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Session 1: Word List

muse

n. a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists

synonym: source of inspiration, minstrel, versifier

(1) **muse** inspiration, (2) creative **muse**

She gazed out the window, deep in thought, as if waiting for her **muse** to strike.

portray

v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work

synonym: depict, describe, illustrate

(1) **portray** feelings in words, (2) accurately **portray** the condition

We often **portray** political problems as religious issues.

visualize

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

synonym: imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

lagoon

n. a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean

synonym : pond, pool, bayou

(1) **lagoon** island, (2) **lagoon** paradise

The mangroves around the **lagoon** provide a habitat for a unique ecosystem

stromatolite

n. a type of fossilized microbial mat formed by the growth and mineralization of cyanobacteria and other microorganisms, typically found in ancient sedimentary rocks and of great significance to the study of the Earth's early history and evolution

synonym : microbialite, fossilized stromatolite

(1) ancient **stromatolite**, (2) microbial **stromatolite** formation

The **stromatolite** fossils provide important clues about the early evolution of life on Earth.

photosynthesis

n. the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.

(1) oxygenic **photosynthesis**, (2) process of **photosynthesis**

In **photosynthesis**, plants use carbon dioxide to feed themselves.

exhale

v. to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently

synonym : breathe out, expel, emit

(1) **exhale** a big sigh, (2) **exhale** cigarette smoke

He took a deep breath and slowly began to **exhale**.

condense

v. to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

synonym :

compress, compact, shorten

(1) **condense** the text, (2) **condense** water vapor
I need to **condense** all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.

solidify

v. to make solid, firm, or compact; to cause to become solid

synonym: set, harden, congeal

(1) **solidify** a bond, (2) **solidify** a decision

The committee's decision helped to **solidify** the rules of the game.

mold

n. a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

synonym: cavity, cast, mildew

(1) a casting **mold**, (2) **mold** allergy

Mushrooms and **mold** are fungi.

geyser

n. a natural hot spring that periodically ejects a column of boiling water and steam into the air; a device that produces a similar effect for decorative or practical purposes

synonym: hot spring, fumarole

(1) erupting **geyser**, (2) Yellowstone **geyser**

The **geyser's** hot water generates electricity for nearby towns and cities.

erupt

v. (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

synonym: eject, emit, burst

(1) **erupt** in anger, (2) **erupt** into tears

Battles between whites and blacks **erupted** immediately.

latent

adj. existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant

synonym : dormant, inactive, potential

(1) **latent** desire, (2) **latent** threat

Many people have **latent** talents they are not aware of.

vanish

v. disappear or stop being present or existing suddenly and completely

synonym : disappear, go away, evaporate

(1) **vanish** into thin air, (2) **vanish** amid the crowd

Two months later, my tumor **vanished** utterly.

roil

v. to stir up or agitate a liquid or substance, causing it to become turbid or muddy; to disturb or unsettle the emotions or mental state of a person or group

synonym : agitate, stir up, turbulate

(1) **roil** the water, (2) **roil** the global economy

The breakup of the famous band **roiled** their fans, leading to disappointment and sadness.

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.

meteorite

n. a solid object originating in outer space that reaches the Earth's surface without completely vaporizing in the atmosphere; a rock that has fallen from space

synonym : meteor, shooting star, asteroid

(1) **meteorite** impact, (2) **meteorite** shower

The **meteorite** fragments were collected and sent to a laboratory for analysis.

replicate

v. to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results

synonym: duplicate, imitate, reproduce

(1) **replicate** the cell, (2) **replicate** data

The experiment was **replicated** several times to ensure accuracy.

diatom

n. a type of single-celled algae that is characterized by its ornate and intricate silica shells, which form a distinctive pattern or design when viewed under a microscope

synonym: algae, phytoplankton

(1) **diatom** species, (2) freshwater **diatoms**

Diatom fossils can tell us a lot about the history and environment of the oceans.

phytoplankton

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

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

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

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

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.

harden

v. to make something firm, solid, or resistant; to toughen or strengthen physically or emotionally; to become more rigid or less flexible

synonym : strengthen, solidify, fortify

(1) **harden** your heart, (2) **harden** clay

She had to **harden** her stance on the issue to gain support from her colleagues.

