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Session 1: Word List

moss

n. a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks

synonym : plant, foliage, greenery

(1) green **moss**, (2) **moss** garden

Moss grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.

shrub

n. a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil

synonym : bush, hedge, fern

(1) tree and **shrubs**, (2) small **shrub**

These are **shrubs** with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.

parsley

n. a biennial herb with flat or curly green leaves that are commonly used as a garnish or seasoning in cooking often added to dishes for its fresh flavor and decorative purposes

synonym : cilantro, coriander, herb

(1) Italian **parsley**, (2) chopped **parsley**

I added some fresh **parsley** to the dish for added flavor.

quotidian

adj. occurring or recurring daily; ordinary or commonplace, typically used to describe something boring, repetitive, or mundane

synonym : everyday, mundane, routine

(1) **quotidian** chores, (2) **quotidian** life

The artist was famous for capturing the beauty of **quotidian** scenes in her paintings.

timescale

n. a period or interval of time, particularly one used as a standard for measuring or comparing other periods of time; a reference point or benchmark for the duration or length of a particular event or process

synonym : time frame, schedule, duration

(1) long- **timescale**, (2) realistic **timescale**

The **timescale** for completing the construction project is three years.

churn

v. to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover

synonym : stir, agitate, whirl

(1) **churn** out manufactured goods, (2) **churn** in my stomach

The cream needs to be **churned** for several minutes before it becomes butter.

longstanding

adj. having existed for a long time

synonym : deep-rooted, continuing

(1) **longstanding** relationship, (2) **longstanding** tradition

The **longstanding** trading built mutual reliance.

proverb

n. a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

synonym : adage, saying, maxim

(1) a hackneyed **proverb**, (2) ancient **proverb**

The famous **proverb** "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

longevity

n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

synonym : seniority, endurance

(1) **longevity** crisis, (2) **longevity** genes

He is proud of the **longevity** of the business.

lichen

n. a composite organism consisting of a symbiotic relationship between a fungus and an alga or cyanobacterium

synonym : fungus, plant, symbiotic organism

(1) **lichen** fungus, (2) **lichen** families

The **lichen** on the old tree bark was thick and lush, a sign of a healthy ecosystem.

primal

adj. of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive

synonym : original, fundamental, basic

(1) **primal** eras, (2) **primal** fear

The **primal** instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.

heighten

v. to increase or enhance the intensity, degree, or extent of something; to make something more pronounced or noticeable; to intensify or amplify

synonym : intensify, enhance, amplify

(1) **heighten** anxiety, (2) **heighten** emotions

The use of bright colors in the painting **heightened** the overall sense of joy and vibrancy.

fjord

n. a long, narrow inlet of the sea between cliffs or hills, often with a shallow, rocky shoreline, found especially in Norway

synonym : inlet, estuary, bay

(1) spectacular **fjord**, (2) **fjord** tour

The beautiful **fjord** landscape was breathtaking to behold from the ship's deck.

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**
She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

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.

glacial

adj. relating to or resembling a glacier (= a slowly moving mass of ice) or the process of glaciation; characterized by an extremely slow or gradual pace or movement

synonym: cold, icy, frozen

(1) **glacial** movements, (2) **glacial** terrain

The **glacial** pace of the negotiations frustrated both parties.

campsite

n. a place where people can pitch tents, park RVs, or set up other types of temporary shelter for recreational use, often equipped with facilities such as bathrooms and fire pits

synonym: campground, camping area, outdoor site

(1) **campsite** location, (2) scenic **campsite**

The firewood at the **campsite** was wet and made it hard to start a fire.

centimeter

n. a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter

(1) **centimeter** measurement, (2) thirty **centimeters** tall

The room was only one **centimeter** wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.

lifespan

n. the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists

synonym: duration, lifetime, continuance

(1) **lifespan** extension, (2) **lifespan** retrieval curve

Generally speaking, men have a shorter **lifespan** than women.

ominous

adj. giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding

synonym: foreboding, portentous, ill-boding

(1) an **ominous** silence, (2) **ominous** sign

The **ominous** clouds in the sky foretold of an approaching storm.

predatory

adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive

synonym: raptorial, hunting, greedy

(1) a **predatory** bird, (2) **predatory** warfare

The domesticated cat still has its **predatory** instincts.

