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Session 1: Word List

unexplored

adj. not yet examined, investigated, or studied; lacking in knowledge or information; unknown or undiscovered

synonym: uncharted, undiscovered, untapped

(1) **unexplored** ideas, (2) **unexplored** cave

There are many **unexplored** regions of the ocean that scientists hope to study soon.

wondrous

adj. inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive

synonym: amazing, fantastic, miraculous

(1) **wondrous** sight, (2) **wondrous** adventure

The **wondrous** beauty of the sunset left us all in awe.

forebear

n. an ancestor or a precursor

synonym: ancestor, predecessor, forefather

(1) a **forebear** of one of the tribes, (2) **forebear** predecessor

His **forebear** was one of the first settlers in the area.

monstrous

adj. extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance

synonym: grotesque, huge, deformed

(1) a **monstrous** iceberg, (2) **monstrous** behavior

The giant wave was **monstrous** and destroyed the small

boat.

envy

v. to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

synonym: covet, resent, grudge

(1) **envy** his success, (2) feeling **envy** toward him

I can't help but **envy** my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.

seamount

n. an underwater mountain or volcano that rises from the ocean floor but does not reach the surface, often forming a peak or cone-shaped landform

synonym: seafloor mountain, submarine volcano

(1) underwater **seamount**, (2) volcanic **seamount**

Seamount chains are formed by the movement of a tectonic plate over a hotspot.

precaution

n. a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness

synonym: safeguard, measure, provision

(1) airborne **precaution**, (2) take extra **precautions**

As a **precaution**, the company locked all of its doors after a threat was made.

belie

v. to contradict or show to be false or untrue; to give a false impression or disguise the true nature of something

synonym: disprove, refute, contradict

(1) **belie** his expectations, (2) **belies** the impact of the speaker's words

The peaceful surroundings **belied** the danger lurking just around the corner.

dilution

n. the process of making something weaker, less concentrated, or less potent by adding or mixing in other substances; the act of reducing the strength or impact of an idea, principle, or tradition

synonym: diluting, reduction, weakening

(1) **dilution** of power, (2) **dilution** of the original message

The **dilution** of the chemical solution weakened its strength.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym: judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

gloom

n. a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty

synonym: darkness, depression, melancholy

(1) a sense of **gloom**, (2) **gloom-filled** room

The **gloom** of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

synonym: consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

conservationist

n. a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife

synonym: environmentalist

(1) wildlife **conservationist**, (2) dedicated **conservationist**

The extinction of this species has been a significant concern for **conservationists**.

trajectory

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

synonym: course, curve, orbit

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

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

trawl

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

synonym: fish, dredge, drag

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

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

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.

seabed

n. the bottom of a sea or ocean; the surface of the sea's bed, which can be rocky, sandy, muddy, or covered with coral or other organisms

synonym: ocean floor, sea bottom

(1) **seabed** mining, (2) **seabed** habitat

The dense coral reefs on the **seabed** provide a home for various marine life.

optimist

n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

synonym: positive thinker, dreamer, idealist

(1) **optimist** by nature, (2) excessive **optimist**

She is a confident **optimist** who always looks on the bright

side.

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.

coastline

n. the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea

synonym : shoreline, seashore, beach

(1) **coastline** erosion, (2) deeply indented **coastline**

The new resort was built along the **coastline**, offering stunning ocean views from every room.

oceanic

adj. relating to or characteristic of the ocean or its inhabitants; having to do with the vast expanse of saltwater that covers most of the Earth's surface

synonym : marine, pelagic, sea

(1) **oceanic** climate, (2) **oceanic** exploration

The **oceanic** waves crashed against the shore, creating a mesmerizing sight.