trilobite

n. a type of extinct arthropod that lived in the oceans of the Paleozoic Era, characterized by a three-lobed body shape and a hard exoskeleton

synonym : fossil, arthropod, ancient creature

(1) an intact **trilobite**, (2) **trilobite** specimen

The fossilized **trilobite** was over 500 million years old.

snail

n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body

synonym : escargot, slug, whelk

(1) **snail** mail, (2) **snail** pace

The gardener found a **snail** slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.

amphibian

n. a cold-blooded animal that can live both on land and in water

synonym : frog, toad, salamander

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

Scientists are concerned about the rapid decline in **amphibian** populations around the world.

fungus

n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

synonym : mold, mildew, yeast

(1) **fungus** infection, (2) symbiotic **fungus**

Certain types of **fungus** can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

algae

n. A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots

(1) **algae** biofuel, (2) blue **algae**

Algae has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.

cling

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

synonym : stick, adhere, attach

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

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

barren

adj. unable to produce or sustain growth; lacking fertility; unproductive; lacking interest, excitement, or creativity; empty or desolate

synonym : sterile, infertile, unproductive

(1) **barren** wasteland, (2) **barren** desert

The desert is known for its **barren** terrain with no sign of vegetation.

fern

n. a non-flowering plant with long, feathery fronds that reproduce by spores rather than seeds

synonym : greenery, foliage, bracken

(1) **fern** leaves, (2) tropical **ferns**

The garden was filled with various plants, including a beautiful maidenhair **fern**.

spore

n. a reproductive cell that is capable of developing into a new individual without fertilization, especially one produced by certain bacteria, fungi, and algae

synonym : seed, reproductive cell, particle

(1) anthrax **spore**, (2) **spore** reproduction

Bacteria and some algae also produce **spores** as a means of survival and dispersal, and they are often found in soil, water, and other environments.

foreshadow

v. to give a hint or indication of something that will happen or develop in the future

synonym : predict, hint at, suggest

(1) **foreshadow** future events, (2) **foreshadow** the

recession

The dark clouds **foreshadowed** a storm.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

swamp

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

synonym: marsh, mire, bog

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

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

tuatara

n. a lizard-like reptile endemic to New Zealand, resembling an ancient reptilian group that existed during the time of dinosaurs, characterized by a spiky crest on the back and a third eye-like structure on the top of its head

synonym: lizard, spiny-backed reptile

(1) **tuatara** habitat, (2) ancient **tuatara**

Conservationists are working to establish a **tuatara** breeding program to increase their population.

beckon

v. to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable

synonym: signal, summon, gesture

(1) **beckon** with a hand, (2) **beckon** a taxi

The warm sun and gentle breeze **beckoned** us to spend the day outside.

shimmer

v. to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten

synonym: gleam, glimmer, flash

(1) **shimmer** with tears, (2) **shimmer** in the moonlight

The sunlight made the water in the pool **shimmer** like diamonds.

imprint

v. to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

synonym : impress, stamp, engrave

(1) DNA **imprint**, (2) **imprint** a memory

He wanted to **imprint** his brand logo on the product.

flamingo

n. a tall wading bird with predominantly pink or orange plumage and a long, slender neck and legs, native to Central and South America and parts of Africa

(1) **flamingo** habitat, (2) **flamingo** flock

The **flamingo's** bright pink feathers perfectly blended into the tropical sunset.

lily

n. a flowering plant with large, showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, typically symbolizing purity, innocence, and beauty

(1) **lily** perfume, (2) water **lily**

The beautiful **lily** garden in the park was a sight to behold.

diversify

v. to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments

synonym : branch out, expand, broaden

(1) **diversify** my portfolio, (2) **diversify** energy sources

This inclusive environment has allowed the plant species to **diversify**.

daisy

n. a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead

synonym : marguerite, bellis, chrysanthemum

(1) **daisy** chain, (2) lawn **daisy**

She picked a blue **daisy** from the meadow and placed it in her hair.

rainforest

n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

(1) **rainforest** destruction, (2) tropical **rainforest**

The destruction of the **rainforest** is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

interdependence

n. the fact or state of depending on each other

synonym: relation, interconnection, linkage

(1) **interdependence** of mind and body, (2) global **interdependence**

The diplomatic rivalry between the two countries has strengthened the **interdependence** of their intra-regional supply chains for their manufacturing industries.

genital

adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs

synonym: reproductive, genetic, sexual

(1) **genital** bleeding, (2) pain in the **genital** area

The **genital** organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.

