves to **chew** on bones.

chelate

n. a chemical compound or molecule that forms a bond or coordination with a metal ion or other species, often to stabilize or enhance its properties or to facilitate transportation within a biological system

synonym: ligand, sequestering agent

(1) **chelate** complex, (2) **chelate** ligand

The **chelate** in this fertilizer enhances the absorption of nutrients by the plants.

ubiquitous

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

synonym: universal, omnipresent, everywhere

(1) **ubiquitous** computing, (2) **ubiquitous** across ecosystems

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

augment

v. to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it

synonym : boost, increase, expand

(1) **augment** the reality, (2) **augment** immunity

Economic factors and monetary policy **augmented** inflation.

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.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym : curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

dredge

v. to remove debris or objects from a body of water or other areas by scooping or dragging, often using special equipment called a dredge; to bring something to the surface by this process

synonym : dig, scoop, unearth

(1) **dredge** up memories, (2) **dredge** a river

The environmental group demanded that the government stop the plans to **dredge** the wetlands for oil drilling.

sludge

n. a thick, wet mixture of liquid and solid matter, typically one that is unpleasant or harmful

synonym : muck, ooze, mire

(1) **sludge** treatment, (2) **sludge** removal

The **sludge** at the bottom of the river was a toxic hazard for marine life.

individuate

v. to distinguish or separate an individual or item from a group or collective; to develop or acquire distinct

characteristics that differentiate someone or something from others

synonym: distinguish, discriminate, separate

(1) **individuate** personality, (2) **individuate** behavior

The therapist helped the patient to **individuate** their emotions and thoughts from those of their family members.

Session 2: Spelling

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27. dr___e a river *v.* to remove debris or objects from a body of water or other areas by scooping or dragging, often using special equipment called a dredge; to bring something to the surface by this process
28. navigation b__y *n.* a floating device typically used to mark a location in a body of water, often used as a navigational aid; a source of support or encouragement
29. wh_____e a tune *v.* to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound
30. smoke ch_____y *n.* a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system
31. em_____e his watercolors *v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
32. ped_____cs clinic *n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
33. mo_____ze cooperation *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 26. medic, 27. dredge, 28. buoy, 29. whistle, 30. chimney, 31. emulate, 32. pediatrics, 33. mobilize

34. reg_____te bone tissue *v.* to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful
35. as_____t driveway *n.* a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen
36. con_____te his ego *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
37. ma_____an embryo *adj.* of or relating to mammals, a class of warm-blooded vertebrate animals that typically nurse their young and have hair or fur on their skin; characterized by mammalian qualities, such as nurturing and protective behavior
38. ubi_____us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
39. li_____e housing *adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
40. se_____er ten percent of the annual carbon emissions *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
41. hu_____g bird *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
42. ch_____y sweep *n.* a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system

ANSWERS: 34. regenerate, 35. asphalt, 36. contaminate, 37. mammalian, 38. ubiquitous, 39. livable, 40. sequester, 41. humming, 42. chimney

43. papal re____pt *n.* an official written order or decree, particularly one issued by a government or other authority
44. tr__e joke *adj.* lacking originality or freshness; overused, common, or clichéd; lacking in depth or significance due to being overly familiar or predictable
45. business imp_____ce *n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience
46. experimentally obs_____le *adj.* that can be noticed or seen
47. co_____t with partner *v.* to live together in a sexual relationship without being married; to inhabit or occupy the same space or dwelling
48. imp_____us to criticism *adj.* unable to be affected by something; not allowing something to pass through, especially fluid; unresponsive or indifferent to criticism or persuasion
49. w__k at abuses *v.* to close one eye briefly as a way of showing agreement, understanding, or flirtation; to emit a flashing light
50. qu__e a source *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
51. in_____us plot *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

ANSWERS: 43. rescript, 44. trite, 45. impatience, 46. observable, 47. cohabit, 48. impervious, 49. wink, 50. quote, 51. insidious

