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Session 1: Word List

renounce

v. to formally declare one's abandonment or rejection of something, especially a belief, claim, or right; to give up or relinquish a particular status, title, or position

synonym: abandon, reject, relinquish

(1) **renounce** a claim, (2) **renounce** citizenship

He **renounced** his title and lived a simpler life as a farmer.

ethic

n. a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems

synonym: moral code, code of conduct, principles

(1) moral **ethic**, (2) professional **ethic**

Having a strong work **ethic** is important for success in any field.

aft

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

(1) **aft** cabin, (2) **aft** view

The **aft** section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

peacetime

n. the state of a country or the world during a period when there is no war

synonym

: peace, non-war, non-conflict

(1) **peacetime** era, (2) **peacetime** treaty

Tensions were high during wartime, but the countries were friendly in **peacetime**.

throwaway

adj. designed to be used only once and then discarded
synonym: disposable, one-time-use, expendable

(1) **throwaway** item, (2) **throwaway** culture

Throwaway plastic containers are causing a major environmental issue.

liberate

v. to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression

synonym: emancipate, release, set free

(1) **liberate** people from oppression, (2) **liberate** potential

The prisoners were **liberated** after the war ended.

drudgery

n. hard, menial, and tedious work; a routine, monotonous task that is considered boring or unpleasant

synonym: tedium, laboriousness, grind

(1) office **drudgery**, (2) daily **drudgery**

The tedious **drudgery** of answering phones all day made me want to quit my job.

biodegrade

v. to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi

(1) **biodegrade** by the microorganism, (2) bioplastic designed to **biodegrade**

The company's plastic products are easily **biodegraded** thanks to a unique manufacturing process.

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.

recycle

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

synonym: reclaim, reuse, reprocess

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

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

squat

v. to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground

synonym: crouch, hunch, sit

(1) **squat** behind a tree, (2) **squat** exercise

I need to **squat** down to pick up the pen from the floor.

purify

v. to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it

synonym: refine, filter, clarify

(1) **purify** hydrogen gas, (2) **purify** the blood

The equipment is frequently used to **purify** and distribute drinking water.

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.

sponge

n. a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

(1) sea **sponge**, (2) metallic **sponge**

The tiny marine **sponge** has existed for more than 500 million years.

pellet

n. a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic

synonym: bead, ball, bullet

(1) the form of a small **pellet**, (2) **pellet** stove

The **pellet** gun was used to shoot small metal balls.

unruly

adj. difficult or impossible to manage or control; disobedient; disorderly

synonym: naughty, defiant, disobedient

(1) **unruly** beast, (2) **unruly** behavior

The **unruly** children in the classroom made teaching difficult for the teacher.

flotsam

n. wreckage, debris, or other items that float on the surface of the water and are left behind by a shipwreck or accident

synonym: debris, wreckage, drift

(1) floating **flotsam**, (2) ocean **flotsam**

After the shipwreck, the survivors clung to various pieces of **flotsam** to stay afloat.

artful

adj. skillful and cunning, often deceitfully or cleverly; displaying artistic or creative skill

synonym: crafty, cunning, skillful

(1) **artful** design, (2) **artful** manipulation

The writer's **artful** descriptions made the reader feel as though they were part of the story.

uninhabited

adj. not able to be lived in by humans or animals; devoid of human or animal life

synonym: deserted, abandoned, vacant

(1) **uninhabited** region, (2) **uninhabited** house

The remote island is **uninhabited** and has no permanent residents.

rookery

n. a breeding ground or nesting site for colony-nesting birds, particularly for rooks or other seabirds; a crowded or noisy place occupied by a group of people or animals

synonym : nesting site, breeding ground, colony

(1) seabird **rookery**, (2) the sea turtle **rookery** on the shore

The bird watchers were delighted to find a thriving **rookery** in the middle of the forest.

sparsely

adv. occurring, existing, or situated at wide intervals; in a scattered or thinly populated manner; with a low density or concentration

synonym : rarely, thinly

(1) **sparsely** attended, (2) **sparsely** decorated

The town was **sparsely** populated, with only a few houses scattered around the area.

populate

v. to inhabit or occupy a particular area, region, or environment with a certain number or type of people, animals, or plants; to fill out or complete a form, document, or database with relevant information

synonym : inhabit, occupy, dwell

(1) **populate** the countryside, (2) **populate** the spreadsheet

Deer, squirrels, and birds primarily **populate** the forest.