lure

v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something

synonym: tempt, entice, attract

(1) **lure** prey, (2) **lure** foreign investment

The salesperson used a special offer to **lure** customers into buying the product.

entwine

v. to twist or interlace two or more things or objects together; to interweave or interconnect in a complex way; to become deeply involved or entangled with another person or group

synonym: twist, interlace, interweave

(1) **entwine** fingers, (2) **entwine** branches

The ideas and themes in the movie **entwine** to create a powerful commentary on society

hawk

n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

synonym : militarist, jingo, aggressor

(1) cast off a **hawk**, (2) congressional **hawk**

That team signed a center forward who was a ball- **hawk**.

asteroid

n. (also "planetoid") a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter

synonym : minor planet, planetoid, rocky planetesimal

(1) **asteroid** mining, (2) **asteroid** explorer

Scientists are studying the composition and origins of the **asteroid** belt to understand the early solar system better.

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.

shrew

n. a small, fast-moving rodent with a pointed snout and small eyes and ears; (an offensive word) an angry unpleasant woman

synonym : shrew-mouse, muskrat, vole

(1) **shrew** infestation, (2) sharp-tongued **shrew**

The water **shrew** scurried across the forest floor.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym : vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

hyena

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

synonym : jackal, coyote, wild dog

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

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

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

sharpen

v. to make something, usually a blade or point, sharp or sharper; to enhance or improve the clarity, focus, or effectiveness of something

synonym : hone, enhance, improve

(1) **sharpen** your focus, (2) **sharpen** a pencil

I must **sharpen** my knives before cooking to ensure precise and efficient cutting.

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.

cetacean

n. a marine mammal belonging to the order Cetacea, which includes whales, dolphins, and porpoises

synonym : whale, dolphin, porpoise

(1) majestic **cetacean**, (2) **cetacean** migration

Conservation efforts are being implemented to protect endangered **cetacean** species from human activities.

stilt

n. a tall, narrow pole used as a support for a building, bridge, or other structure; a pair of long, slender poles

with footrests used to elevate someone above the ground

synonym : pole, post, long-legs

(1) **stilt** grass, (2) **stilt** walking

The archeologists found ancient **stilt** houses that were preserved under the water.

tarsier

n. a small primate that belongs to the family Tarsiidae found primarily in Southeast Asia, including the Philippines, Borneo, and Sumatra

(1) Bornean **tarsier**, (2) **tarsier** habitat

The **tarsier's** unique adaptation allows it to rotate its head almost 180 degrees, giving it exceptional vision.

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.

broth

n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

synonym : bouillon, consomme, soup

(1) chicken **broth**, (2) remains of **broth**

I always add a bit of **broth** to my soup to give it more flavor.

masculine

adj. having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

synonym : male, mannish, manly

(1) wear **masculine** attire, (2) **masculine** beauty

Her allure lies in her **masculine** rather than feminine beauty.

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.

bonobo

n. a species of great ape that is native to the Congo Basin in Africa, known for its intelligence, social behavior, and peaceful temperament

synonym: ape, chimpanzee, monkey

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

The **bonobo** sanctuary is dedicated to protecting and rehabilitating these endangered primates.

marsh

n. a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog

synonym: bog, swamp, fen

(1) **marsh** bird, (2) river-delta **marsh**

Environmentalists are concerned about the harm to the **marsh**.

womb

n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth

synonym: uterus, matrice

(1) tumor of **womb**, (2) **womb** transplant

The fertilized egg implanted itself in the **womb**.

chlorophyll

n. any of a group of green pigments found in photosynthetic organisms

(1) **chlorophyll** pigment, (2) bacterial **chlorophyll**

Chlorophyll utilizes sunlight to create sugars.

marvel

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym: wonder, phenomenon, amazement

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

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

stockpile

- n.* a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve

synonym: reserve, hoard, cache

(1) **stockpile** weapons, (2) nuclear **stockpile**

The farmer had a huge **stockpile** of hay for the winter.

