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### Advanced Words Only

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## Session 1: Word List

### enlighten

*v.* to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense

*synonym*: inform, educate, illuminate

(1) **enlighten** legions of people, (2) **enlighten** other countries

The teacher sought to **enlighten** her students by introducing them to new ideas and perspectives.

### chimpanzee

*n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur

*synonym*: ape, chimp, pan troglodytes

(1) **chimpanzee** behavior, (2) **chimpanzee** society

Many zoos have **chimpanzee** exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.

### phenotype

*n.* the observable physical or biochemical characteristics of an individual organism that result from the interaction between its genetic makeup and the environment in which it lives

*synonym*: trait, characteristic, attribute

(1) **phenotype** variation, (2) dominant **phenotype**

Our genetic **phenotype** determines the color of our eyes.

## astound

*v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much  
*synonym*: amaze, astonish, surprise

(1) **astound** everyone, (2) **astound** the viewer

The final result was nothing short of **astounding**.

## resemblance

*n.* similarity in appearance or exterior or superficial details  
*synonym*: closeness, likeness, similarity

(1) striking **resemblance**, (2) faint **resemblance**

The **resemblance** between Anna and her mother was astonishing.

## airy

*adj.* having a light, delicate, or ethereal quality; spacious and well-ventilated; lacking in substance or depth

*synonym*: fluffy, breezy, ethereal

(1) **airy** fairy, (2) **airy** dress

The room felt **airy** and spacious with its high ceilings and large windows.

## nitty

*n.* short for "nitty-gritty," which refers to the essential or most important details of something

*synonym*: details, particulars, specifics

(1) **nitty-gritty** details, (2) **nitty-gritty** work

The **nitty-gritty** of this project needs to be discussed before we can move forward with a plan.

## grit

*n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

*synonym*: determination, fortitude, courage

(1) **grit** determination, (2) **grit** washer

She has a lot of **grit** and determination to succeed.

## biped

*n.* an animal with two feet

*synonym*: hominoid

(1) **biped** robot, (2) a featherless **biped**

**Biped** walking encouraged the further evolution of

humankind.

## ancestor

*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather  
*synonym*: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

## ape

*n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons

*synonym*: monkey, primate, simian

(1) jungle **ape**, (2) play the **ape**

The scientist studied the behavior of **apes** in the wild.

## overheat

*v.* to become too hot, or to cause something to become too hot

*synonym*: become too hot, heat up too much

(1) **overheat** while charging, (2) starts to **overheat**

The car engine **overheated** and had to be repaired.

## unravel

*v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it

*synonym*: separate, unknot, ravel

(1) **unravel** a knit, (2) **unravel** a plot

Detectives are still attempting to **unravel** the mystery of his death.

## paleontology

*n.* the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth

*synonym*: fossilology, prehistoric biology

(1) vertebrate **paleontology**, (2) **paleontology** museum

My interest in **paleontology** research began when I visited a natural history museum and saw a display of fossils from the Jurassic period.

## fauna

*n.* the animal life of a particular region, habitat, or geological period

*synonym*:

wildlife, creatures, animals

(1) the tropical **fauna**, (2) **fauna** reserve

The national park is home to a diverse **fauna** of animal species.

## **hominid**

*n.* a primate of a family (Hominidae) that includes humans and their fossil ancestors

*synonym*: human, primate, ancestor

(1) large-toothed **hominid**, (2) **hominid** evolution

Scientists have discovered new fossil evidence of an ancient **hominid** species.

## **savannah**

*n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close

*synonym*: grassland, plain

(1) **savannah** region, (2) tropical **savannah**

The birds live in tropical forests, **savannahs**, and arid semi-desert environments.

## **herbivore**

*n.* an animal that eats only plants, such as a cow or a deer

*synonym*: plant-eater, browser, graminivore

(1) **herbivore** diet, (2) **herbivore** animals

A giraffe is an **herbivore** that primarily eats leaves and twigs.

## **fossilized**

*adj.* transformed into a fossil (= something preserved in rock for a very long period) or preserved in the form of a fossil; antiquated or inflexible

*synonym*: petrified, ossified, preserved

(1) obsolete **fossilized** ways, (2) a **fossilized** grove

The dinosaur bones were so old that they had been wholly **fossilized**, turning to stone over millions of years.

## **pollen**

*n.* a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination

*synonym*: dust, spores, allergen

(1) **pollen** allergy symptoms, (2) high **pollen** count  
My allergies flare up during **pollen** season, making it difficult to breathe.

## liana

*n.* a long-stemmed, woody vine that trails or climbs by attaching itself to trees or other structures for support, typically found in tropical rainforests

*synonym*: vine, creeper, climber

(1) thick **liana**, (2) tropical **liana**

The adventurers swung through the jungle using the strong **liana** vines.

## dangle

*v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain

*synonym*: swing, hang, drape

(1) **dangle** a carrot, (2) **dangle** a pendant

The earring on her earlobe would **dangle** as she moved her head.

## unpopular

*adj.* not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation

*synonym*: disliked, unloved, unsupported

(1) **unpopular** decision, (2) an **unpopular** opinion

The politician's stance on controversial issues made him an **unpopular** candidate for many voters.

## fanciful

*adj.* characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or concepts; existing or perceived only in the imagination

*synonym*: imaginative, whimsical, fantastic

(1) **fanciful** idea, (2) **fanciful** tale

Her **fanciful** imagination allowed her to dream up incredible stories.

## seminal

*adj.* highly original, influential, or innovative; containing the seeds or beginnings of future development or growth; (of medicine) of or relating to semen or the male reproductive system

*synonym* : influential, groundbreaking, original

(1) **seminal** research, (2) **seminal** duct

The book was a **seminal** work in psychology, influencing generations of researchers.