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.

spawn

v. to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop

synonym : beget, breed, generate

(1) **spawn** in spring, (2) **spawn** a new concept

The salmon swims upstream to **spawn** in the place they were released.

eel

n. a type of elongated, snake-like fish that lives in freshwater or saltwater and has a slimy, scaleless body

and no pelvic fins

(1) glass **eel**, (2) electric **eel**

The fisherman caught a slippery **eel** while out on the lake.

dwindle

v. to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

synonym: shrink, decrease, fade

(1) **dwindle** in importance, (2) **dwindle** to almost nothing

The crowds at the festival **dwindled** as the night went on.

numb

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

synonym: dazed, insensitive, emotionless

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

My left arm became **numb**.

mimic

v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh

synonym: mirror, imitate, ape

(1) **mimic** a human voice, (2) **mimic** numerous instruments

He is very popular at school because he can **mimic** all the teachers' accents.

spearhead

v. to lead or initiate an effort or campaign

synonym: lead, initiate, begin

(1) **spearhead** campaign, (2) **spearhead** movement

The CEO decided to **spearhead** the new project to ensure its success.

someplace

adv. somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location

synonym: somewhere, anywhere, wherever

(1) from **someplace** deep inside, (2) **someplace** quiet

Let's go **someplace** new and try something we have not done before.

phytoplankton

n. tiny little plants that float on the surface of the water and on which sea creatures feed

(1) marine **phytoplankton**, (2) **phytoplankton** blooms

She studies the relationship between marine creatures' toxicity and the **phytoplankton** they feed on.

krill

n. a small, shrimp-like crustacean that is a major food source for many marine animals

synonym: shrimp, plankton, zooplankton

(1) eat **krill**, (2) Antarctic **krill**

The decline in **krill** populations in recent years has raised concerns about the health of marine ecosystems.

conserve

v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

synonym: preserve, save, maintain

(1) means to **conserve** energy, (2) **conserve** coal resources

Children must be taught to **conserve** our natural environment.

off-limits

adj. not allowed to be entered or used

synonym: prohibited, restricted, forbidden

(1) **off-limits** to development, (2) **off-limits** topic

The restricted area was **off-limits** to visitors.

oceanography

n. the scientific study of oceans and other bodies of saltwater, including their physical, chemical, and biological characteristics, as well as their interactions with the atmosphere and land

synonym: marine science, oceanology, oceanic research

(1) **oceanography** data, (2) **oceanography** expedition

The **oceanography** research center is dedicated to studying the impacts of climate change on the ocean's ecosystem.

gyre

n. a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents

synonym : spiral, vortex, whirl

(1) **gyre** movement, (2) subtropical **gyre**

The trash caught in the **gyre** in the ocean, forming a massive garbage patch.

bycatch

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

synonym : byproduct, incidental catch

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

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

soot

n. a black, powdery substance that is produced by the incomplete burning of a material such as coal, wood, or oil and is often found on surfaces near the source of the fire

synonym : smut, dirt

(1) **soot-covered** walls, (2) black **soot**

The fire left a layer of **soot** on everything in the room.

culminate

v. to reach a peak or climax

synonym : end, finish, conclude

(1) **culminate** in a heart attack, (2) **culminate** in failure

The event will **culminate** in a grand fireworks display.

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.

cucumber

n. a long and green fruit with thin skin and crisp, refreshing flesh, typically eaten as a vegetable

(1) a **cucumber** face mask, (2) several varieties of **cucumbers**

I like to slice **cucumber** and put it on my sandwiches.

policymaker

n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

synonym: lawmaker, legislator

(1) education **policymaker**, (2) regional **policymaker**

Policymakers struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.

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**.

hotspot

n. a place or area, typically a location or region, that is known for having an unusually high number of a particular phenomenon, such as disease, activity, or popularity

synonym: epicenter, cluster, outbreak

(1) covid-19 **hotspot**, (2) geographic **hotspot**

The airport is a **hotspot** for tourists and travelers from around the world.

astronaut

n. a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere

synonym: spaceman, cosmonaut

(1) **astronaut** mission, (2) **astronaut** in training

The shuttle **astronaut** trained for months before embarking on the space mission.

transponder

n. a device that receives and transmits signals in response to specific signals or frequencies, often used in telecommunications, radar, aviation, or navigation

systems, commonly used in vehicles to facilitate toll payments or access control

synonym: transceiver, beacon, responder

(1) **transponder** frequency, (2) **transponder** signal

The **transponder** in the vehicle allows for easy toll payment on the highway.

avert

v. to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening

synonym: discourage, prevent, deter

(1) **avert** disaster, (2) **avert** a strike

The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to **avert** flooding during the rainy season

glob

n. a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance

synonym: ball, lump, sphere

(1) **glob** of paint, (2) **glob** of honey

She squeezed a **glob** of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.