Session 2: Spelling

1. as____id explorer *n.* (also "planetoid") a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter
2. majestic ce____an *n.* a marine mammal belonging to the order Cetacea, which includes whales, dolphins, and porpoises
3. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
4. ta____r habitat *n.* a small primate that belongs to the family Tarsiidae found primarily in Southeast Asia, including the Philippines, Borneo, and Sumatra
5. 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
6. w__b transplant *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
7. re_____te data *v.* to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results
8. ma__h bird *n.* a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog
9. sn__l pace *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body

ANSWERS: 1. asteroid, 2. cetacean, 3. opportune, 4. tarsier, 5. mammal, 6. womb, 7. replicate, 8. marsh, 9. snail

10. l__y perfume *n.* a flowering plant with large, showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, typically symbolizing purity, innocence, and beauty
11. endangered bo___o *n.* a species of great ape that is native to the Congo Basin in Africa, known for its intelligence, social behavior, and peaceful temperament
12. int_____nce of mind and body *n.* the fact or state of depending on each other
13. muddy sw__p *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
14. en_____e fingers *v.* to twist or interlace two or more things or objects together; to interweave or interconnect in a complex way; to become deeply involved or entangled with another person or group
15. rai_____st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
16. spotted hy__a *n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs
17. global int_____nce *n.* the fact or state of depending on each other
18. cast off a h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations

ANSWERS: 10. lily, 11. bonobo, 12. interdependence, 13. swamp, 14. entwine, 15. rainforest, 16. hyena, 17. interdependence, 18. hawk

19. vi_____ze flying through space v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
20. pain in the ge_____l area *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
21. di_____fy energy sources v. to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments
22. 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
23. sh_____r with tears v. to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten
24. r__l the water v. to stir up or agitate a liquid or substance, causing it to become turbid or muddy; to disturb or unsettle the emotions or mental state of a person or group
25. ma_____ne beauty *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
26. water l__y *n.* a flowering plant with large, showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, typically symbolizing purity, innocence, and beauty
27. a ma___l of beauty *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
28. m__d allergy *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

ANSWERS: 19. visualize, 20. genital, 21. diversify, 22. fossilized, 23. shimmer, 24. roil, 25. masculine, 26. lily, 27. marvel, 28. mold

29. be___n with a hand *v.* to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable
30. la___n paradise *n.* a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean
31. cl___g tightly to the skin *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
32. nu_____e his talents *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
33. fl_____go flock *n.* a tall wading bird with predominantly pink or orange plumage and a long, slender neck and legs, native to Central and South America and parts of Africa
34. for_____ow future events *v.* to give a hint or indication of something that will happen or develop in the future
35. DNA im_____t *v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone
36. im_____t a memory *v.* to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

ANSWERS: 29. beckon, 30. lagoon, 31. cling, 32. nurture, 33. flamingo, 34. foreshadow, 35. imprint, 36. imprint

37. mo__h into a different shape *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
38. river-delta ma__h *n.* a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog
39. er__t in anger *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
40. apex pr____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
41. da__y chain *n.* a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead
42. ancient tu____a *n.* a lizard-like reptile endemic to New Zealand, resembling an ancient reptilian group that existed during the time of dinosaurs, characterized by a spiky crest on the back and a third eye-like structure on the top of its head
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44. congressional h__k *n.* a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
45. process of pho_____sis *n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.

ANSWERS: 37. morph, 38. marsh, 39. erupt, 40. predator, 41. daisy, 42. tuatara, 43. latent, 44. hawk, 45. photosynthesis

55. lawn da__y *n.* a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead
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61. 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
62. ex___e a big sigh *v.* to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently
63. Yellowstone ge___r *n.* a natural hot spring that periodically ejects a column of boiling water and steam into the air; a device that produces a similar effect for decorative or practical purposes

ANSWERS: 55. daisy, 56. meteorite, 57. spore, 58. replicate, 59. flamingo, 60. fern, 61. ape, 62. exhale, 63. geyser

64. va___h amid the crowd *v.* disappear or stop being present or existing suddenly and completely
65. sh____r in the moonlight *v.* to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten
66. am_____an habitat *n.* a cold-blooded animal that can live both on land and in water
67. 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
68. l___e prey *v.* to tempt or persuade someone to do something
69. marine phy_____ton *n.* tiny little plants that float on the surface of the water and on which sea creatures feed
70. ex___e cigarette smoke *v.* to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently
71. sexual pr____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
72. Bornean ta____r *n.* a small primate that belongs to the family Tarsiidae found primarily in Southeast Asia, including the Philippines, Borneo, and Sumatra
73. al___e biofuel *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
74. co_____se the text *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated

ANSWERS: 64. vanish, 65. shimmer, 66. amphibian, 67. mammal, 68. lure, 69. phytoplankton, 70. exhale, 71. predator, 72. tarsier, 73. algae, 74. condense