## treatise

*n.* a written work that deals with a particular subject in a thorough and systematic way

*synonym* : essay, dissertation, thesis

(1) collective **treatise**, (2) the subject of a **treatise**

He wrote a **treatise** on the history of philosophy, covering the ideas and theories of major philosophers.

## elevate

*v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

*synonym* : lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

## despise

*v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something

*synonym* : hate, loathe, detest

(1) **despise** a particular food, (2) secretly **despise**

I **despise** injustice and those who perpetrate it.

## specie

*n.* coins or notes in a currency, as distinct from paper money; a chemical substance or group made up of identical molecules

*synonym* : coinage, mintage

(1) **specie** reserve, (2) ground-state **specie**

The store only accepts payment in cash, no credit or debit cards, only **specie**.

## hardy

*adj.* able to withstand harsh conditions or difficult circumstances; robust, sturdy, or resilient

*synonym* : tough, sturdy, resilient

(1) **hardy** plants, (2) **hardy** breed

The **hardy** construction workers worked tirelessly in the scorching heat to complete the project.

## ridicule

*n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

*synonym* : derision, mockery, satire

(1) public **ridicule**, (2) **ridicule** at his expense

The **ridicule** from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.

## lunatic

*n.* a person who is considered mentally ill, especially one who is extremely irrational or unpredictable; a crazy or foolish person

*synonym* : maniac, crazy, insane

(1) raving **lunatic**, (2) a lone **lunatic**

The politician's outrageous comments made him appear like a **lunatic** to his opponents.

## hallmark

*n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing

*synonym* : symbol, authentication, indication

(1) the **hallmark** of a good scientist, (2) the **hallmark** of modern life

A clear and simple expression is the **hallmark** of good writing.

## mammal

*n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

(1) a primitive **mammal**, (2) a sort of **mammal**

Marine **mammal** populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

### dugong

*n.* a large marine mammal found in warm coastal waters with a streamlined body, a paddle-like tail, and a rounded snout resembling a dolphin

*synonym*: sea cow, manatee, marine mammal

(1) **dugong** population, (2) coastal **dugong**

The conservation efforts aim to protect the habitat of the endangered **dugong**.

### walrus

*n.* a large marine mammal that belongs to the seal family, Odobenidae, known for its long tusks, large body size, and ability to live in the Arctic regions

*synonym*: seal, sea lion, marine mammal

(1) **walrus** mustache, (2) **walrus** habitat

The Arctic **walrus** lounged on the beach, basking in the sun.

### dolphin

*n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid

*synonym*: porpoise, cetacean, marine mammal

(1) **dolphin** show, (2) **dolphin-watching** tour

The large group of **dolphins** swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.

### hippopotamus

*n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature

*synonym*: river horse, water horse, hippo

(1) **hippopotamus** habitat, (2) giant **hippopotamus**

The zoo has a new **hippopotamus** exhibit that popularly attracts families.



## tempt

*v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong  
*synonym*: entice, lure, attract

(1) **tempt** young people, (2) **tempt** the taste buds

Though he was evil, he never **tempted** his friends into wrongdoing.

## peal

*v.* to sound loudly and resonantly, often in repeated or overlapping sounds; to ring or chime with a loud, clear sound; (noun) a loud ringing of a bell or bells  
*synonym*: chime, ring, toll

(1) **peal** out above my head, (2) **peal** of laughter

The church bells **pealed** loud and clear, announcing the start of the wedding ceremony.

## merry

*adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood  
*synonym*: jolly, happy, cheerful

(1) **merry-making**, (2) **merry** laughter

We had a **merry** time at the Christmas party, singing carols and drinking eggnog.

## pachyderm

*n.* a type of large mammal with thick skin, such as an elephant, rhinoceros, or hippopotamus  
*synonym*: elephant, rhinoceros, hippopotamus

(1) **pachyderm** species, (2) **pachyderm** habitat

The African savanna is home to many magnificent **pachyderms**, including elephants and rhinos.

## rhinoceros

*n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.  
*synonym*: rhino, horned beast, pachyderm

(1) **rhinoceros** habitat, (2) white **rhinoceros**

The baby **rhinoceros** at the wildlife sanctuary was recently born and is very cute.

## extinct

*adj.* no longer in existence

*synonym* : dead, obsolete, abolished

(1) **extinct** by human activity, (2) long- **extinct** volcano

Many species have become **extinct** due to habitat destruction and other human activities.

## otter

*n.* a semiaquatic mammal with a sleek, streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense, soft fur, found in and around freshwater and coastal areas

(1) **otter** in the river, (2) sea- **otter** fur

The playful **otter** swam around the river, diving in and out of the water.

## mole

*n.* small velvety-furred burrowing mammal having small eyes and fossorial forefeet; a spy who works against enemy espionage; a small congenital pigmented spot on the skin

(1) **mole** catcher, (2) **mole** planted by the FBI

The **mole** burrowed in the ground.

## wade

*v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people

*synonym* : paddle, trudge, slish

(1) **wade** down a street, (2) **wade** through paperwork

I had to **wade** through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.

## primate

*n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans

*synonym* : ape, monkey, lemur

(1) **primate** species, (2) **primate** sanctuary

Many scientists study **primate** behavior and intelligence.

## intestine

*n.* a long, tube-like organ in the digestive system that is responsible for absorbing nutrients from food and

eliminating waste products

*synonym* : gut, bowel, tract

(1) large **intestine**, (2) **intestine** wall

The small **intestine** is responsible for absorbing most of the nutrients from food.