polyethylene

n. a synthetic resin or plastic material with a high strength-to-weight ratio used in a variety of applications, including packaging, insulation, and construction; often abbreviated as PE

synonym : PE, plastic, polymer

(1) high-density **polyethylene**, (2) **polyethylene** terephthalate

The food packaging was made of **polyethylene** film.

terephthalate

n. a type of chemical compound used in manufacturing polyester fibers, plastics, and bottles

(1) **terephthalate** resin, (2) dimethyl **terephthalate**

The new fabric is made from recycled polyethylene **terephthalate**.

seawater

n. water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals

synonym: saltwater, brine, ocean water

(1) **seawater** pollution, (2) **seawater** bacteria

The desalination plant turned **seawater** into drinking water through a complex process.

propylene

n. a chemical compound that is a colorless and flammable gas obtained by cracking petroleum, especially used for making polymers

(1) **propylene** oxide, (2) ethylene- **propylene** rubber

Propylene is an important raw material for plastics, other synthetic resins, and petrochemicals.

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.

albatross

n. a large, oceanic sea bird with long wings and webbed feet, known for its impressive ability to fly long distances (including circumnavigating the globe) and for its association in popular culture with bad luck or misfortune; (of golf) a specific scoring achievement that is rarer than a birdie or an eagle, used when a player completes a hole in three strokes under par

synonym: seabird, gull, petrel

(1) **albatross** on the par-5 hole, (2) **albatross** migration

The researcher spotted a majestic **albatross** gliding

effortlessly over the ocean.

midway

adv. in the middle of a process or journey; halfway between two points or stages

synonym : halfway, in the middle

(1) **midway** between our houses, (2) **midway** through the flight

We stopped at a restaurant **midway** through our road trip for lunch.

atoll

n. a ring-shaped coral reef or a chain of coral islands and reefs surrounding a central lagoon, typically formed by the subsidence of a volcanic island over time, leaving only the coral reefs visible above the water surface

synonym : coral reef, islet, cay

(1) coral **atoll**, (2) lagoon **atoll**

The tourists were excited to explore the remote **atoll**, which was uninhabited and untouched.

forage

v. to search or hunt for food, provisions, or other necessities; to scavenge or seek out resources in a determined or systematic manner

synonym : scavenge, hunt, search

(1) **forage** for food, (2) **forage** for information

She would **forage** through her massive handbag every morning to find her keys.

scavenge

v. to search for or gather useful material, particularly food or other resources, from discarded waste or other sources

synonym : search, scrounge, rummage

(1) **scavenge** for food, (2) **scavenge** for iron scraps

The raccoon **scavenged** through the garbage cans in search of food.

regurgitate

v. to bring back partially digested food from the stomach to the mouth; to repeat or recite something without

understanding or adding anything new or original

synonym : repeat, echo, restate

(1) **regurgitate** food, (2) **regurgitate** information

The biology student had to **regurgitate** all the material she had learned for the final exam.

zookeeper

n. a person who works in a zoo and takes care of the animals

(1) **zookeeper** and marine mammal trainer, (2) head of the **zookeeper**

Positions as a **zookeeper** or marine mammal trainer need formal education.

peninsula

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

synonym : cape, foreland

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

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

swath

n. a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something

synonym : strip, band, fodder

(1) a large **swath** of territory, (2) a **swath** of green grass

The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast **swath** of the population.

crochet

n. a type of needlework or fabric-making that involves creating loops of thread or yarn with a hooked needle; an item or piece of clothing made using this technique

synonym : knitting, needlework, lacework

(1) **crochet** pattern, (2) **crochet** kit

She passed the time on the plane by doing some **crochet** work.

zooplankton

n. very small animals that live in water and on which other sea creatures feed

(1) freshwater **zooplankton**, (2) floating **zooplankton**

The diversity of riverine ecosystems influences the variety of **zooplankton** in marine areas.

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.

plankton

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

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

Plankton is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.