75. chicken br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
76. di_____fy my portfolio *v.* to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments
77. la___n island *n.* a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean
78. tropical f__ns *n.* a non-flowering plant with long, feathery fronds that reproduce by spores rather than seeds
79. symbiotic fu___s *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
80. accurately po_____y the condition *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
81. di___m species *n.* a type of single-celled algae that is characterized by its ornate and intricate silica shells, which form a distinctive pattern or design when viewed under a microscope
82. 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

ANSWERS: 75. broth, 76. diversify, 77. lagoon, 78. fern, 79. fungus, 80. portray, 81. diatom, 82. fossilized

83. chi_____ee society *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
84. ha___n clay *v.* to make something firm, solid, or resistant; to toughen or strengthen physically or emotionally; to become more rigid or less flexible
85. ba___n wasteland *adj.* unable to produce or sustain growth; lacking fertility; unproductive; lacking interest, excitement, or creativity; empty or desolate
86. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
87. mo__h into something entirely different *v.* to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
88. bo___o habitat *n.* a species of great ape that is native to the Congo Basin in Africa, known for its intelligence, social behavior, and peaceful temperament
89. er__t into tears *v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently
90. chi_____ee behavior *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
91. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 83. chimpanzee, 84. harden, 85. barren, 86. flourish, 87. morph, 88. bonobo, 89. erupt, 90. chimpanzee, 91. opportune

92. ce_____an migration *n.* a marine mammal belonging to the order Cetacea, which includes whales, dolphins, and porpoises
93. phy_____ton blooms *n.* tiny little plants that float on the surface of the water and on which sea creatures feed
94. tu_____a habitat *n.* a lizard-like reptile endemic to New Zealand, resembling an ancient reptilian group that existed during the time of dinosaurs, characterized by a spiky crest on the back and a third eye-like structure on the top of its head
95. am_____an species *n.* a cold-blooded animal that can live both on land and in water
96. for_____ow the recession *v.* to give a hint or indication of something that will happen or develop in the future
97. so_____fy a decision *v.* to make solid, firm, or compact; to cause to become solid
98. hy__a den *n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs
99. en_____e branches *v.* to twist or interlace two or more things or objects together; to interweave or interconnect in a complex way; to become deeply involved or entangled with another person or group
100. chl_____ll pigment *n.* any of a group of green pigments found in photosynthetic organisms
101. r__l the global economy *v.* to stir up or agitate a liquid or substance, causing it to become turbid or muddy; to disturb or unsettle the emotions or mental state of a person or group

ANSWERS: 92. cetacean, 93. phytoplankton, 94. tuatara, 95. amphibian, 96. foreshadow, 97. solidify, 98. hyena, 99. entwine, 100. chlorophyll, 101. roil

102. ba___n desert *adj.* unable to produce or sustain growth; lacking fertility; unproductive; lacking interest, excitement, or creativity; empty or desolate
103. sh__w infestation *n.* a small, fast-moving rodent with a pointed snout and small eyes and ears; (an offensive word) an angry unpleasant woman
104. creative m__e *n.* a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists
105. sharp-tongued sh__w *n.* a small, fast-moving rodent with a pointed snout and small eyes and ears; (an offensive word) an angry unpleasant woman
106. be___n a taxi *v.* to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable
107. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
108. st__t walking *n.* a tall, narrow pole used as a support for a building, bridge, or other structure; a pair of long, slender poles with footrests used to elevate someone above the ground
109. nu_____e love *v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

ANSWERS: 102. barren, 103. shrew, 104. muse, 105. shrew, 106. beckon, 107. flourish, 108. stilt, 109. nurture

110. st_____le weapons *n.* a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve
111. tropical rai_____st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
112. wear ma_____ne attire *adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men
113. tumor of w__b *n.* the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
114. freshwater di___ms *n.* a type of single-celled algae that is characterized by its ornate and intricate silica shells, which form a distinctive pattern or design when viewed under a microscope
115. cl__g onto power *v.* to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
116. tr_____te specimen *n.* a type of extinct arthropod that lived in the oceans of the Paleozoic Era, characterized by a three-lobed body shape and a hard exoskeleton
117. me_____te shower *n.* a solid object originating in outer space that reaches the Earth's surface without completely vaporizing in the atmosphere; a rock that has fallen from space