## blubber

*v.* to speak or cry in a way that is noisy, emotional, and often difficult to understand; to sob or weep uncontrollably; (noun) a thick layer of fat that lies under the skin of marine mammals such as whales, seals, and walruses

*synonym* : snivel, blub, weep

(1) **blubber** uncontrollably, (2) seal **blubber**

The child began to **blubber** when he dropped his ice cream cone.

## 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.

## obese

*adj.* excessively overweight, particularly to the point of being a serious health risk; having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more

*synonym* : overweight, corpulent, plump

(1) **obese** individuals, (2) **obese** children

The doctor warned him that his **obese** condition put him at risk for numerous health problems.

## gorilla

*n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face

*synonym* : ape, chimpanzee, orangutan

(1) **gorilla** habitat, (2) endangered **gorilla**

The **gorilla** at the zoo impressed visitors with its size and strength.

## precondition

*n.* a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible

*synonym*: requisite, prerequisite, stipulation

(1) **precondition** agreement, (2) essential **precondition**

A peaceful environment is a **precondition** for meaningful negotiations.

## streamline

*v.* to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps

*synonym*: simplify, optimize, make more efficient

(1) **streamline** administrative activities, (2) **streamline** workflow

The government plans to **streamline** the tax collection process to make it more efficient.

## diver

*n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey

*synonym*: plunger, frogman, loon

(1) professional **diver**, (2) deep-sea **diver**

The search and rescue team sent a team of **divers** to search for the missing plane wreckage.

## maneuver

*n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

*synonym*: gimmick, trick, action

(1) political **maneuvers**, (2) made a great **maneuver**

In this class, we learn the basic **maneuver** of the plane.

## categorize

*v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.

*synonym*: classify, pigeonhole, sort

(1) **categorize** the image, (2) **categorize** the cause of

failure

The biologist **categorized** the viruses into four groups.

## ironic

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

*synonym* : sarcastic, wry, sardonic

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

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

## stave

*n.* a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening

*synonym* : stick, rod, staff

(1) **stave** off a conspiracy, (2) barrel **stave**

They used iron **staves** to hit the ships and prevent them from approaching the harbor.

## strew

*v.* to scatter or spread things over an area; to scatter something in an untidy way

*synonym* : scatter, sprinkle, disperse

(1) **strew** the room with balloons, (2) **strew** garbage

The wind **strew** the leaves all over the lawn.

## standoff

*n.* a situation in which two or more people, groups, or countries refuse to move from a position or make a compromise, leading to a stalemate or impasse; a short distance maintained between two opposing forces or objects, such as in a military context or electrical wiring

*synonym* : impasse, deadlock, stalemate

(1) diplomatic **standoff**, (2) military **standoff**

The **standoff** between the opposing political parties lasted for several days.

## bicker

*v.* to engage in a petty or argumentative disagreement, often characterized by back-and-forth exchanges and trivial accusations or criticisms

*synonym* : quarrel, dispute, argue

(1) **bicker** over small things, (2) **bicker** with each other  
My siblings always **bicker** over who gets the front seat in the car.

## disbeliever

*n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea

*synonym* : non-believer, skeptic, doubter

(1) persuade a **disbeliever**, (2) stubborn **disbeliever**  
Despite the evidence, she remained a **disbeliever** in the theory of evolution.

## barge

*n.* a large flat-bottomed boat with a wide, flat deck used for transporting goods on rivers and canals, which can be pushed or towed by a tugboat; (verb) to move forcefully or abruptly, often in a clumsy or rude manner

*synonym* : boat, vessel, flatboat

(1) **barge** through the crowded hallway, (2) canal **barge**  
The captain of the **barge** navigated through the narrow canal with ease.

## jocular

*adj.* characterized by joking or jesting; humorous; fond of or inclined to make jokes or engage in friendly banter

*synonym* : playful, humorous, joking

(1) **jocular** personality, (2) **jocular** conversation  
The presenter had a **jocular** tone during the talk, which made it more engaging.

## diktat

*n.* an authoritative decree or order issued by a ruler or leader without any room for discussion or disagreement; an uncompromising and peremptory command or decision

*synonym* : order, decree, command

(1) economic **diktat**, (2) authoritarian **diktat**

The government's **diktat** restricted freedom of speech and media.

## commandment

*n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority

*synonym*: law, edict, precept

(1) violate a **commandment**, (2) a religious **commandment**

He was punished because he contravened a **commandment** of God.

## shalt

*v.* an archaic form of "shall," which is used to indicate a command, a requirement, or a prediction

*synonym*: must, should, ought

(1) full of thou **shalt** nots, (2) list of thou **shalts**

Thou **shalt** not steal.

## morph

*v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another

*synonym*: alter, modify, transform

(1) **morph** into a different shape, (2) **morph** into something entirely different

This company **morphed** into an enterprise company.

## reverence

*n.* a deep respect for someone or something

*synonym*: respect, honor, awe

(1) **reverence** for tradition, (2) pay **reverence** to him

The people of the village showed great **reverence** for the elderly.