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.

benign

adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious

synonym: kind, gentle, harmless

(1) **benign** tumor, (2) a **benign** smile

The lump was discovered to be **benign**, and no further treatment was needed.

mushroom

n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped

cap

synonym : fungus, toadstool

(1) **mushroom** spores, (2) **mushroom** cultivation

The **mushroom** risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.

humongous

adj. extremely large; gigantic; huge; excessively big

synonym : gigantic, enormous, colossal

(1) **humongous** appetite, (2) **humongous** amount

The new office building was **humongous** and could fit hundreds of employees comfortably.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

synonym : intrude, raid, overrun

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

mycelium

n. the vegetative part of a fungus, consisting of a mass of branching, thread-like hyphae

(1) **mycelium** growth, (2) aerial **mycelium**

The **mycelium** of the mushroom spread through the soil, absorbing nutrients.

strangle

v. to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea

synonym : choke, suffocate, throttle

(1) **strangle** a cry, (2) **strangle** economic growth

The killer used his hands to **strangle** his victim.

parrot

n. a tropical bird with a curved beak and the ability to mimic sounds, often kept as a pet and trained to copy the human voice

synonym : copyist, wannabe

(1) repeat like a **parrot**, (2) a talking **parrot**

She keeps a **parrot** in a birdcage as a pet.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

quake

v. to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time

synonym : shake, trembler, tremor

(1) **quake** in his boots, (2) **quake** with cold

The earth began to **quake**, and he knew he had to leave the building immediately.

aspen

n. a deciduous tree with smooth, white bark that often trembles or quakes in the wind; a type of skiing that involves quick, short turns on steep slopes

synonym : tree, hardwood

(1) **aspen** grove, (2) golden **aspen** leaves

The **aspen** trees turned a bright yellow in the fall, creating a beautiful sight.

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym : interlink, complect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

immortal

adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

synonym : eternal, everlasting, undying

(1) **immortal** soul, (2) **immortal** love

Legends often describe mythical creatures as **immortal** beings.

spruce

n. a type of evergreen tree with short, stiff needles and small cones, often used as a decorative or ornamental tree; (adjective) neat, clean, or tidy in appearance

synonym : fir, pine, (verb) clean

(1) **spruce** appearance, (2) **spruce** forest

The **spruce** tree was the perfect addition to the family's Christmas decorations.

spindle

n. a rotating shaft that serves as axes for larger rotating parts; (biology) tiny fibers that are seen in cell division

synonym : shaft, axis, mandrel

(1) a **spindle-shaped** muscle, (2) **spindle** cell cancer

A powerful **spindle** motor is required to process these metal parts.

tortoise

n. a slow-moving, herbivorous reptile characterized by a hard shell that protects its body; many species of tortoise are long-lived and have lifespans of over 100 years

synonym : turtle, chelonian

(1) giant **tortoise**, (2) **tortoise** shell

The Galapagos **tortoise** is a fascinating creature with a long lifespan.

clam

n. a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness

(1) giant **clam**, (2) shuck a **clam**

The **clam** digs through the sand to a significant depth.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

jellyfish

n. a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging

synonym: medusa, sea nettle, moon jelly

(1) spineless **jellyfish**, (2) **jellyfish** sting

The beach was filled with hundreds of **jellyfish**, so swimming was not recommended.

revert

v. to return to a previous state or condition; to reply

synonym: return, go back, restore

(1) **revert** to a heavy smoker, (2) **revert** to the original subject

After trying the new software, I **reverted** to the old version.

polyp

n. (of zoology) a small, typically sessile, marine animal with a hollow, cylindrical body and tentacles surrounding a central mouth, often found in colonies and sometimes forming coral reefs; (of gastroenterology) an abnormal tissue growth that can occur in the colon, rectum, or other parts of the gastrointestinal tract

synonym: polypus, hydra, anemone

(1) the **polyp** on the hydra's tentacle, (2) gastric **polyp**

The coral reef was home to various **polyps** and other sea creatures.