ANSWERS: 110. stockpile, 111. rainforest, 112. masculine, 113. womb, 114. diatom, 115. cling, 116. trilobite, 117. meteorite

118. remains of br__h *n.* a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews
119. co_____se water vapor *v.* to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
120. a casting m__d *n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long
121. blue al__e *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
122. la____t threat *adj.* existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant
123. po_____y feelings in words *v.* to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
124. ancient str_____ite *n.* a type of fossilized microbial mat formed by the growth and mineralization of cyanobacteria and other microorganisms, typically found in ancient sedimentary rocks and of great significance to the study of the Earth's early history and evolution
125. sn__l mail *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body

ANSWERS: 118. broth, 119. condense, 120. mold, 121. algae, 122. latent, 123. portray, 124. stromatolite, 125. snail

126. sh____n a pencil *v.* to make something, usually a blade or point, sharp or sharper; to enhance or improve the clarity, focus, or effectiveness of something
127. anthrax sp__e *n.* a reproductive cell that is capable of developing into a new individual without fertilization, especially one produced by certain bacteria, fungi, and algae
128. ge____l bleeding *adj.* of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
129. technical ma____l *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
130. m__e inspiration *n.* a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists
131. bacterial chl____ll *n.* any of a group of green pigments found in photosynthetic organisms
132. 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
133. va____h into thin air *v.* disappear or stop being present or existing suddenly and completely
134. sw__p tour *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
135. erupting ge____r *n.* a natural hot spring that periodically ejects a column of boiling water and steam into the air; a device that produces a similar effect for decorative or practical purposes

ANSWERS: 126. sharpen, 127. spore, 128. genital, 129. marvel, 130. muse, 131. chlorophyll, 132. walrus, 133. vanish, 134. swamp, 135. geyser

136. an intact tr_____te *n.* a type of extinct arthropod that lived in the oceans of the Paleozoic Era, characterized by a three-lobed body shape and a hard exoskeleton
137. fu___s infection *n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
138. nuclear st_____le *n.* a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve
139. microbial str_____ite formation *n.* a type of fossilized microbial mat formed by the growth and mineralization of cyanobacteria and other microorganisms, typically found in ancient sedimentary rocks and of great significance to the study of the Earth's early history and evolution
140. 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

ANSWERS: 136. trilobite, 137. fungus, 138. stockpile, 139. stromatolite, 140. walrus

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The desert is known for its _____ terrain with no sign of vegetation.
adj. unable to produce or sustain growth; lacking fertility; unproductive; lacking interest, excitement, or creativity; empty or desolate
2. That team signed a center forward who was a ball-_____.
n. a bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long tail; an advocate of an aggressive policy on foreign relations
3. The salesperson used a special offer to _____ customers into buying the product.
v. to tempt or persuade someone to do something
4. The breakup of the famous band _____ their fans, leading to disappointment and sadness.
v. to stir up or agitate a liquid or substance, causing it to become turbid or muddy; to disturb or unsettle the emotions or mental state of a person or group
5. We often _____ political problems as religious issues.
v. to depict or describe someone or something in a painting, film, book, or other artistic work
6. The fertilized egg implanted itself in the _____.
n. the organ of a woman or female mammal in which a baby develops before birth
7. She had to _____ her stance on the issue to gain support from her colleagues.
v. to make something firm, solid, or resistant; to toughen or strengthen physically or emotionally; to become more rigid or less flexible

ANSWERS: 1. barren, 2. hawk, 3. lure, 4. roiled, 5. portray, 6. womb, 7. harden

8. The committee's decision helped to _____ the rules of the game.
- v.* to make solid, firm, or compact; to cause to become solid
9. 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
10. The sunlight made the water in the pool _____ like diamonds.
- v.* to shine with a soft, flickering light; to reflect light in a wavering or twinkling way; to glimmer or glisten
11. The _____ hot water generates electricity for nearby towns and cities.
- n.* a natural hot spring that periodically ejects a column of boiling water and steam into the air; a device that produces a similar effect for decorative or practical purposes
12. She gazed out the window, deep in thought, as if waiting for her _____ to strike.
- n.* a source of inspiration, particularly for creative endeavors such as writing or art; a mythical spirit thought to inspire poets and artists
13. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
- adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
14. The mangroves around the _____ provide a habitat for a unique ecosystem
- n.* a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean
15. Certain types of _____ can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.
- n.* a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