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.

ingest

v. to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge

synonym: swallow, consume, devour

(1) **ingest** food, (2) **ingest** medication

People who compulsively **ingest** non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica.

autopsy

n. a medical examination performed on a dead body to determine the cause of death or identify any underlying medical conditions or injuries; a postmortem examination or necropsy (in animals)

synonym : postmortem examination, necropsy, examination

(1) forensic **autopsy**, (2) perform an **autopsy**

The **autopsy** report revealed that the cause of death was a heart attack.

polluted

adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances

synonym : contaminated, poisoned, unclean

(1) **polluted** air, (2) cadmium- **polluted** area

The river was **polluted** with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.

fishmonger

n. a person who sells fish, typically at a fish market or shop; a merchant or retailer who specializes in selling fresh or preserved fish and seafood

synonym : fish seller, piscator

(1) local **fishmonger**, (2) friendly **fishmonger**

The **fishmonger** at the market displayed an impressive variety of fresh seafood.

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

synonym : teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program

The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

proliferate

v. to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner

synonym : multiply, spread, propagate

(1) **proliferate** cells, (2) **proliferate** weeds

The number of COVID cases continued to **proliferate** in many countries worldwide.

untold

adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured

synonym : countless, immeasurable, innumerable

(1) **untold** riches, (2) an **untold** number of people

The **untold** stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.

Session 2: Spelling

1. pu___y the blood v. to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it
2. cr_____t kit n. a type of needlework or fabric-making that involves creating loops of thread or yarn with a hooked needle; an item or piece of clothing made using this technique
3. pl_____on community n. tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
4. hu_____g bird adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
5. water po_____nt n. a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil
6. po_____ed air adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
7. uni_____ed house adj. not able to be lived in by humans or animals; devoid of human or animal life
8. daily dr_____ry n. hard, menial, and tedious work; a routine, monotonous task that is considered boring or unpleasant
9. pu___y hydrogen gas v. to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it

ANSWERS: 1. purify, 2. crochet, 3. plankton, 4. humming, 5. pollutant, 6. polluted, 7. uninhabited, 8. drudgery, 9. purify

10. li____te people from oppression *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
11. a large sw__h of territory *n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
12. re____e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
13. sea sp____e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
14. mi____y through the flight *adv.* in the middle of a process or journey; halfway between two points or stages
15. friendly fis____er *n.* a person who sells fish, typically at a fish market or shop; a merchant or retailer who specializes in selling fresh or preserved fish and seafood
16. ocean fl____m *n.* wreckage, debris, or other items that float on the surface of the water and are left behind by a shipwreck or accident
17. moral et__c *n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
18. floating fl____m *n.* wreckage, debris, or other items that float on the surface of the water and are left behind by a shipwreck or accident

ANSWERS: 10. liberate, 11. swath, 12. recycle, 13. sponge, 14. midway, 15. fishmonger, 16. flotsam, 17. ethic, 18. flotsam

19. pro_____te cells *v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
20. sp_____ly decorated *adv.* occurring, existing, or situated at wide intervals; in a scattered or thinly populated manner; with a low density or concentration
21. un____y beast *adj.* difficult or impossible to manage or control; disobedient; disorderly
22. fo____e for food *v.* to search or hunt for food, provisions, or other necessities; to scavenge or seek out resources in a determined or systematic manner
23. ar____l manipulation *adj.* skillful and cunning, often deceitfully or cleverly; displaying artistic or creative skill
24. zo_____er and marine mammal trainer *n.* a person who works in a zoo and takes care of the animals
25. a sw__h of green grass *n.* a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
26. al_____ss on the par-5 hole *n.* a large, oceanic sea bird with long wings and webbed feet, known for its impressive ability to fly long distances (including circumnavigating the globe) and for its association in popular culture with bad luck or misfortune; (of golf) a specific scoring achievement that is rarer than a birdie or an eagle, used when a player completes a hole in three strokes under par

ANSWERS: 19. proliferate, 20. sparsely, 21. unruly, 22. forage, 23. artful, 24. zookeeper, 25. swath, 26. albatross