## secondly

*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

*synonym*: in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. long-ex\_\_\_\_t volcano *adj.* no longer in existence
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5. m\_\_e planted by the FBI *n.* small velvety-furred burrowing mammal having small eyes and fossorial forefeet; a spy who works against enemy espionage; a small congenital pigmented spot on the skin
6. earliest human an\_\_\_\_or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
7. se\_\_\_\_l research *adj.* highly original, influential, or innovative; containing the seeds or beginnings of future development or growth; (of medicine) of or relating to semen or the male reproductive system
8. p\_\_l of laughter *v.* to sound loudly and resonantly, often in repeated or overlapping sounds; to ring or chime with a loud, clear sound; (noun) a loud ringing of a bell or bells

ANSWERS: 1. extinct, 2. elevate, 3. morph, 4. savannah, 5. mole, 6. ancestor, 7. seminal, 8. peal



9. starts to ov\_\_\_\_at  
*v.* to become too hot, or to cause something to become too hot
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*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
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*n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
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*adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
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*n.* a person who is considered mentally ill, especially one who is extremely irrational or unpredictable; a crazy or foolish person

ANSWERS: 9. overheat, 10. ancestor, 11. blubber, 12. reverence, 13. precondition, 14. categorize, 15. ironic, 16. diver, 17. humming, 18. lunatic

19. st\_\_w the room with balloons      *v.* to scatter or spread things over an area; to scatter something in an untidy way
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22. giant hip\_\_\_\_\_mus      *n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature
23. a fos\_\_\_\_\_ed grove      *adj.* transformed into a fossil (= something preserved in rock for a very long period) or preserved in the form of a fossil; antiquated or inflexible
24. ph\_\_\_\_\_pe variation      *n.* the observable physical or biochemical characteristics of an individual organism that result from the interaction between its genetic makeup and the environment in which it lives
25. po\_\_\_n allergy symptoms      *n.* a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination
26. large in\_\_\_\_\_ne      *n.* a long, tube-like organ in the digestive system that is responsible for absorbing nutrients from food and eliminating waste products

ANSWERS: 19. strew, 20. strew, 21. specie, 22. hippopotamus, 23. fossilized, 24. phenotype, 25. pollen, 26. intestine

27. do\_\_\_\_n show *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
28. hu\_\_\_\_g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
29. political ma\_\_\_\_ers *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
30. in\_\_\_\_ne wall *n.* a long, tube-like organ in the digestive system that is responsible for absorbing nutrients from food and eliminating waste products
31. an un\_\_\_\_ar opinion *adj.* not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation
32. ob\_\_e children *adj.* excessively overweight, particularly to the point of being a serious health risk; having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more
33. ot\_\_r in the river *n.* a semiaquatic mammal with a sleek, streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense, soft fur, found in and around freshwater and coastal areas
34. me\_\_y laughter *adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
35. du\_\_\_\_g population *n.* a large marine mammal found in warm coastal waters with a streamlined body, a paddle-like tail, and a rounded snout resembling a dolphin

ANSWERS: 27. dolphin, 28. humming, 29. maneuver, 30. intestine, 31. unpopular, 32. obese, 33. otter, 34. merry, 35. dugong

36. mo\_\_h into a different shape      *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
37. play the a\_e      *n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
38. me\_\_y-making      *adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
39. authoritarian di\_\_\_t      *n.* an authoritative decree or order issued by a ruler or leader without any room for discussion or disagreement; an uncompromising and peremptory command or decision
40. ho\_\_\_\_d evolution      *n.* a primate of a family (Hominidae) that includes humans and their fossil ancestors
41. collective tr\_\_\_\_se      *n.* a written work that deals with a particular subject in a thorough and systematic way
42. barrel st\_\_e      *n.* a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening
43. go\_\_\_\_a habitat      *n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face

ANSWERS: 36. morph, 37. ape, 38. merry, 39. diktat, 40. hominid, 41. treatise, 42. stave, 43. gorilla

44. pa\_\_\_\_\_rm species *n.* a type of large mammal with thick skin, such as an elephant, rhinoceros, or hippopotamus
45. he\_\_\_\_\_re diet *n.* an animal that eats only plants, such as a cow or a deer
46. bi\_\_d robot *n.* an animal with two feet
47. a featherless bi\_\_d *n.* an animal with two feet
48. g\_\_t washer *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
49. str\_\_\_\_\_ne workflow *v.* to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps
50. economic di\_\_\_\_t *n.* an authoritative decree or order issued by a ruler or leader without any room for discussion or disagreement; an uncompromising and peremptory command or decision
51. thick li\_\_a *n.* a long-stemmed, woody vine that trails or climbs by attaching itself to trees or other structures for support, typically found in tropical rainforests
52. ni\_\_y-gritty details *n.* short for "nitty-gritty," which refers to the essential or most important details of something
53. tropical li\_\_a *n.* a long-stemmed, woody vine that trails or climbs by attaching itself to trees or other structures for support, typically found in tropical rainforests

ANSWERS: 44. pachyderm, 45. herbivore, 46. biped, 47. biped, 48. grit, 49. streamline, 50. diktat, 51. liana, 52. nitty, 53. liana

54. as\_\_\_\_d the viewer *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
55. ri\_\_\_\_le at his expense *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
56. coastal du\_\_\_\_g *n.* a large marine mammal found in warm coastal waters with a streamlined body, a paddle-like tail, and a rounded snout resembling a dolphin
57. military st\_\_\_\_ff *n.* a situation in which two or more people, groups, or countries refuse to move from a position or make a compromise, leading to a stalemate or impasse; a short distance maintained between two opposing forces or objects, such as in a military context or electrical wiring
58. the ha\_\_\_\_rk of a good scientist *n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
59. w\_\_e down a street *v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
60. se\_\_\_\_ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

ANSWERS: 54. astound, 55. ridicule, 56. dugong, 57. standoff, 58. hallmark, 59. wade, 60. secondly