marvel

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym: wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**

The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

two-pronged

adj. having two prongs:

(1) **two-pronged** process, (2) **two-pronged** fork

A **two-pronged** attack with synchronized landings at both camps was deemed the optimal strategy.

penetrate

v. to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance

synonym: pierce, stab, go through

(1) **penetrate** a cell, (2) **penetrate** quickly into the skin

Western ideology slowly **penetrates** through the eastern

countries.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. underwater se_____nt | <i>n.</i> an underwater mountain or volcano that rises from the ocean floor but does not reach the surface, often forming a peak or cone-shaped landform |
| 2. electric e_l | <i>n.</i> a type of elongated, snake-like fish that lives in freshwater or saltwater and has a slimy, scaleless body and no pelvic fins |
| 3. be__e his expectations | <i>v.</i> to contradict or show to be false or untrue; to give a false impression or disguise the true nature of something |
| 4. as_____ut in training | <i>n.</i> a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere |
| 5. de_____te a few hours | <i>v.</i> to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use |
| 6. regional pol_____er | <i>n.</i> a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc. |
| 7. pe_____te quickly into the skin | <i>v.</i> to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance |
| 8. tr__l for fish | <i>v.</i> to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information |

ANSWERS: 1. seamount, 2. eel, 3. belie, 4. astronaut, 5. dedicate, 6. policymaker, 7. penetrate, 8. trawl

9. une_____ed cave *adj.* not yet examined, investigated, or studied; lacking in knowledge or information; unknown or undiscovered
10. deeply indented co_____ne *n.* the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea
11. education pol_____er *n.* a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.
12. off_____ts topic *adj.* not allowed to be entered or used
13. 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
14. oce_____phy expedition *n.* the scientific study of oceans and other bodies of saltwater, including their physical, chemical, and biological characteristics, as well as their interactions with the atmosphere and land
15. gl__m-filled room *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
16. en_____p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
17. eat kr__l *n.* a small, shrimp-like crustacean that is a major food source for many marine animals

ANSWERS: 9. unexplored, 10. coastline, 11. policymaker, 12. off-limits, 13. rev, 14. oceanography, 15. gloom, 16. envelop, 17. krill

18. technical ma___l *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
19. tra_____er signal *n.* a device that receives and transmits signals in response to specific signals or frequencies, often used in telecommunications, radar, aviation, or navigation systems, commonly used in vehicles to facilitate toll payments or access control
20. oce_____phy data *n.* the scientific study of oceans and other bodies of saltwater, including their physical, chemical, and biological characteristics, as well as their interactions with the atmosphere and land
21. dw_____e to almost nothing *v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
22. two_____ed fork *adj.* having two prongs:
23. glass e_l *n.* a type of elongated, snake-like fish that lives in freshwater or saltwater and has a slimy, scaleless body and no pelvic fins
24. two_____ed process *adj.* having two prongs:
25. co_____ne erosion *n.* the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea
26. s__t-covered walls *n.* a black, powdery substance that is produced by the incomplete burning of a material such as coal, wood, or oil and is often found on surfaces near the source of the fire

ANSWERS: 18. marvel, 19. transponder, 20. oceanography, 21. dwindle, 22. two-pronged, 23. eel, 24. two-pronged, 25. coastline, 26. soot

27. op____st by nature *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
28. a cu____er face mask *n.* a long and green fruit with thin skin and crisp, refreshing flesh, typically eaten as a vegetable
29. subtropical g__e *n.* a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents
30. mo____us behavior *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
31. sp____ad movement *v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
32. oc____c exploration *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the ocean or its inhabitants; having to do with the vast expanse of saltwater that covers most of the Earth's surface
33. si____y importance *v.* to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word
34. career tra____ry *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
35. dw____e in importance *v.* to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller
36. g__e movement *n.* a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents
37. airborne pre____on *n.* a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness

ANSWERS: 27. optimist, 28. cucumber, 29. gyre, 30. monstrous, 31. spearhead, 32. oceanic, 33. signify, 34. trajectory, 35. dwindle, 36. gyre, 37. precaution