27. the sea turtle ro____y on the shore *n.* a breeding ground or nesting site for colony-nesting birds, particularly for rooks or other seabirds; a crowded or noisy place occupied by a group of people or animals
28. perform an au____y *n.* a medical examination performed on a dead body to determine the cause of death or identify any underlying medical conditions or injuries; a postmortem examination or necropsy (in animals)
29. al_____ss migration *n.* a large, oceanic sea bird with long wings and webbed feet, known for its impressive ability to fly long distances (including circumnavigating the globe) and for its association in popular culture with bad luck or misfortune; (of golf) a specific scoring achievement that is rarer than a birdie or an eagle, used when a player completes a hole in three strokes under par
30. th_____ay culture *adj.* designed to be used only once and then discarded
31. pe_____me era *n.* the state of a country or the world during a period when there is no war
32. uni_____ed region *adj.* not able to be lived in by humans or animals; devoid of human or animal life
33. pe____t stove *n.* a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic
34. po____te the spreadsheet *v.* to inhabit or occupy a particular area, region, or environment with a certain number or type of people, animals, or plants; to fill out or complete a form, document, or database with relevant information

ANSWERS: 27. rookery, 28. autopsy, 29. albatross, 30. throwaway, 31. peacetime, 32. uninhabited, 33. pellet, 34. populate

35. the Arab pe_____la *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
36. li_____te potential *v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
37. head of the zo_____er *n.* a person who works in a zoo and takes care of the animals
38. reg_____te food *v.* to bring back partially digested food from the stomach to the mouth; to repeat or recite something without understanding or adding anything new or original
39. forensic au_____y *n.* a medical examination performed on a dead body to determine the cause of death or identify any underlying medical conditions or injuries; a postmortem examination or necropsy (in animals)
40. in____t medication *v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
41. con_____te his ego *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
42. pl_____on blooms *n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
43. 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

ANSWERS: 35. peninsula, 36. liberate, 37. zookeeper, 38. regurgitate, 39. autopsy, 40. ingest, 41. contaminate, 42. plankton, 43. trawl

44. bio_____de by the microorganism *v.* to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi
45. se_____er bacteria *n.* water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals
46. fo___e for information *v.* to search or hunt for food, provisions, or other necessities; to scavenge or seek out resources in a determined or systematic manner
47. pe_____me treaty *n.* the state of a country or the world during a period when there is no war
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49. noxious po_____nt *n.* a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil
50. pr_____ne oxide *n.* a chemical compound that is a colorless and flammable gas obtained by cracking petroleum, especially used for making polymers
51. ter_____ate resin *n.* a type of chemical compound used in manufacturing polyester fibers, plastics, and bottles
52. bioplastic designed to bio_____de *v.* to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi
53. g__e movement *n.* a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents

ANSWERS: 44. biodegrade, 45. seawater, 46. forage, 47. peacetime, 48. seawater, 49. pollutant, 50. propylene, 51. terephthalate, 52. biodegrade, 53. gyre

54. hu____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
55. dimethyl ter_____ate *n.* a type of chemical compound used in manufacturing polyester fibers, plastics, and bottles
56. first-person na____or *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
57. sq__t exercise *v.* to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground
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59. re_____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
60. po_____te the countryside *v.* to inhabit or occupy a particular area, region, or environment with a certain number or type of people, animals, or plants; to fill out or complete a form, document, or database with relevant information

ANSWERS: 54. humming, 55. terephthalate, 56. narrator, 57. squat, 58. atoll, 59. recycle, 60. populate

61. floating zoo_____on *n.* very small animals that live in water and on which other sea creatures feed
62. metallic sp___e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
63. the tip of the pe_____la *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
64. mi___y between our houses *adv.* in the middle of a process or journey; halfway between two points or stages
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68. seabird ro_____y *n.* a breeding ground or nesting site for colony-nesting birds, particularly for rooks or other seabirds; a crowded or noisy place occupied by a group of people or animals
69. high-density pol_____ene *n.* a synthetic resin or plastic material with a high strength-to-weight ratio used in a variety of applications, including packaging, insulation, and construction; often abbreviated as PE

ANSWERS: 61. zooplankton, 62. sponge, 63. peninsula, 64. midway, 65. fishmonger, 66. sparsely, 67. crochet, 68. rookery, 69. polyethylene

70. ethylene-pr_____ne rubber *n.* a chemical compound that is a colorless and flammable gas obtained by cracking petroleum, especially used for making polymers
71. un___y behavior *adj.* difficult or impossible to manage or control; disobedient; disorderly
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73. th_____ay item *adj.* designed to be used only once and then discarded
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75. a_t cabin *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle
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77. re_____ce citizenship *v.* to formally declare one's abandonment or rejection of something, especially a belief, claim, or right; to give up or relinquish a particular status, title, or position
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ANSWERS: 70. propylene, 71. unruly, 72. untold, 73. throwaway, 74. polyethylene, 75. aft, 76. ethic, 77. renounce, 78. artful