baobab

n. a type of African tree with a large, bulbous trunk and sparse branches that often looks upside-down; also known as the "tree of life" due to its ability to store water during droughts

synonym: monkey bread tree, cream of tartar tree, bottle tree

(1) **baobab** pulp, (2) ancient **baobab**

The **baobab** tree can grow over 60 feet tall and live for thousands of years.

palimpsest

n. a manuscript or piece of writing material on which the original writing has been effaced to make room for later writing

(1) **palimpsest** parchment, (2) medieval **palimpsest**

The **palimpsest** manuscript he discovered contained layers of text from different centuries, offering a fascinating glimpse into the past.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

synonym: sculpt, engrave, cut

(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate

This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

dubious

adj. having doubts or reservations; uncertain

synonym: uncertain, questionable, skeptical

(1) **dubious** credibility, (2) direct a **dubious** look

The evidence presented in court had a **dubious** origin, raising questions about its authenticity.

conifer

n. a type of evergreen tree or shrub belonging to the group of gymnosperms, characterized by needle-like or scale-like leaves and bearing cones that contain seeds; examples include pine, spruce, and fir trees

synonym: evergreen, pine, fir

(1) **conifer** needle, (2) **conifer** forest

The forest was filled with tall **conifer** trees, providing a green canopy.

shred

v. to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount

synonym: rip up, tear up, cut

(1) **shred** paper into little pieces, (2) **shred** lettuce for a salad

There is not a **shred** of evidence that he is guilty.

botanical

adj. relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants

synonym: botanic, plant-based, herbal

(1) **botanical** extract, (2) **botanical** illustrations

The **botanical** gardens were filled with exotic plants from all around the world.

petrify

v. to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding

synonym: fossilize, mineralize, calcify

(1) **petrify** with fear, (2) **petrify** into stone

The thought of public speaking will **petrify** her.

coniferous

adj. relating to or characteristic of cone-bearing trees, typically evergreen, that produce seeds in cones

synonym: evergreen, needle-leaved, piney

(1) **coniferous** forests, (2) **coniferous** habitats

The national park is home to a wide range of **coniferous** species.

poetic

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

synonym: literary, verse-like, rhythmic

(1) **poetic** genius, (2) **poetic** justice

The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a **poetic** scene from a movie.

botany

n. the scientific study of plants

synonym: phytology, vegetation, horticulture

(1) **botany** professor, (2) geographical **botany**

The study of **botany** can also include the study of plant fossils and the history of plant evolution.

fir

n. a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

synonym: pine, spruce, cedar

(1) **fir** branch, (2) **fir** forest

The smell of fresh **fir** trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.

peep

v. to take a quick and often furtive or cautious look at something; to emit a small sound or noise, typically a high-pitched chirp or squeak; (noun) a small, high-pitched sound

synonym : glance, peek, spy

(1) make a **peep**, (2) **peep** into the room

I could only **peep** through the keyhole to see what was happening in the room.

roar

v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

synonym : bellow, yell, shout

(1) **roar** with laughter, (2) **roar** for more

The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

eyebrow

n. the hair arc over each eye in humans

synonym : brow, supercilium

(1) raise her **eyebrows**, (2) **eyebrow** cosmetics

She raised an inquiring **eyebrow** towards me.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym : sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

ubiquitous

adj. being or existing everywhere at once

synonym : universal, omnipresent, everywhere

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

Sugar is **ubiquitous** in food.

yucca

n. a type of plant belonging to the Agave family, typically found in arid regions, with long, pointed leaves and tall stalks of white flowers. Some species of yucca have edible parts and are used for various purposes,

including food, medicine, and landscaping

(1) desert **yucca**, (2) ornamental **yucca**

The desert landscape was dotted with **yucca** plants, adding a touch of green to the arid scenery.

permafrost

n. a layer of soil that is permanently below freezing, usually in polar regions

(1) **permafrost** area, (2) thawing **permafrost**

Permafrost is crucial to soil stability in arctic areas.