38. av__t disaster *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
39. de____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
40. cu_____te in failure *v.* to reach a peak or climax
41. 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
42. marine phy_____ton *n.* tiny little plants that float on the surface of the water and on which sea creatures feed
43. pe_____te a cell *v.* to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance
44. a fo____ar of one of the tribes *n.* an ancestor or a precursor
45. mi__c numerous instruments *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
46. cu_____te in a heart attack *v.* to reach a peak or climax
47. se___d habitat *n.* the bottom of a sea or ocean; the surface of the sea's bed, which can be rocky, sandy, muddy, or covered with coral or other organisms
48. en____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase

ANSWERS: 38. avert, 39. dedicate, 40. culminate, 41. rev, 42. phytoplankton, 43. penetrate, 44. forebear, 45. mimic, 46. culminate, 47. seabed, 48. envelop

49. a sense of gl__m *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
50. av__t a strike *v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
51. oc____c climate *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the ocean or its inhabitants; having to do with the vast expanse of saltwater that covers most of the Earth's surface
52. black s__t *n.* a black, powdery substance that is produced by the incomplete burning of a material such as coal, wood, or oil and is often found on surfaces near the source of the fire
53. as____ut mission *n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
54. geographic ho____t *n.* a place or area, typically a location or region, that is known for having an unusually high number of a particular phenomenon, such as disease, activity, or popularity
55. from so____ce deep inside *adv.* somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location
56. excessive op____st *n.* a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future
57. actions that si____y agreement *v.* to indicate, represent, or communicate something, especially an idea or concept, often through a symbol, gesture, or word

ANSWERS: 49. gloom, 50. avert, 51. oceanic, 52. soot, 53. astronaut, 54. hotspot, 55. someplace, 56. optimist, 57. signify

58. dedicated con_____ist *n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
59. se____d mining *n.* the bottom of a sea or ocean; the surface of the sea's bed, which can be rocky, sandy, muddy, or covered with coral or other organisms
60. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
61. wo_____us adventure *adj.* inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive
62. tr___l the Internet for free music *v.* to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information
63. so_____ce quiet *adv.* somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location
64. tra_____er frequency *n.* a device that receives and transmits signals in response to specific signals or frequencies, often used in telecommunications, radar, aviation, or navigation systems, commonly used in vehicles to facilitate toll payments or access control
65. mi__c a human voice *v.* to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
66. g__b of paint *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance

ANSWERS: 58. conservationist, 59. seabed, 60. opportune, 61. wondrous, 62. trawl, 63. someplace, 64. transponder, 65. mimic, 66. glob

67. sp_____ad campaign *v.* to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
68. a ma___l of beauty *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
69. e__y his success *v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success
70. off_____ts to development *adj.* not allowed to be entered or used
71. covid-19 ho_____t *n.* a place or area, typically a location or region, that is known for having an unusually high number of a particular phenomenon, such as disease, activity, or popularity
72. a mo_____us iceberg *adj.* extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
73. fo_____ar predecessor *n.* an ancestor or a precursor
74. reduce by_____h *n.* the unintentional capture of non-target species in fishing or harvesting operations, often resulting in their injury or death
75. wo_____us sight *adj.* inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive
76. several varieties of cu_____ers *n.* a long and green fruit with thin skin and crisp, refreshing flesh, typically eaten as a vegetable

ANSWERS: 67. spearhead, 68. marvel, 69. envy, 70. off-limits, 71. hotspot, 72. monstrous, 73. forebear, 74. bycatch, 75. wondrous, 76. cucumber

77. n__b with cold *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
78. volcanic se_____nt *n.* an underwater mountain or volcano that rises from the ocean floor but does not reach the surface, often forming a peak or cone-shaped landform
79. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
80. economic d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
81. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
82. co_____ve coal resources *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
83. g__b of honey *n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
84. a n__b mind *adj.* unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
85. Antarctic kr__l *n.* a small, shrimp-like crustacean that is a major food source for many marine animals
86. sustainable by_____h *n.* the unintentional capture of non-target species in fishing or harvesting operations, often resulting in their injury or death

ANSWERS: 77. numb, 78. seamount, 79. doom, 80. doom, 81. opportune, 82. conserve, 83. glob, 84. numb, 85. krill, 86. bycatch