61. ob\_\_e individuals *adj.* excessively overweight, particularly to the point of being a serious health risk; having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more
62. wa\_\_\_s habitat *n.* a large marine mammal that belongs to the seal family, Odobenidae, known for its long tusks, large body size, and ability to live in the Arctic regions
63. made a great ma\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
64. a primitive ma\_\_\_l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
65. persuade a dis\_\_\_\_\_er *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
66. un\_\_\_\_\_l a plot *v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
67. white rhi\_\_\_\_\_os *n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.
68. bi\_\_\_r over small things *v.* to engage in a petty or argumentative disagreement, often characterized by back-and-forth exchanges and trivial accusations or criticisms
69. pr\_\_\_\_\_e sanctuary *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans

ANSWERS: 61. obese, 62. walrus, 63. maneuver, 64. mammal, 65. disbeliever, 66. unravel, 67. rhinoceros, 68. bicker, 69. primate

70. full of thou sh\_\_t nots      *v.* an archaic form of "shall," which is used to indicate a command, a requirement, or a prediction
71. da\_\_\_e a pendant      *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
72. seal bl\_\_\_\_r      *v.* to speak or cry in a way that is noisy, emotional, and often difficult to understand; to sob or weep uncontrollably; (noun) a thick layer of fat that lies under the skin of marine mammals such as whales, seals, and walruses
73. un\_\_\_\_\_ar decision      *adj.* not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation
74. a sort of ma\_\_\_l      *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
75. striking res\_\_\_\_\_ce      *n.* similarity in appearance or exterior or superficial details
76. ov\_\_\_\_\_at while charging      *v.* to become too hot, or to cause something to become too hot
77. sea-ot\_\_r fur      *n.* a semiaquatic mammal with a sleek, streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense, soft fur, found in and around freshwater and coastal areas
78. sa\_\_\_\_\_ah region      *n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close

ANSWERS: 70. shalt, 71. dangle, 72. blubber, 73. unpopular, 74. mammal, 75. resemblance, 76. overheat, 77. otter, 78. savannah



79. the subject of a tr\_\_\_\_se  
*n.* a written work that deals with a particular subject in a thorough and systematic way
80. rhi\_\_\_\_\_os habitat  
*n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.
81. high po\_\_\_n count  
*n.* a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination
82. w\_\_e through paperwork  
*v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people
83. he\_\_\_\_\_re animals  
*n.* an animal that eats only plants, such as a cow or a deer
84. hip\_\_\_\_\_mus habitat  
*n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature
85. un\_\_\_\_\_l a knit  
*v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
86. p\_\_l out above my head  
*v.* to sound loudly and resonantly, often in repeated or overlapping sounds; to ring or chime with a loud, clear sound;  
(noun) a loud ringing of a bell or bells

ANSWERS: 79. treatise, 80. rhinoceros, 81. pollen, 82. wade, 83. herbivore, 84. hippopotamus, 85. unravel, 86. peal

87. wa\_\_\_s mustache *n.* a large marine mammal that belongs to the seal family, Odobenidae, known for its long tusks, large body size, and ability to live in the Arctic regions
88. diplomatic st\_\_\_\_\_ff *n.* a situation in which two or more people, groups, or countries refuse to move from a position or make a compromise, leading to a stalemate or impasse; a short distance maintained between two opposing forces or objects, such as in a military context or electrical wiring
89. endangered go\_\_\_\_\_a *n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face
90. public ri\_\_\_\_\_le *n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way
91. se\_\_\_\_\_ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
92. canal ba\_\_e *n.* a large flat-bottomed boat with a wide, flat deck used for transporting goods on rivers and canals, which can be pushed or towed by a tugboat; (verb) to move forcefully or abruptly, often in a clumsy or rude manner

ANSWERS: 87. walrus, 88. standoff, 89. gorilla, 90. ridicule, 91. secondly, 92. barge

93. a\_\_y dress *adj.* having a light, delicate, or ethereal quality; spacious and well-ventilated; lacking in substance or depth
94. large-toothed ho\_\_\_\_d *n.* a primate of a family (Hominidae) that includes humans and their fossil ancestors
95. jo\_\_\_\_r personality *adj.* characterized by joking or jesting; humorous; fond of or inclined to make jokes or engage in friendly banter
96. m\_\_e catcher *n.* small velvety-furred burrowing mammal having small eyes and fossorial forefeet; a spy who works against enemy espionage; a small congenital pigmented spot on the skin
97. te\_\_t young people *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
98. se\_\_\_\_l duct *adj.* highly original, influential, or innovative; containing the seeds or beginnings of future development or growth; (of medicine) of or relating to semen or the male reproductive system
99. as\_\_\_\_d everyone *v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
100. a lone lu\_\_\_\_c *n.* a person who is considered mentally ill, especially one who is extremely irrational or unpredictable; a crazy or foolish person
101. dominant ph\_\_\_\_pe *n.* the observable physical or biochemical characteristics of an individual organism that result from the interaction between its genetic makeup and the environment in which it lives

ANSWERS: 93. airy, 94. hominid, 95. jocular, 96. mole, 97. tempt, 98. seminal, 99. astound, 100. lunatic, 101. phenotype

102. secretly de\_\_\_\_\_e      *v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something
103. st\_\_e off a conspiracy      *n.* a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening
104. a religious com\_\_\_\_\_nt      *n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority
105. ex\_\_\_\_\_t by human activity      *adj.* no longer in existence
106. an ir\_\_\_\_c turn of events      *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
107. the tropical fa\_\_a      *n.* the animal life of a particular region, habitat, or geological period
108. list of thou sh\_\_ts      *v.* an archaic form of "shall," which is used to indicate a command, a requirement, or a prediction
109. sp\_\_\_\_e reserve      *n.* coins or notes in a currency, as distinct from paper money; a chemical substance or group made up of identical molecules
110. chi\_\_\_\_\_ee behavior      *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur

ANSWERS: 102. despise, 103. stave, 104. commandment, 105. extinct, 106. ironic, 107. fauna, 108. shalt, 109. specie, 110. chimpanzee

111. ba\_\_e through the crowded hallway     *n.* a large flat-bottomed boat with a wide, flat deck used for transporting goods on rivers and canals, which can be pushed or towed by a tugboat; (verb) to move forcefully or abruptly, often in a clumsy or rude manner
112. stubborn dis\_\_\_\_\_er     *n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
113. re\_\_\_\_\_ce for tradition     *n.* a deep respect for someone or something
114. ha\_\_y plants     *adj.* able to withstand harsh conditions or difficult circumstances; robust, sturdy, or resilient
115. fa\_\_\_\_\_ul idea     *adj.* characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or concepts; existing or perceived only in the imagination
116. ha\_\_y breed     *adj.* able to withstand harsh conditions or difficult circumstances; robust, sturdy, or resilient
117. jungle a\_e     *n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
118. ni\_\_y-gritty work     *n.* short for "nitty-gritty," which refers to the essential or most important details of something
119. g\_\_t determination     *n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles

ANSWERS: 111. barge, 112. disbeliever, 113. reverence, 114. hardy, 115. fanciful, 116. hardy, 117. ape, 118. nitty, 119. grit

120. da\_\_\_e a carrot *v.* to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
121. pal\_\_\_\_\_ogy museum *n.* the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth
122. faint res\_\_\_\_\_ce *n.* similarity in appearance or exterior or superficial details
123. te\_\_t the taste buds *v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
124. obsolete fos\_\_\_\_\_ed ways *adj.* transformed into a fossil (= something preserved in rock for a very long period) or preserved in the form of a fossil; antiquated or inflexible
125. fa\_\_a reserve *n.* the animal life of a particular region, habitat, or geological period
126. essential pre\_\_\_\_\_ion *n.* a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible
127. de\_\_\_\_\_e a particular food *v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something
128. do\_\_\_\_\_n-watching tour *n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
129. en\_\_\_\_\_en legions of people *v.* to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense

ANSWERS: 120. dangle, 121. paleontology, 122. resemblance, 123. tempt, 124. fossilized, 125. fauna, 126. precondition, 127. despise, 128. dolphin, 129. enlighten

130. vertebrate pal\_\_\_\_\_ogy *n.* the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth
131. pa\_\_\_\_\_rm habitat *n.* a type of large mammal with thick skin, such as an elephant, rhinoceros, or hippopotamus
132. str\_\_\_\_\_ne administrative activities *v.* to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps
133. el\_\_\_\_\_e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
134. the ha\_\_\_\_\_rk of modern life *n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
135. en\_\_\_\_\_en other countries *v.* to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense
136. bi\_\_\_\_\_r with each other *v.* to engage in a petty or argumentative disagreement, often characterized by back-and-forth exchanges and trivial accusations or criticisms
137. jo\_\_\_\_\_r conversation *adj.* characterized by joking or jesting; humorous; fond of or inclined to make jokes or engage in friendly banter
138. fa\_\_\_\_\_ul tale *adj.* characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or concepts; existing or perceived only in the imagination
139. a\_\_y fairy *adj.* having a light, delicate, or ethereal quality; spacious and well-ventilated; lacking in substance or depth

ANSWERS: 130. paleontology, 131. pachyderm, 132. streamline, 133. elevate, 134. hallmark, 135. enlighten, 136. bicker, 137. jocular, 138. fanciful, 139. airy

140. pr\_\_\_\_\_e species *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
141. chi\_\_\_\_\_ee society *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
142. deep-sea di\_\_r *n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
143. cat\_\_\_\_\_ze the cause of failure *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
144. violate a com\_\_\_\_\_nt *n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority

ANSWERS: 140. primate, 141. chimpanzee, 142. diver, 143. categorize, 144. commandment



## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The large group of \_\_\_\_\_ swam gracefully in the ocean, jumping out of the water now and then.
  - n.* a marine mammal that typically has a beaklike snout, a streamlined body, and flippers and that feeds on fish and squid
2. We had a \_\_\_\_\_ time at the Christmas party, singing carols and drinking eggnog.
  - adj.* cheerful and lively, often with a sense of joyfulness or celebration; characterized by a happy or festive mood
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of this project needs to be discussed before we can move forward with a plan.
  - n.* short for "nitty-gritty," which refers to the essential or most important details of something
4. Many scientists study \_\_\_\_\_ behavior and intelligence.
  - n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
5. The biologist \_\_\_\_\_ the viruses into four groups.
  - v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
6. Many zoos have \_\_\_\_\_ exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.
  - n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ from his classmates made him feel embarrassed and ashamed.
  - n.* speech or behavior that makes fun of or mocks someone or something; teasing, sarcasm, or scornful remarks that are intended to belittle or humiliate; (verb) to mock, criticize, or make fun of someone or something in a scornful or derisive way

ANSWERS: 1. dolphins, 2. merry, 3. nitty-gritty, 4. primate, 5. categorized, 6.