79. office dr____ry *n.* hard, menial, and tedious work; a routine, monotonous task that is considered boring or unpleasant
80. in____t food *v.* to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
81. subtropical g__e *n.* a circular or spiral motion, particularly a vortex or large-scale system of rotating ocean currents
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83. pro____te weeds *v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner
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87. a_t view *adj.* (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 79. drudgery, 80. ingest, 81. gyre, 82. scavenge, 83. proliferate, 84. renounce, 85. pellet, 86. zooplankton, 87. aft

88. the na____or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
89. sc____ge for food *v.* to search for or gather useful material, particularly food or other resources, from discarded waste or other sources
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95. lagoon at__l *n.* a ring-shaped coral reef or a chain of coral islands and reefs surrounding a central lagoon, typically formed by the subsidence of a volcanic island over time, leaving only the coral reefs visible above the water surface

ANSWERS: 88. narrator, 89. scavenge, 90. contaminate, 91. regurgitate, 92. squat, 93. trawl, 94. polluted, 95. atoll

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been counted or measured

ANSWERS: 96. untold

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The tourists were excited to explore the remote _____ which was uninhabited and untouched.
 - n. a ring-shaped coral reef or a chain of coral islands and reefs surrounding a central lagoon, typically formed by the subsidence of a volcanic island over time, leaving only the coral reefs visible above the water surface

2. The _____ report revealed that the cause of death was a heart attack.
 - n. a medical examination performed on a dead body to determine the cause of death or identify any underlying medical conditions or injuries; a postmortem examination or necropsy (in animals)

3. The diversity of riverine ecosystems influences the variety of _____ in marine areas.
 - n. very small animals that live in water and on which other sea creatures feed

4. That _____ was an essential base for the country's defense.
 - n. a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land

5. _____ is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.
 - n. tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed

6. The researcher spotted a majestic _____ gliding effortlessly over the ocean.
 - n. a large, oceanic sea bird with long wings and webbed feet, known for its impressive ability to fly long distances (including circumnavigating the globe) and for its association in popular culture with bad luck or misfortune; (of golf) a specific scoring achievement that is rarer than a birdie or an eagle, used when a player completes a hole in three strokes under par

ANSWERS: 1. atoll, 2. autopsy, 3. zooplankton, 4. peninsula, 5. Plankton, 6. albatross

7. The river was _____ with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.
adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
8. Positions as a _____ or marine mammal trainer need formal education.
n. a person who works in a zoo and takes care of the animals
9. The desalination plant turned _____ into drinking water through a complex process.
n. water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals
10. The tiny marine _____ has existed for more than 500 million years.
n. a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning
11. He _____ his title and lived a simpler life as a farmer.
v. to formally declare one's abandonment or rejection of something, especially a belief, claim, or right; to give up or relinquish a particular status, title, or position
12. The raccoon _____ through the garbage cans in search of food.
v. to search for or gather useful material, particularly food or other resources, from discarded waste or other sources
13. We strive not to _____ the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.
v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
14. I need to _____ down to pick up the pen from the floor.
v. to crouch or sit with one's knees bent and one's heels close to or touching one's buttocks; to occupy a space, usually a place that is not designed for human habitation or use; (noun) a physical exercise that involves holding a position similar to sitting with the knees bent and the thighs parallel to the ground

ANSWERS: 7. polluted, 8. zookeeper, 9. seawater, 10. sponge, 11. renounced, 12. scavenged, 13. contaminate, 14. squat

15. The _____ stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.
adj. not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
16. The equipment is frequently used to _____ and distribute drinking water.
v. to remove harmful substances from something and increase the concentration of it
17. Tensions were high during wartime, but the countries were friendly in _____.
n. the state of a country or the world during a period when there is no war
18. The charity organization has helped to provide education to a vast _____ of the population.
n. a strip of land, especially a long, narrow one; a large amount or quantity of something
19. The _____ gun was used to shoot small metal balls.
n. a small, round piece of compressed material, such as wood or plastic
20. She would _____ through her massive handbag every morning to find her keys.
v. to search or hunt for food, provisions, or other necessities; to scavenge or seek out resources in a determined or systematic manner
21. 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
22. 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