87. une_____ed ideas *adj.* not yet examined, investigated, or studied; lacking in knowledge or information; unknown or undiscovered
88. sexual pr_____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
89. sp__n a new concept *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
90. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
91. take extra pre_____ons *n.* a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness
92. di_____on of power *n.* the process of making something weaker, less concentrated, or less potent by adding or mixing in other substances; the act of reducing the strength or impact of an idea, principle, or tradition
93. means to co_____ve energy *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
94. be__es the impact of the speaker's words *v.* to contradict or show to be false or untrue; to give a false impression or disguise the true nature of something
95. phy_____ton blooms *n.* tiny little plants that float on the surface of the water and on which sea creatures feed
96. feeling e__y toward him *v.* to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

ANSWERS: 87. unexplored, 88. predator, 89. spawn, 90. predator, 91. precaution, 92. dilution, 93. conserve, 94. belie, 95. phytoplankton, 96. envy

97. a tra_____ry missile *n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space
98. sp__n in spring *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
99. wildlife con_____ist *n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
100. di_____on of the original message *n.* the process of making something weaker, less concentrated, or less potent by adding or mixing in other substances; the act of reducing the strength or impact of an idea, principle, or tradition

ANSWERS: 97. trajectory, 98. spawn, 99. conservationist, 100. dilution

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The peaceful surroundings _____ the danger lurking just around the corner.
v. to contradict or show to be false or untrue; to give a false impression or disguise the true nature of something
2. The fog _____ the city, making it difficult to see.
v. to surround and cover completely; to encase
3. The _____ beauty of the sunset left us all in awe.
adj. inspiring amazement or admiration; extremely beautiful and impressive
4. The _____ research center is dedicated to studying the impacts of climate change on the ocean's ecosystem.
n. the scientific study of oceans and other bodies of saltwater, including their physical, chemical, and biological characteristics, as well as their interactions with the atmosphere and land
5. Let's go _____ new and try something we have not done before.
adv. somewhere without specifying a particular or exact location
6. Western ideology slowly _____ through the eastern countries.
v. to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance
7. _____ struggle to develop various laws and regulations to address international trade conflicts.
n. a person in charge of or involved in developing action plans for a political party, business, etc.

ANSWERS: 1. belied, 2. enveloped, 3. wondrous, 4. oceanography, 5. someplace, 6. penetrates, 7. Policymakers

8. There are many _____ regions of the ocean that scientists hope to study soon.
adj. not yet examined, investigated, or studied; lacking in knowledge or information; unknown or undiscovered
9. A _____ attack with synchronized landings at both camps was deemed the optimal strategy.
adj. having two prongs:
10. The giant wave was _____ and destroyed the small boat.
adj. extremely large or evil, or having a frightening appearance
11. He is very popular at school because he can _____ all the teachers' accents.
v. to imitate someone's speech, movement, or behavior, especially to make others laugh
12. The _____ of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.
n. a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
13. The CEO decided to _____ the new project to ensure its success.
v. to lead or initiate an effort or campaign
14. The dense coral reefs on the _____ provide a home for various marine life.
n. the bottom of a sea or ocean; the surface of the sea's bed, which can be rocky, sandy, muddy, or covered with coral or other organisms
15. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 8. unexplored, 9. two-pronged, 10. monstrous, 11. mimic, 12. gloom, 13. spearhead, 14. seabed, 15. opportune

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 fishermen were careful to avoid _____ while fishing for tuna in the ocean.
- n.* the unintentional capture of non-target species in fishing or harvesting operations, often resulting in their injury or death
18. The _____ waves crashed against the shore, creating a mesmerizing sight.
- adj.* relating to or characteristic of the ocean or its inhabitants; having to do with the vast expanse of saltwater that covers most of the Earth's surface
19. The restricted area was _____ to visitors.
- adj.* not allowed to be entered or used
20. The fisherman used a net to _____ the bottom of the river for his catch.
- v.* to fish by dragging a net, often along the bottom of the ocean or river; to search or examine something thoroughly, often looking for a specific item or information
21. She studies the relationship between marine creatures' toxicity and the _____ they feed on.
- n.* tiny little plants that float on the surface of the water and on which sea creatures feed
22. The fisherman caught a slippery ____ while out on the lake.
- n.* a type of elongated, snake-like fish that lives in freshwater or saltwater and has a slimy, scaleless body and no pelvic fins