dormant

adj. in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances

synonym: inactive, sleeping, quiescent

(1) **dormant** volcano, (2) **dormant** account

The disease can remain **dormant** for years before it presents any symptoms.

peninsula

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

synonym: cape, foreland

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

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

barometer

n. an instrument that measures atmospheric pressure and is used to predict changes in weather; a measure of the prevailing conditions or trends within a particular situation or environment

synonym: indicator, gauge, measure

(1) economic **barometer**, (2) air pressure **barometer**

The number of patients in the hospital is a useful **barometer** of regional health trends.

untold

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

synonym: countless, immeasurable, innumerable

(1) **untold** riches, (2) an **untold** number of people
The **untold** stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.

peril

n. serious and great danger or risk

synonym: hazard, danger, threat

(1) the **peril** of the sea, (2) environmental **peril**

Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in **peril**.

encroachment

n. an act of moving or advancing into someone else's territory or area of control; an invasion or infringement upon someone else's rights or interests

synonym: invasion, intrusion, trespass

(1) **encroachment** of territory, (2) **encroachment** on personal rights

The **encroachment** of the new housing development on the wildlife habitat caused concern among environmentalists.

jeopardy

n. the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss

synonym: danger, risk, peril

(1) put his life in **jeopardy**, (2) tax in **jeopardy**

The project is in **jeopardy** of being canceled due to a lack of funding.

foresee

v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future

synonym: predict, anticipate, forecast

(1) **foresee** the consequences, (2) **foresee** challenges
I **foresee** a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.

Session 2: Spelling

1. a talking pa___t *n.* a tropical bird with a curved beak and the ability to mimic sounds, often kept as a pet and trained to copy the human voice
2. per_____st area *n.* a layer of soil that is permanently below freezing, usually in polar regions
3. li_____an extension *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
4. im_____al soul *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
5. chopped pa_____y *n.* a biennial herb with flat or curly green leaves that are commonly used as a garnish or seasoning in cooking often added to dishes for its fresh flavor and decorative purposes
6. im_____al love *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
7. co_____r needle *n.* a type of evergreen tree or shrub belonging to the group of gymnosperms, characterized by needle-like or scale-like leaves and bearing cones that contain seeds; examples include pine, spruce, and fir trees
8. human activities int_____ect with the environment *v.* to connect similar things

ANSWERS: 1. parrot, 2. permafrost, 3. lifespan, 4. immortal, 5. parsley, 6. immortal, 7. conifer, 8. interconnect

9. thawing per_____st *n.* a layer of soil that is permanently below freezing, usually in polar regions
10. ch__n out manufactured goods *v.* to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover
11. environmental pe__l *n.* serious and great danger or risk
12. ubi_____us computing *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
13. sp_____e cell cancer *n.* a rotating shaft that serves as axes for larger rotating parts; (biology) tiny fibers that are seen in cell division
14. hu_____us amount *adj.* extremely large; gigantic; huge; excessively big
15. gastric po__p *n.* (of zoology) a small, typically sessile, marine animal with a hollow, cylindrical body and tentacles surrounding a central mouth, often found in colonies and sometimes forming coral reefs; (of gastroenterology) an abnormal tissue growth that can occur in the colon, rectum, or other parts of the gastrointestinal tract
16. co_____r forest *n.* a type of evergreen tree or shrub belonging to the group of gymnosperms, characterized by needle-like or scale-like leaves and bearing cones that contain seeds; examples include pine, spruce, and fir trees

ANSWERS: 9. permafrost, 10. churn, 11. peril, 12. ubiquitous, 13. spindle, 14. humongous, 15. polyp, 16. conifer

17. a pr_____ry bird *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
18. thirty cen_____ers tall *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
19. f_r branch *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
20. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
21. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
22. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
23. sh__d lettuce for a salad *v.* to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount
24. lon_____ing tradition *adj.* having existed for a long time
25. the Arab pe_____la *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
26. an om_____s silence *adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
27. ca__e my name on the plate *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply

ANSWERS: 17. predatory, 18. centimeter, 19. fir, 20. opportune, 21. determinant, 22. resilient, 23. shred, 24. longstanding, 25. peninsula, 26. ominous, 27. carve

37. geographical bo___y *n.* the scientific study of plants
38. desert yu__a *n.* a type of plant belonging to the Agave family, typically found in arid regions, with long, pointed leaves and tall stalks of white flowers. Some species of yucca have edible parts and are used for various purposes, including food, medicine, and landscaping
39. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
40. st_____le a cry *v.* to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
41. an un___d number of people *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
42. lo_____ty crisis *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
43. po___c genius *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
44. air pressure ba_____er *n.* an instrument that measures atmospheric pressure and is used to predict changes in weather; a measure of the prevailing conditions or trends within a particular situation or environment

ANSWERS: 37. botany, 38. yucca, 39. opportune, 40. strangle, 41. untold, 42. longevity, 43. poetic, 44. barometer

45. giant to____se *n.* a slow-moving, herbivorous reptile characterized by a hard shell that protects its body; many species of tortoise are long-lived and have lifespans of over 100 years
46. the po__p on the hydra's tentacle *n.* (of zoology) a small, typically sessile, marine animal with a hollow, cylindrical body and tentacles surrounding a central mouth, often found in colonies and sometimes forming coral reefs; (of gastroenterology) an abnormal tissue growth that can occur in the colon, rectum, or other parts of the gastrointestinal tract
47. small sh__b *n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
48. lo____ty genes *n.* the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service
49. m__s garden *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
50. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
51. pal____st parchment *n.* a manuscript or piece of writing material on which the original writing has been effaced to make room for later writing
52. gl____l movements *adj.* relating to or resembling a glacier (= a slowly moving mass of ice) or the process of glaciation; characterized by an extremely slow or gradual pace or movement

ANSWERS: 45. tortoise, 46. polyp, 47. shrub, 48. longevity, 49. moss, 50. singe, 51. palimpsest, 52. glacial

53. ey____w cosmetics *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
54. the tip of the pe_____la *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
55. con_____us habitats *adj.* relating to or characteristic of cone-bearing trees, typically evergreen, that produce seeds in cones
56. sh__d paper into little pieces *v.* to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount
57. a be____n smile *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
58. re____t to the original subject *v.* to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
59. enc_____ent of territory *n.* an act of moving or advancing into someone else's territory or area of control; an invasion or infringement upon someone else's rights or interests
60. pe_____y into stone *v.* to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding
61. bo_____al illustrations *adj.* relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants
62. green m__s *n.* a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
63. qu_____an life *adj.* occurring or recurring daily; ordinary or commonplace, typically used to describe something boring, repetitive, or mundane

ANSWERS: 53. eyebrow, 54. peninsula, 55. coniferous, 56. shred, 57. benign, 58. revert, 59. encroachment, 60. petrify, 61. botanical, 62. moss, 63. quotidian

64. spineless je_____sh *n.* a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging
65. r__r for more *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
66. pr___l eras *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
67. 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
68. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
69. a sp_____e-shaped muscle *n.* a rotating shaft that serves as axes for larger rotating parts; (biology) tiny fibers that are seen in cell division
70. aerial my_____um *n.* the vegetative part of a fungus, consisting of a mass of branching, thread-like hyphae
71. realistic ti_____le *n.* a period or interval of time, particularly one used as a standard for measuring or comparing other periods of time; a reference point or benchmark for the duration or length of a particular event or process
72. p__p into the room *v.* to take a quick and often furtive or cautious look at something; to emit a small sound or noise, typically a high-pitched chirp or squeak; (noun) a small, high-pitched sound

ANSWERS: 64. jellyfish, 65. roar, 66. primal, 67. fungus, 68. resilient, 69. spindle, 70. mycelium, 71. timescale, 72. peep