ANSWERS: 15. untold, 16. purify, 17. peacetime, 18. swath, 19. pellet, 20. forage, 21. trawl, 22. humming

23. The food packaging was made of _____ film.
- n.* a synthetic resin or plastic material with a high strength-to-weight ratio used in a variety of applications, including packaging, insulation, and construction; often abbreviated as PE
24. Having a strong work _____ is important for success in any field.
- n.* a set of moral or philosophical principles or values that guide the behavior or actions of an individual, group, or society; the study or inquiry into the nature of morality and moral systems
25. The _____ makes use of the local dialect.
- n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
26. 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
27. _____ plastic containers are causing a major environmental issue.
- adj.* designed to be used only once and then discarded
28. Deer, squirrels, and birds primarily _____ the forest.
- v.* to inhabit or occupy a particular area, region, or environment with a certain number or type of people, animals, or plants; to fill out or complete a form, document, or database with relevant information
29. The number of COVID cases continued to _____ in many countries worldwide.
- v.* to grow or increase rapidly in number; to reproduce or spread rapidly, especially in an uncontrolled manner

ANSWERS: 23. polyethylene, 24. ethic, 25. narrator, 26. pollutant, 27. Throwaway, 28. populate, 29. proliferate

30. The biology student had to _____ all the material she had learned for the final exam.
- v. to bring back partially digested food from the stomach to the mouth; to repeat or recite something without understanding or adding anything new or original
31. The _____ at the market displayed an impressive variety of fresh seafood.
- n. a person who sells fish, typically at a fish market or shop; a merchant or retailer who specializes in selling fresh or preserved fish and seafood
32. The company's plastic products are easily _____ thanks to a unique manufacturing process.
- v. to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi
33. 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
34. People who compulsively _____ non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica.
- v. to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge
35. She passed the time on the plane by doing some _____ work.
- n. a type of needlework or fabric-making that involves creating loops of thread or yarn with a hooked needle; an item or piece of clothing made using this technique
36. The bird watchers were delighted to find a thriving _____ in the middle of the forest.
- n. a breeding ground or nesting site for colony-nesting birds, particularly for rooks or other seabirds; a crowded or noisy place occupied by a group of people or animals

ANSWERS: 30. regurgitate, 31. fishmonger, 32. biodegraded, 33. gyre, 34. ingest, 35. crochet, 36. rookery

37. The town was _____ populated, with only a few houses scattered around the area.

adv. occurring, existing, or situated at wide intervals; in a scattered or thinly populated manner; with a low density or concentration

38. The new fabric is made from recycled polyethylene _____.

n. a type of chemical compound used in manufacturing polyester fibers, plastics, and bottles

39. The tedious _____ of answering phones all day made me want to quit my job.

n. hard, menial, and tedious work; a routine, monotonous task that is considered boring or unpleasant

40. The _____ children in the classroom made teaching difficult for the teacher.

adj. difficult or impossible to manage or control; disobedient; disorderly

41. The remote island is _____ and has no permanent residents.

adj. not able to be lived in by humans or animals; devoid of human or animal life

42. The writer's _____ descriptions made the reader feel as though they were part of the story.

adj. skillful and cunning, often deceitfully or cleverly; displaying artistic or creative skill

43. The ____ section of the ship suffered significant damage after the collision with the reef.

adj. (the opposite of "forward") located at or towards the rear or back of a ship, aircraft, or other vehicle

ANSWERS: 37. sparsely, 38. terephthalate, 39. drudgery, 40. unruly, 41. uninhabited, 42. artful, 43. aft

44. After the shipwreck, the survivors clung to various pieces of _____ to stay afloat.
- n.* wreckage, debris, or other items that float on the surface of the water and are left behind by a shipwreck or accident
45. We stopped at a restaurant _____ through our road trip for lunch.
- adv.* in the middle of a process or journey; halfway between two points or stages
46. The prisoners were _____ after the war ended.
- v.* to set free; to release or rescue from captivity or oppression
47. We largely _____ the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.
- v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
48. _____ is an important raw material for plastics, other synthetic resins, and petrochemicals.
- n.* a chemical compound that is a colorless and flammable gas obtained by cracking petroleum, especially used for making polymers

ANSWERS: 44. flotsam, 45. midway, 46. liberated, 47. recycle, 48. Propylene