52. 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
53. lethal neu_____in *n.* a poisonous substance that damages or destroys nerve tissue and causes neurological damage or dysfunction; a toxin that specifically targets the nervous system
54. sl___e removal *n.* a thick, wet mixture of liquid and solid matter, typically one that is unpleasant or harmful
55. in_____us behavior *adj.* tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way
56. c__w a stick of gum *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
57. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
58. fine and da__y *n.* a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good
59. labor under a de_____on *n.* a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary
60. di_____ve the sugar *v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
61. ma_____y restoration *n.* the art or work of constructing buildings, walls, or other structures from carefully shaped and arranged blocks of stone, brick, or other materials

ANSWERS: 52. lettuce, 53. neurotoxin, 54. sludge, 55. insidious, 56. chew, 57. humming, 58. dandy, 59. delusion, 60. dissolve, 61. masonry

62. the qui_____nce of virtue *n.* the perfect example of a quality or class
63. the na_____ke of her mother *n.* a person or thing with the same name as somebody or something else
64. traffic rou_____ut *n.* a circuitous or indirect route or path; a traffic circle or rotary used to regulate the flow of traffic
65. es_____y delta *n.* a place where a river meets the sea, typically where the fresh and saltwater mix
66. royal mo_____r *n.* a name or nickname, especially one that is unconventional or adopted rather than given
67. rou_____ut junction *n.* a circuitous or indirect route or path; a traffic circle or rotary used to regulate the flow of traffic
68. at the height of pu_____y. *n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
69. re_____pt decree *n.* an official written order or decree, particularly one issued by a government or other authority
70. mon_____ze the podium *v.* (business) to have complete control or dominance over a particular market or industry, often to the exclusion of other competitors
71. po_____e the thread *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

ANSWERS: 62. quintessence, 63. namesake, 64. roundabout, 65. estuary, 66. moniker, 67. roundabout, 68. puberty, 69. rescript, 70. monopolize, 71. pollute

72. 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
73. el___t a solution *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
74. de_____e customer confidence *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
75. se_____er myself from the world *v.* to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
76. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
77. qu__e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
78. po_____e the air *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
79. st_____or management *n.* something that causes stress or emotional tension
80. ind_____ize dosages *v.* to make something personal or more personal to suit the needs of a particular person, place, etc.

ANSWERS: 72. rev, 73. elicit, 74. deplete, 75. sequester, 76. situ, 77. quote, 78. pollute, 79. stressor, 80. individualize

81. hyd_____on molecules in crude oil *n.* an organic compound consisting entirely of hydrogen and carbon
82. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
83. ine_____nt use *adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
84. have a__d eyes *adj.* characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity
85. hy_____t valve *n.* a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes
86. de_____e glycogen stores *v.* to reduce something, especially supplies of energy, money, etc., by a large amount; to use up resources or materials
87. ai_____ne troop *adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
88. hyd_____on production *n.* an organic compound consisting entirely of hydrogen and carbon
89. w__k away my tears *v.* to close one eye briefly as a way of showing agreement, understanding, or flirtation; to emit a flashing light
90. pre_____ine effectiveness *v.* to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand
91. per_____ze my workspace *v.* to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something

ANSWERS: 81. hydrocarbon, 82. medicinal, 83. inefficient, 84. avid, 85. hydrant, 86. deplete, 87. airborne, 88. hydrocarbon, 89. wink, 90. predetermine, 91. personalize

92. a mooring b__y *n.* a floating device typically used to mark a location in a body of water, often used as a navigational aid; a source of support or encouragement
93. in_____pt X rays *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
94. ind_____te personality *v.* to distinguish or separate an individual or item from a group or collective; to develop or acquire distinct characteristics that differentiate someone or something from others
95. sc_____r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
96. con_____te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
97. ubi_____us computing *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
98. ai_____ne particles *adj.* moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
99. arbitrary bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
100. pi___n on the roof *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
101. inf_____te a community *v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly

ANSWERS: 92. buoy, 93. intercept, 94. individuate, 95. scatter, 96. contaminate, 97. ubiquitous, 98. airborne, 99. bureaucracy, 100. pigeon, 101. infiltrate

102. per_____ze social media profile *v.* to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something
103. in_____pt an enemy force *v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination
104. military me__c *n.* a person trained to provide medical care, especially in an emergency
105. ind_____ize each patient *v.* to make something personal or more personal to suit the needs of a particular person, place, etc.
106. the cul_____on of her ambition *n.* the peak highest point or climax of something, especially happening after a long time
107. qui_____nce of life *n.* the perfect example of a quality or class
108. the onset of pu_____y *n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
109. avoid getting se_____k *adj.* feeling ill or nauseous as a result of being on a ship or boat that is moving or rocking back and forth in a rough sea; suffering from motion sickness
110. inf_____te the bloodstream *v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly

ANSWERS: 102. personalize, 103. intercept, 104. medic, 105. individualize, 106. culmination, 107. quintessence, 108. puberty, 109. seasick, 110. infiltrate

111. snake neu_____in *n.* a poisonous substance that damages or destroys nerve tissue and causes neurological damage or dysfunction; a toxin that specifically targets the nervous system
112. dr___e up memories *v.* to remove debris or objects from a body of water or other areas by scooping or dragging, often using special equipment called a dredge; to bring something to the surface by this process
113. find his he_____ss body *adj.* having no head or lacking a head
114. fire hy_____t *n.* a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes
115. pe_____ve language *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
116. re_____ly water *v.* to provide something with additional supplies or materials, often used for resupplying remote or distant outposts, such as military bases or science stations
117. e_k hunting *n.* a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size
118. si_____y importance *v.* to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word

ANSWERS: 111. neurotoxin, 112. dredge, 113. headless, 114. hydrant, 115. pervasive, 116. resupply, 117. elk, 118. signify

119. sl___e treatment *n.* a thick, wet mixture of liquid and solid matter, typically one that is unpleasant or harmful
120. 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
121. a reg_____te sinner *v.* to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful
122. au_____t immunity *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
123. ind_____te behavior *v.* to distinguish or separate an individual or item from a group or collective; to develop or acquire distinct characteristics that differentiate someone or something from others
124. se_____k medication *adj.* feeling ill or nauseous as a result of being on a ship or boat that is moving or rocking back and forth in a rough sea; suffering from motion sickness
125. ma_____an evolution *adj.* of or relating to mammals, a class of warm-blooded vertebrate animals that typically nurse their young and have hair or fur on their skin; characterized by mammalian qualities, such as nurturing and protective behavior
126. a__d baseball fan *adj.* characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity

ANSWERS: 119. sludge, 120. disrupt, 121. regenerate, 122. augment, 123. individuate, 124. seasick, 125. mammalian, 126. avid

127. government bur_____cy *n.* a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
128. baptism by im_____on *n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity
129. re_____ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
130. antibiotic-resistant g__m *n.* a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
131. en_____ne disorders *adj.* relating to the glands in the body that secrete hormones directly into the bloodstream to regulate bodily functions and processes
132. water po_____nt *n.* a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil
133. co_____t without marriage *v.* to live together in a sexual relationship without being married; to inhabit or occupy the same space or dwelling
134. high-speed ai_____w *n.* the flow of air, especially around a moving object such as an aircraft or vehicle

ANSWERS: 127. bureaucracy, 128. immersion, 129. redefine, 130. germ, 131. endocrine, 132. pollutant, 133. cohabit, 134. airflow