chimpanzee, 7. ridicule

8. The birds live in tropical forests, \_\_\_\_\_ and arid semi-desert environments.
- n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
9. The teacher sought to \_\_\_\_\_ her students by introducing them to new ideas and perspectives.
- v.* to give someone greater knowledge or understanding about a particular subject or situation, often in a spiritual or moral sense
10. The child began to \_\_\_\_\_ when he dropped his ice cream cone.
- v.* to speak or cry in a way that is noisy, emotional, and often difficult to understand; to sob or weep uncontrollably; (noun) a thick layer of fat that lies under the skin of marine mammals such as whales, seals, and walruses
11. The conservation efforts aim to protect the habitat of the endangered \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* a large marine mammal found in warm coastal waters with a streamlined body, a paddle-like tail, and a rounded snout resembling a dolphin
12. Detectives are still attempting to \_\_\_\_\_ the mystery of his death.
- v.* undo twisted, knitted, or woven threads by separating it
13. My interest in \_\_\_\_\_ research began when I visited a natural history museum and saw a display of fossils from the Jurassic period.
- n.* the study of fossils and the history of life on Earth
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ between Anna and her mother was astonishing.
- n.* similarity in appearance or exterior or superficial details
15. In this class, we learn the basic \_\_\_\_\_ of the plane.
- n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

ANSWERS: 8. savannahs, 9. enlighten, 10. blubber, 11. dugong, 12. unravel, 13. paleontology, 14. resemblance, 15. maneuver

16. The \_\_\_\_\_ at the zoo impressed visitors with its size and strength.
- n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face
17. A peaceful environment is a \_\_\_\_\_ for meaningful negotiations.
- n.* a necessary condition or requirement that must be met for something else to happen or be possible
18. I \_\_\_\_\_ injustice and those who perpetrate it.
- v.* to feel strong dislike or contempt for someone or something, often because of a perceived fault or failing; to have a low or unfavorable opinion of something
19. The small \_\_\_\_\_ is responsible for absorbing most of the nutrients from food.
- n.* a long, tube-like organ in the digestive system that is responsible for absorbing nutrients from food and eliminating waste products
20. The people of the village showed great \_\_\_\_\_ for the elderly.
- n.* a deep respect for someone or something
21. The African savanna is home to many magnificent \_\_\_\_\_ including elephants and rhinos.
- n.* a type of large mammal with thick skin, such as an elephant, rhinoceros, or hippopotamus
22. The search and rescue team sent a team of \_\_\_\_\_ to search for the missing plane wreckage.
- n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey

ANSWERS: 16. gorilla, 17. precondition, 18. despise, 19. intestine, 20. reverence, 21. pachyderms, 22. divers

23. The politician's outrageous comments made him appear like a \_\_\_\_\_ to his opponents.
- n.* a person who is considered mentally ill, especially one who is extremely irrational or unpredictable; a crazy or foolish person
24. The dinosaur bones were so old that they had been wholly \_\_\_\_\_ turning to stone over millions of years.
- adj.* transformed into a fossil (= something preserved in rock for a very long period) or preserved in the form of a fossil; antiquated or inflexible
25. The store only accepts payment in cash, no credit or debit cards, only \_\_\_\_\_.
- n.* coins or notes in a currency, as distinct from paper money; a chemical substance or group made up of identical molecules
26. Our genetic \_\_\_\_\_ determines the color of our eyes.
- n.* the observable physical or biochemical characteristics of an individual organism that result from the interaction between its genetic makeup and the environment in which it lives
27. The \_\_\_\_ burrowed in the ground.
- n.* small velvety-furred burrowing mammal having small eyes and fossorial forefeet; a spy who works against enemy espionage; a small congenital pigmented spot on the skin
28. The politician's stance on controversial issues made him an \_\_\_\_\_ candidate for many voters.
- adj.* not liked, supported, or approved by many people; having an unfavorable reputation
29. The room felt \_\_\_\_ and spacious with its high ceilings and large windows.
- adj.* having a light, delicate, or ethereal quality; spacious and well-ventilated; lacking in substance or depth

ANSWERS: 23. lunatic, 24. fossilized, 25. specie, 26. phenotype, 27. mole, 28. unpopular, 29. airy

30. She has a lot of \_\_\_\_\_ and determination to succeed.  
*n.* very small pieces of stone or sand; mental toughness and determination or perseverance in the face of challenges or obstacles
31. It was \_\_\_\_\_ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.  
*adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
32. Firstly, we will discuss the budget; \_\_\_\_\_ we will go over the schedule.  
*adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
33. The doctor warned him that his \_\_\_\_\_ condition put him at risk for numerous health problems.  
*adj.* excessively overweight, particularly to the point of being a serious health risk; having a body mass index (BMI) of 30 or more
34. My remote \_\_\_\_\_ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.  
*n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
35. The playful \_\_\_\_\_ swam around the river, diving in and out of the water.  
*n.* a semiaquatic mammal with a sleek, streamlined body, short legs, webbed feet, and dense, soft fur, found in and around freshwater and coastal areas
36. This company \_\_\_\_\_ into an enterprise company.  
*v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
37. The captain of the \_\_\_\_\_ navigated through the narrow canal with ease.  
*n.* a large flat-bottomed boat with a wide, flat deck used for transporting goods on rivers and canals, which can be pushed or towed by a tugboat; (verb) to move forcefully or abruptly, often in a clumsy or rude manner

ANSWERS: 30. grit, 31. ironic, 32. secondly, 33. obese, 34. ancestor, 35. otter, 36. morphed, 37. barge

38. The earring on her earlobe would \_\_\_\_\_ as she moved her head.
- v. to hang or swing loosely, especially in a way that suggests instability or lack of support; to tempt or tantalize by holding out the prospect of something desirable but uncertain
39. The car engine \_\_\_\_\_ and had to be repaired.
- v. to become too hot, or to cause something to become too hot
40. Many species have become \_\_\_\_\_ due to habitat destruction and other human activities.
- adj. no longer in existence
41. The \_\_\_\_\_ between the opposing political parties lasted for several days.
- n. a situation in which two or more people, groups, or countries refuse to move from a position or make a compromise, leading to a stalemate or impasse; a short distance maintained between two opposing forces or objects, such as in a military context or electrical wiring
42. Eating food in a hurry \_\_\_\_\_ blood glucose levels.
- v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
43. The wind \_\_\_\_\_ the leaves all over the lawn.
- v. to scatter or spread things over an area; to scatter something in an untidy way
44. Her \_\_\_\_\_ imagination allowed her to dream up incredible stories.
- adj. characterized by or involving imaginative and unrealistic ideas or concepts; existing or perceived only in the imagination
45. I had to \_\_\_\_\_ through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.
- v. to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people