ANSWERS: 16. rev, 17. bycatch, 18. oceanic, 19. off-limits, 20. trawl, 21. phytoplankton, 22. eel

23. 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
24. I like to slice _____ and put it on my sandwiches.
- n.* a long and green fruit with thin skin and crisp, refreshing flesh, typically eaten as a vegetable
25. The _____ of the chemical solution weakened its strength.
- n.* the process of making something weaker, less concentrated, or less potent by adding or mixing in other substances; the act of reducing the strength or impact of an idea, principle, or tradition
26. She squeezed a _____ of toothpaste onto her toothbrush.
- n.* a small, round mass or lump; a drop or blob of liquid or viscous substance
27. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
- n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
28. The dam systematically releases large amounts of water to _____ flooding during the rainy season
- v.* to prevent something dangerous or undesirable from happening
29. Children must be taught to _____ our natural environment.
- v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
30. The company has shown an excellent growth _____ over the years.
- n.* the curved path followed by an object moving through space

ANSWERS: 23. signify, 24. cucumber, 25. dilution, 26. glob, 27. predator's, 28. avert, 29. conserve, 30. trajectory

31. He _____ his life to helping others.

- v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

32. I can't help but _____ my friend's ability to stay calm in stressful situations.

- v. to experience a feeling of jealousy or resentment towards someone because of their possessions, qualities, or achievements; to desire to have something that someone else has; (noun) a feeling of resentment or jealousy towards someone else's perceived advantage or success

33. The crowds at the festival _____ as the night went on.

- v. to gradually decrease in size, amount, or strength; to become smaller

34. The fire left a layer of _____ on everything in the room.

- n. a black, powdery substance that is produced by the incomplete burning of a material such as coal, wood, or oil and is often found on surfaces near the source of the fire

35. The airport is a _____ for tourists and travelers from around the world.

- n. a place or area, typically a location or region, that is known for having an unusually high number of a particular phenomenon, such as disease, activity, or popularity

36. _____ chains are formed by the movement of a tectonic plate over a hotspot.

- n. an underwater mountain or volcano that rises from the ocean floor but does not reach the surface, often forming a peak or cone-shaped landform

37. She is a confident _____ who always looks on the bright side.

- n. a person who tends to expect the best in all things and to be hopeful and confident about the future

ANSWERS: 31. dedicated, 32. envy, 33. dwindled, 34. soot, 35. hotspot, 36. Seamount, 37. optimist

38. The trash caught in the _____ in the ocean, forming a massive garbage patch.
n. a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents
39. The salmon swims upstream to _____ in the place they were released.
v. to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
40. The event will _____ in a grand fireworks display.
v. to reach a peak or climax
41. The decline in _____ populations in recent years has raised concerns about the health of marine ecosystems.
n. a small, shrimp-like crustacean that is a major food source for many marine animals
42. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.
n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
43. My left arm became _____.
adj. unable to feel physical sensation and movement; not showing human feeling or sensitivity
44. As a _____ the company locked all of its doors after a threat was made.
n. a measure taken in advance to prevent harm, danger, or injury; foresightfulness
45. The extinction of this species has been a significant concern for _____.
n. a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife

ANSWERS: 38. gyre, 39. spawn, 40. culminate, 41. krill, 42. marvel, 43. numb, 44. precaution, 45. conservationists

46. The shuttle _____ trained for months before embarking on the space mission.
- n.* a person trained by a space agency to travel outside the Earth's atmosphere
47. The new resort was built along the _____ offering stunning ocean views from every room.
- n.* the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea
48. His _____ was one of the first settlers in the area.
- n.* an ancestor or a precursor
49. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
- n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
50. The _____ in the vehicle allows for easy toll payment on the highway.
- n.* a device that receives and transmits signals in response to specific signals or frequencies, often used in telecommunications, radar, aviation, or navigation systems, commonly used in vehicles to facilitate toll payments or access control

ANSWERS: 46. astronaut, 47. coastline, 48. forebear, 49. doom, 50. transponder