135. ai____w duct *n.* the flow of air, especially around a moving object such as an aircraft or vehicle
136. av__n influenza *adj.* relating to or characteristic of birds
137. av__n habitat *adj.* relating to or characteristic of birds
138. en____p unsuspecting victims *v.* to lure or trap someone into doing something they should not; to ensnare; to trick or deceive into an undesirable situation
139. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
140. noxious po_____nt *n.* a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil
141. obs_____le change *adj.* that can be noticed or seen
142. el____t a confession *v.* to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty
143. em_____e a successful business model *v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else
144. actions that si____y agreement *v.* to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word
145. imp_____us material *adj.* unable to be affected by something; not allowing something to pass through, especially fluid; unresponsive or indifferent to criticism or persuasion

ANSWERS: 135. airflow, 136. avian, 137. avian, 138. entrap, 139. situ, 140. pollutant, 141. observable, 142. elicit, 143. emulate, 144. signify, 145. impervious

146. sc____r seeds *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
147. en___p me into going to the event *v.* to lure or trap someone into doing something they should not; to ensnare; to trick or deceive into an undesirable situation
148. an ant_____ant drug *n.* any of a class of drugs used to reduce feelings of sadness and worry
149. a racing pi___n *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
150. imp_____ce with delays *n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience
151. vo__a shot *n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring
152. vehicle re_____or *n.* a surface or object that reflects light, sound, or heat in a specific direction, often used to redirect or focus these elements toward a desired target or area
153. li_____e city *adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
154. pre_____ine result *v.* to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand

ANSWERS: 146. scatter, 147. entrap, 148. antidepressant, 149. pigeon, 150. impatience, 151. vodka, 152. reflector, 153. livable, 154. predetermine

155. flavored vo__a *n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring
156. st____or event *n.* something that causes stress or emotional tension
157. the fa____t from the incident *n.* the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion
158. cul_____on altitude *n.* the peak highest point or climax of something, especially happening after a long time
159. ch_____e ligand *n.* a chemical compound or molecule that forms a bond or coordination with a metal ion or other species, often to stabilize or enhance its properties or to facilitate transportation within a biological system
160. crisp 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
161. ta_____e stage *n.* the aquatic larval stage of a frog or toad, characterized by a long tail and gills for breathing underwater
162. au_____t the reality *v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
163. ta_____e development *n.* the aquatic larval stage of a frog or toad, characterized by a long tail and gills for breathing underwater

ANSWERS: 155. vodka, 156. stressor, 157. fallout, 158. culmination, 159. chelate, 160. lettuce, 161. tadpole, 162. augment, 163. tadpole

164. he_____ss torso *adj.* having no head or lacking a head
165. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
166. mo_____ze a stiff joint *v.* to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
167. c__w each word *v.* to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
168. ca_____m poisoning *n.* a soft, bluish-white metallic element with the atomic number 48 and the symbol Cd that is used in batteries, pigments, and other products and can be toxic if ingested or inhaled
169. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
170. nuclear fa_____t *n.* the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion
171. en_____ne cell *adj.* relating to the glands in the body that secrete hormones directly into the bloodstream to regulate bodily functions and processes
172. im_____on in acid *n.* the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity

ANSWERS: 164. headless, 165. medicinal, 166. mobilize, 167. chew, 168. cadmium, 169. disrupt, 170. fallout, 171. endocrine, 172. immersion

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The environmental group demanded that the government stop the plans to _____ the wetlands for oil drilling.
 - v. to remove debris or objects from a body of water or other areas by scooping or dragging, often using special equipment called a dredge; to bring something to the surface by this process

2. _____ milk is known to be rich in protein and essential vitamins.
 - adj. of or relating to mammals, a class of warm-blooded vertebrate animals that typically nurse their young and have hair or fur on their skin; characterized by mammalian qualities, such as nurturing and protective behavior

3. He couldn't help but _____ at his wife during the boring meeting to make her laugh.
 - v. to close one eye briefly as a way of showing agreement, understanding, or flirtation; to emit a flashing light