ANSWERS: 8. solidify, 9. mammal, 10. shimmer, 11. geyser's, 12. muse, 13. opportune, 14. lagoon, 15. fungus

16. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
- n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
17. The dark clouds _____ a storm.
- v.* to give a hint or indication of something that will happen or develop in the future
18. 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
19. The diplomatic rivalry between the two countries has strengthened the _____ of their intra-regional supply chains for their manufacturing industries.
- n.* the fact or state of depending on each other
20. Bacteria and some algae also produce _____ as a means of survival and dispersal, and they are often found in soil, water, and other environments.
- n.* a reproductive cell that is capable of developing into a new individual without fertilization, especially one produced by certain bacteria, fungi, and algae
21. The garden was filled with various plants, including a beautiful maidenhair ____.
- n.* a non-flowering plant with long, feathery fronds that reproduce by spores rather than seeds
22. I must _____ my knives before cooking to ensure precise and efficient cutting.
- v.* to make something, usually a blade or point, sharp or sharper; to enhance or improve the clarity, focus, or effectiveness of something

ANSWERS: 16. predator's, 17. foreshadowed, 18. fossilized, 19. interdependence, 20. spores, 21. fern, 22. sharpen

23. 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

24. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.

- v.* to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

25. Scientists are studying the composition and origins of the _____ belt to understand the early solar system better.

- n.* (also "planetoid") a small rocky body orbiting the sun, typically in the region between Mars and Jupiter

26. The destruction of the _____ is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

- n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

27. 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

28. Mushrooms and _____ are fungi.

- n.* a hollow container used to give shape to liquid or soft substance, which then becomes solid in the same shape as the container; a soft, green, or gray growth that forms on stale food or objects exposed to warm, moist air for too long

29. Her allure lies in her _____ rather than feminine beauty.

- adj.* having characteristics or an appearance that are usually regarded as typical or appropriate for men

ANSWERS: 23. apes, 24. nurture, 25. asteroid, 26. rainforest, 27. walrus, 28. mold, 29. masculine

30. He _____ to the hope that he will find a job soon.
- v. to hold onto something tightly; to be closely attached to someone or something
31. _____ utilizes sunlight to create sugars.
- n. any of a group of green pigments found in photosynthetic organisms
32. The _____ sanctuary is dedicated to protecting and rehabilitating these endangered primates.
- n. a species of great ape that is native to the Congo Basin in Africa, known for its intelligence, social behavior, and peaceful temperament
33. The fossilized _____ was over 500 million years old.
- n. a type of extinct arthropod that lived in the oceans of the Paleozoic Era, characterized by a three-lobed body shape and a hard exoskeleton
34. The Ottoman Empire _____ for over five centuries.
- v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
35. Scientists are concerned about the rapid decline in _____ populations around the world.
- n. a cold-blooded animal that can live both on land and in water
36. She tried to _____ the layout of the new house in her mind.
- v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
37. _____ has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.
- n. A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
38. He wanted to _____ his brand logo on the product.
- v. to make a mark or impression on a surface; to leave a lasting impression or influence on someone or something; (noun) a mark or impression made by pressing or stamping something onto a surface; a distinctive feature or characteristic that is left by something or someone

ANSWERS: 30. clings, 31. Chlorophyll, 32. bonobo, 33. trilobite, 34. flourished, 35. amphibian, 36. visualize, 37. Algae, 38. imprint

39. The _____ bright pink feathers perfectly blended into the tropical sunset.
n. a tall wading bird with predominantly pink or orange plumage and a long, slender neck and legs, native to Central and South America and parts of Africa
40. Two months later, my tumor _____ utterly.
v. disappear or stop being present or existing suddenly and completely
41. Environmentalists are concerned about the harm to the _____.
n. a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog
42. The archeologists found ancient _____ houses that were preserved under the water.
n. a tall, narrow pole used as a support for a building, bridge, or other structure; a pair of long, slender poles with footrests used to elevate someone above the ground
43. She studies the relationship between marine creatures' toxicity and the _____ they feed on.
n. tiny little plants that float on the surface of the water and on which sea creatures feed
44. This company _____ into an enterprise company.
v. to change or cause to change something or someone smoothly and gradually from one thing to another
45. The _____ fragments were collected and sent to a laboratory for analysis.
n. a solid object originating in outer space that reaches the Earth's surface without completely vaporizing in the atmosphere; a rock that has fallen from space
46. The lowland _____ was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.
n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