ANSWERS: 38. dangle, 39. overheated, 40. extinct, 41. standoff, 42. elevates, 43. strew, 44. fanciful, 45. wade

46. The national park is home to a diverse \_\_\_\_\_ of animal species.  
*n.* the animal life of a particular region, habitat, or geological period
47. The \_\_\_\_\_ construction workers worked tirelessly in the scorching heat to complete the project.  
*adj.* able to withstand harsh conditions or difficult circumstances; robust, sturdy, or resilient
48. The government plans to \_\_\_\_\_ the tax collection process to make it more efficient.  
*v.* to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps
49. They used iron \_\_\_\_\_ to hit the ships and prevent them from approaching the harbor.  
*n.* a long, narrow piece of wood or similar material, often used as a structural element in construction or to make barrels, musical instruments, furniture, or other objects; (verb) to fend off, ward off or prevent something from happening
50. The baby \_\_\_\_\_ at the wildlife sanctuary was recently born and is very cute.  
*n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.
51. Despite the evidence, she remained a \_\_\_\_\_ in the theory of evolution.  
*n.* a person who does not believe in something, such as a religion or idea
52. The zoo has a new \_\_\_\_\_ exhibit that popularly attracts families.  
*n.* (also "hippo") a large, mostly herbivorous mammal native to sub-Saharan Africa, with a bulky, rounded body, short legs, and large head and mouth, which inhabits rivers and lakes and is known for its aggressive behavior and territorial nature

ANSWERS: 46. fauna, 47. hardy, 48. streamline, 49. staves, 50. rhinoceros, 51. disbeliever, 52. hippopotamus



53. A giraffe is an \_\_\_\_\_ that primarily eats leaves and twigs.  
*n.* an animal that eats only plants, such as a cow or a deer
54. Though he was evil, he never \_\_\_\_\_ his friends into wrongdoing.  
*v.* to make someone want to do or have something, especially something that is unnecessary or wrong
55. \_\_\_\_\_ walking encouraged the further evolution of humankind.  
*n.* an animal with two feet
56. The adventurers swung through the jungle using the strong \_\_\_\_\_ vines.  
*n.* a long-stemmed, woody vine that trails or climbs by attaching itself to trees or other structures for support, typically found in tropical rainforests
57. The scientist studied the behavior of \_\_\_\_\_ in the wild.  
*n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
58. The Arctic \_\_\_\_\_ lounged on the beach, basking in the sun.  
*n.* a large marine mammal that belongs to the seal family, Odobenidae, known for its long tusks, large body size, and ability to live in the Arctic regions
59. A clear and simple expression is the \_\_\_\_\_ of good writing.  
*n.* a distinctive characteristic or attribute of a person or thing
60. The final result was nothing short of \_\_\_\_\_.  
*v.* to surprise or shock someone with wonder very much
61. The presenter had a \_\_\_\_\_ tone during the talk, which made it more engaging.  
*adj.* characterized by joking or jesting; humorous; fond of or inclined to make jokes or engage in friendly banter

ANSWERS: 53. herbivore, 54. tempted, 55. Biped, 56. liana, 57. apes, 58. walrus, 59. hallmark, 60. astounding, 61. jocular

62. He was punished because he contravened a \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- n.* a divine rule, especially one of the Ten Commandments; an order or law given by authority
63. The church bells \_\_\_\_\_ loud and clear, announcing the start of the wedding ceremony.
- v.* to sound loudly and resonantly, often in repeated or overlapping sounds; to ring or chime with a loud, clear sound; (noun) a loud ringing of a bell or bells
64. The government's \_\_\_\_\_ restricted freedom of speech and media.
- n.* an authoritative decree or order issued by a ruler or leader without any room for discussion or disagreement; an uncompromising and peremptory command or decision
65. The book was a \_\_\_\_\_ work in psychology, influencing generations of researchers.
- adj.* highly original, influential, or innovative; containing the seeds or beginnings of future development or growth; (of medicine) of or relating to semen or the male reproductive system
66. Scientists have discovered new fossil evidence of an ancient \_\_\_\_\_ species.
- n.* a primate of a family (Hominidae) that includes humans and their fossil ancestors
67. My allergies flare up during \_\_\_\_\_ season, making it difficult to breathe.
- n.* a fine powder substance consisting of microscopic grains produced by plants that facilitate their reproductive process through the process of pollination
68. He wrote a \_\_\_\_\_ on the history of philosophy, covering the ideas and theories of major philosophers.
- n.* a written work that deals with a particular subject in a thorough and systematic way

ANSWERS: 62. commandment, 63. pealed, 64. diktat, 65. seminal, 66. hominid, 67. pollen, 68. treatise

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. My siblings always \_\_\_\_\_ over who gets the front seat in the car.

*v.* to engage in a petty or argumentative disagreement, often characterized by back-and-forth exchanges and trivial accusations or criticisms

71. Thou \_\_\_\_\_ not steal.

*v.* an archaic form of "shall," which is used to indicate a command, a requirement, or a prediction

72. Marine \_\_\_\_\_ populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

*n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

ANSWERS: 69. humming, 70. bicker, 71. shalt, 72. mammal