4. The employee decided to _____ on the company's illegal activities.
 - v. to make a high-pitched sound by forcing breath through a small opening, usually with the lips or fingers; (noun) a piece of equipment that forces air or steam against an edge or into a cavity and so produces a loud shrill sound

5. The deadline for the project was a major _____ for the team.
 - n. something that causes stress or emotional tension

6. The _____ perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.
 - n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

ANSWERS: 1. dredge, 2. Mammalian, 3. wink, 4. whistle-blow, 5. stressor, 6. pigeon

7. Finding a safe and _____ neighborhood is important when looking for a new place to live.
adj. capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
8. I saw a _____ swimming in the pond during my morning walk.
n. the aquatic larval stage of a frog or toad, characterized by a long tail and gills for breathing underwater
9. The bumbling _____ made it difficult to get the permits we needed.
n. a system of government in which most of the important decisions are made by state officials rather than by elected representatives
10. 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
11. My dog loves to _____ on bones.
v. to crush or grind something, especially food, with the teeth and then swallow it
12. He approved their requests to _____ the jury.
v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.
13. The military _____ troops to the border.
v. to make something ready for action or use; to organize people or resources for a particular purpose
14. The disease has an _____ onset, making it difficult to diagnose.
adj. tending to entrap or beguile unawares; working or spreading in a hidden and usually harmful way

ANSWERS: 7. livable, 8. tadpole, 9. bureaucracy, 10. deplete, 11. chew, 12. sequester, 13. mobilized, 14. insidious

15. 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
16. The political party _____ after much internal fighting.
- v.* to be or cause to be absorbed by a liquid to form a part of the solution; to close down or dismiss
17. I am studying _____ in medical school because I love working with children.
- n.* the branch of medicine that deals with the care and treatment of children
18. Sugar is _____ in food.
- adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
19. She was an ____ reader and spent hours every day lost in a book.
- adj.* characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity
20. The cyclist wore a _____ vest to increase visibility on the road at night.
- n.* a surface or object that reflects light, sound, or heat in a specific direction, often used to redirect or focus these elements toward a desired target or area
21. A red and white striped ____ marked the edge of the shipping lane.
- n.* a floating device typically used to mark a location in a body of water, often used as a navigational aid; a source of support or encouragement
22. Burning _____ releases water vapor and carbon dioxide.
- n.* an organic compound consisting entirely of hydrogen and carbon

ANSWERS: 15. rev, 16. dissolved, 17. pediatrics, 18. ubiquitous, 19. avid, 20. reflector, 21. buoy, 22. hydrocarbons

23. Melanoma in _____ is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

24. The therapist helped the patient to _____ their emotions and thoughts from those of their family members.

v. to distinguish or separate an individual or item from a group or collective; to develop or acquire distinct characteristics that differentiate someone or something from others

25. The road crew was laying fresh _____ on the highway.

n. a black, sticky substance that is used to surface roads, roofs, and other structures made from a mixture of sand, gravel, and a petroleum-based material called bitumen

26. Any theorem relies on both _____ fact and assumption.

adj. that can be noticed or seen

27. The expert on _____ species studied the behavior of different types of birds.

adj. relating to or characteristic of birds

28. 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

29. they had no protection from the radioactive _____.

n. the radioactive dust in the air that settle to the ground after a nuclear explosion

30. I can't _____ the game's outcome, and anything can happen.

v. to decide or determine in advance; to establish or influence beforehand

ANSWERS: 23. situ, 24. individuate, 25. asphalt, 26. observable, 27. avian, 28. disrupt, 29. fallout, 30. predetermine