ANSWERS: 39. flamingo's, 40. vanished, 41. marsh, 42. stilt, 43. phytoplankton, 44. morphed, 45. meteorite, 46. swamp

47. 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
48. Conservation efforts are being implemented to protect endangered _____ species from human activities.
- n.* a marine mammal belonging to the order Cetacea, which includes whales, dolphins, and porpoises
49. Conservationists are working to establish a _____ breeding program to increase their population.
- n.* a lizard-like reptile endemic to New Zealand, resembling an ancient reptilian group that existed during the time of dinosaurs, characterized by a spiky crest on the back and a third eye-like structure on the top of its head
50. The ideas and themes in the movie _____ to create a powerful commentary on society
- v.* to twist or interlace two or more things or objects together; to interweave or interconnect in a complex way; to become deeply involved or entangled with another person or group
51. _____ fossils can tell us a lot about the history and environment of the oceans.
- n.* a type of single-celled algae that is characterized by its ornate and intricate silica shells, which form a distinctive pattern or design when viewed under a microscope
52. Battles between whites and blacks _____ immediately.
- v.* (of a volcano) to become active and eject rocks, smoke, etc.; to start abruptly and violently

ANSWERS: 47. chimpanzee, 48. cetacean, 49. tuatara, 50. entwine, 51. Diatom, 52. erupted

53. The warm sun and gentle breeze _____ us to spend the day outside.
- v.* to gesture or signal someone to come nearer or follow; to encourage or entice someone to do something; to seem attractive or desirable
54. The _____ unique adaptation allows it to rotate its head almost 180 degrees, giving it exceptional vision.
- n.* a small primate that belongs to the family Tarsiidae found primarily in Southeast Asia, including the Philippines, Borneo, and Sumatra
55. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.
- n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
56. The _____ powerful jaws and teeth enable it to crush bones and devour its prey.
- n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs
57. This inclusive environment has allowed the plant species to _____.
- v.* to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments
58. The _____ fossils provide important clues about the early evolution of life on Earth.
- n.* a type of fossilized microbial mat formed by the growth and mineralization of cyanobacteria and other microorganisms, typically found in ancient sedimentary rocks and of great significance to the study of the Earth's early history and evolution
59. In _____ plants use carbon dioxide to feed themselves.
- n.* the process through which plants and other organisms transform light energy into chemical energy, which is then released through cellular respiration to power the organism's activities.

ANSWERS: 53. beckoned, 54. tarsier's, 55. marvel, 56. hyena's, 57. diversify, 58. stromatolite, 59. photosynthesis,

60. She picked a blue _____ from the meadow and placed it in her hair.
n. a wildflower that typically has a yellow disc at the center of a white or pink-and-white flowerhead
61. The _____ organs of the human body are necessary for reproduction.
adj. of or relating to the external and internal reproductive organs
62. I need to _____ all of my notes into a manageable summary for my presentation.
v. to reduce the volume or size of something, often by removing water or other liquid; to make something shorter, more concise, or more concentrated
63. The experiment was _____ several times to ensure accuracy.
v. to make an exact copy of something; to repeat a process or experiment to confirm the results
64. The water _____ scurried across the forest floor.
n. a small, fast-moving rodent with a pointed snout and small eyes and ears; (an offensive word) an angry unpleasant woman
65. The beautiful _____ garden in the park was a sight to behold.
n. a flowering plant with large, showy, trumpet-shaped flowers, typically symbolizing purity, innocence, and beauty
66. He took a deep breath and slowly began to _____.
v. to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently
67. I always add a bit of _____ to my soup to give it more flavor.
n. a liquid in which meat, fish, or vegetables have been cooked, used as a base for soups and stews

ANSWERS: 60. daisy, 61. genital, 62. condense, 63. replicated, 64. shrew, 65. lily, 66. exhale, 67. broth

68. The farmer had a huge _____ of hay for the winter.

n. a large quantity or reserve of goods or materials that are accumulated and stored for future use, often used for emergency or contingency purposes; (verb) to accumulate or gather a large quantity of something, usually for future use or as a reserve

69. The gardener found a _____ slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.

n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body

70. Many people have _____ talents they are not aware of.

adj. existing but not yet expressed, active, or visible; hidden or dormant

ANSWERS: 68. stockpile, 69. snail, 70. latent