31. Our schools offer _____ education by excellent teachers.
v. to make something personal or more personal to suit the needs of a particular person, place, etc.
32. She has been taking _____ since her baby died.
n. any of a class of drugs used to reduce feelings of sadness and worry
33. We need to _____ our inventory before the holiday rush.
v. to provide something with additional supplies or materials, often used for resupplying remote or distant outposts, such as military bases or science stations
34. We strive not to _____ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.
v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
35. The _____ corpse was found in the alleyway behind the nightclub.
adj. having no head or lacking a head
36. The residents reported a leaky _____ in their community, prompting the city to dispatch a maintenance crew
n. a pipe with a valve and spout, usually located on streets and used for drawing water, especially for firefighting purposes
37. The _____ of his idea came from watching birds flying in flocks.
n. a very tiny living that causes the disease; a piece of something such as an organism, concept, etc., capable of growing into a new one or part of one
38. Have you _____ a response from them yet?
v. to obtain information or a reaction from someone, usually with difficulty

ANSWERS: 31. individualized, 32. antidepressants, 33. resupply, 34. contaminate, 35. headless, 36. hydrant, 37. germ, 38. elicited

39. The _____ in the factory was constantly emitting dark smoke.
- n.* a vertical structure that channels smoke or gas from a fire or furnace out of a building; a hollow column or tube that facilitates air or fluid flow throughout a system
40. The _____ system regulates many bodily functions, including metabolism and growth.
- adj.* relating to the glands in the body that secrete hormones directly into the bloodstream to regulate bodily functions and processes
41. I ordered a _____ tonic at the bar.
- n.* a distilled alcoholic beverage made from fermented grains or potatoes, typically with high alcohol content and little or no added flavoring
42. Because of the road closure, we had to take a _____ route to reach the destination.
- n.* a circuitous or indirect route or path; a traffic circle or rotary used to regulate the flow of traffic
43. The system is still so _____ that it is useless.
- adj.* lacking the ability or skill and not making the best use of time, money, energy, etc.
44. The government issued a _____ regarding the new regulations for tax compliance.
- n.* an official written order or decree, particularly one issued by a government or other authority
45. He is my _____ but we're not related.
- n.* a person or thing with the same name as somebody or something else

ANSWERS: 39. chimney, 40. endocrine, 41. vodka, 42. roundabout, 43. inefficient, 44. rescript, 45. namesake,

46. The jacket is _____ to water and will keep you dry in the rain.
adj. unable to be affected by something; not allowing something to pass through, especially fluid; unresponsive or indifferent to criticism or persuasion
47. They thoroughly tested the _____ around their latest formula car.
n. the flow of air, especially around a moving object such as an aircraft or vehicle
48. In this culture, men are initiated when they reach _____.
n. the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
49. Their achievements stand as a _____ of centuries of development.
n. the peak highest point or climax of something, especially happening after a long time
50. The _____ at the bottom of the river was a toxic hazard for marine life.
n. a thick, wet mixture of liquid and solid matter, typically one that is unpleasant or harmful
51. The police officer used a wire to _____ the criminal in a sting operation.
v. to lure or trap someone into doing something they should not; to ensnare; to trick or deceive into an undesirable situation
52. My boyfriend and I plan to _____ for a year before deciding to get married.
v. to live together in a sexual relationship without being married; to inhabit or occupy the same space or dwelling
53. We should do our best not to _____ the environment.
v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

ANSWERS: 46. impervious, 47. airflow, 48. puberty, 49. culmination, 50. sludge, 51. entrap, 52. cohabit, 53. pollute

54. The factory's use of chemicals has made it a significant _____ in the area.
- n.* a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil
55. The _____ of the author's writing is the depth of emotion conveyed.
- n.* the perfect example of a quality or class
56. The _____ of The King of Pop will forever be associated with Michael Jackson.
- n.* a name or nickname, especially one that is unconventional or adopted rather than given
57. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
58. Economic factors and monetary policy _____ inflation.
- v.* to increase the size, extent, quantity, etc. of something by adding something to it
59. We saw a group of ____ grazing in the field near our cabin in the mountains.
- n.* a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size
60. The doctor advised him to manage his _____ as stress could exacerbate his medical condition.
- n.* a feeling of restlessness or irritation caused by a desire for something to happen or be done more quickly; lack of patience
61. Certain types of fish contain _____ that can harm humans if ingested.
- n.* a poisonous substance that damages or destroys nerve tissue and causes neurological damage or dysfunction; a toxin that specifically targets the nervous system

ANSWERS: 54. pollutant, 55. quintessence, 56. moniker, 57. opportune, 58. augmented, 59. elk, 60. impatience, 61. neurotoxins

62. It is illegal to _____ police radio.

- v.* to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

63. The rough waves made some passengers feel _____ during the boat ride.

- adj.* feeling ill or nauseous as a result of being on a ship or boat that is moving or rocking back and forth in a rough sea; suffering from motion sickness

64. 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

65. The spy was able to _____ the enemy's headquarters undetected.

- v.* to enter or penetrate a group, organization, or place covertly or secretly, usually with a specific purpose or goal in mind; to spread or diffuse through something gradually or subtly

66. _____ batteries have a longer lifespan and higher energy density than other types of batteries.

- n.* a soft, bluish-white metallic element with the atomic number 48 and the symbol Cd that is used in batteries, pigments, and other products and can be toxic if ingested or inhaled

67. The large corporation sought to _____ the market by buying out its competitors.

- v.* (business) to have complete control or dominance over a particular market or industry, often to the exclusion of other competitors

68. They intend to _____ the footsteps of successful software companies.

- v.* to imitate someone else's achievements to try to do something as well as somebody else

ANSWERS: 62. intercept, 63. seasick, 64. lettuce, 65. infiltrate, 66. Cadmium, 67. monopolize, 68. emulate

69. The _____ of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

70. He had a _____ that he was a millionaire.

n. a false belief or impression that is firmly held despite evidence to the contrary

71. 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

72. I like to _____ my phone case with a picture of my dog.

v. to make something or an experience specific to an individual or group, often through adding personal details or tailoring it to their preferences or needs; to add personal details or information to something

73. The _____ in this fertilizer enhances the absorption of nutrients by the plants.

n. a chemical compound or molecule that forms a bond or coordination with a metal ion or other species, often to stabilize or enhance its properties or to facilitate transportation within a biological system

74. He was a positive _____ and always dressed in the finest clothing.

n. a man who is excessively fastidious in his dress and manner; (adjective) very good

75. The mouth of the river formed an _____ where saltwater and freshwater met.

n. a place where a river meets the sea, typically where the fresh and saltwater mix

76. The cathedral's _____ sculptures were intricately carved and carefully placed.

n. the art or work of constructing buildings, walls, or other structures from carefully shaped and arranged blocks of stone, brick, or other materials

ANSWERS: 69. humming, 70. delusion, 71. signify, 72. personalize, 73. chelate, 74. dandy, 75. estuary, 76. masonry

77. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
78. I felt like I was in a different world because of the _____ experience of virtual reality.
n. the act of putting someone or something into a liquid completely; the state of being completely involved in a subject or activity
79. The hunter's approach _____ the geese.
v. to cause to separate and go in different directions
80. The amount of _____ pollen this year is higher than usual.
adj. moved or conveyed by or through the air; in the air
81. Suspicion and worry were _____ in our minds.
adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
82. The speaker's speech was full of _____ phrases and platitudes.
adj. lacking originality or freshness; overused, common, or clichéd; lacking in depth or significance due to being overly familiar or predictable
83. The army _____ arrived on the scene to provide medical assistance.
n. a person trained to provide medical care, especially in an emergency
84. In his speech, he _____ a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.
v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

ANSWERS: 77. medicinal, 78. immersion, 79. scattered, 80. airborne, 81. pervasive, 82. trite, 83. medic, 84. quoted

85. The new CEO's primary mission is to _____ the company on the verge of bankruptcy.

- v. to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful

86. The video telephony application has _____ the way we work.

- v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

ANSWERS: 85. regenerate, 86. redefined