73. fo____e the consequences *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
74. 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
75. hu_____us appetite *adj.* extremely large; gigantic; huge; excessively big
76. qu_____an chores *adj.* occurring or recurring daily; ordinary or commonplace, typically used to describe something boring, repetitive, or mundane
77. r__r with laughter *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
78. lon_____ing relationship *adj.* having existed for a long time
79. mu_____om cultivation *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
80. ba___b pulp *n.* a type of African tree with a large, bulbous trunk and sparse branches that often looks upside-down; also known as the "tree of life" due to its ability to store water during droughts
81. qu__e with cold *v.* to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time
82. a hackneyed pr_____b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

ANSWERS: 73. foresee, 74. fungus, 75. humongous, 76. quotidian, 77. roar, 78. longstanding, 79. mushroom, 80. baobab, 81. quake, 82. proverb

83. scenic ca_____te *n.* a place where people can pitch tents, park RVs, or set up other types of temporary shelter for recreational use, often equipped with facilities such as bathrooms and fire pits
84. ca__e a statue *v.* to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
85. economic ba_____er *n.* an instrument that measures atmospheric pressure and is used to predict changes in weather; a measure of the prevailing conditions or trends within a particular situation or environment
86. un____d riches *adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
87. repeat like a pa____t *n.* a tropical bird with a curved beak and the ability to mimic sounds, often kept as a pet and trained to copy the human voice
88. tree and sh__bs *n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
89. the pe__l of the sea *n.* serious and great danger or risk
90. to_____se shell *n.* a slow-moving, herbivorous reptile characterized by a hard shell that protects its body; many species of tortoise are long-lived and have lifespans of over 100 years
91. li____n fungus *n.* a composite organism consisting of a symbiotic relationship between a fungus and an alga or cyanobacterium

ANSWERS: 83. campsite, 84. carve, 85. barometer, 86. untold, 87. parrot, 88. shrub, 89. peril, 90. tortoise, 91. lichen

92. li___n families *n.* a composite organism consisting of a symbiotic relationship between a fungus and an alga or cyanobacterium
93. put his life in je_____dy *n.* the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss
94. in___e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
95. bo___y professor *n.* the scientific study of plants
96. qu___e in his boots *v.* to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time
97. re___t to a heavy smoker *v.* to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
98. tax in je_____dy *n.* the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss
99. giant c___m *n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
100. enc_____ent on personal rights *n.* an act of moving or advancing into someone else's territory or area of control; an invasion or infringement upon someone else's rights or interests
101. gl_____l terrain *adj.* relating to or resembling a glacier (= a slowly moving mass of ice) or the process of glaciation; characterized by an extremely slow or gradual pace or movement
102. long-ti_____le *n.* a period or interval of time, particularly one used as a standard for measuring or comparing other periods of time; a reference point or benchmark for the duration or length of a particular event or process

ANSWERS: 92. lichen, 93. jeopardy, 94. invade, 95. botany, 96. quake, 97. revert, 98. jeopardy, 99. clam, 100. encroachment, 101. glacial, 102. timescale

103. du____s credibility *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
104. ancient pr____b *n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience
105. po____c justice *adj.* of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way
106. my____um growth *n.* the vegetative part of a fungus, consisting of a mass of branching, thread-like hyphae
107. be____n tumor *adj.* kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
108. prehistoric arc____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
109. con____us forests *adj.* relating to or characteristic of cone-bearing trees, typically evergreen, that produce seeds in cones
110. direct a du____s look *adj.* having doubts or reservations; uncertain
111. in____e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
112. pr____l fear *adj.* of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
113. ca____te location *n.* a place where people can pitch tents, park RVs, or set up other types of temporary shelter for recreational use, often equipped with facilities such as bathrooms and fire pits

ANSWERS: 103. dubious, 104. proverb, 105. poetic, 106. mycelium, 107. benign, 108. archaeology, 109. coniferous, 110. dubious, 111. invade, 112. primal, 113. campsite

114. the institute of arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
115. medieval pal_____st *n.* a manuscript or piece of writing material on which the original writing has been effaced to make room for later writing
116. bo_____al extract *adj.* relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants
117. ancient ba____b *n.* a type of African tree with a large, bulbous trunk and sparse branches that often looks upside-down; also known as the "tree of life" due to its ability to store water during droughts
118. do_____t account *adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances
119. as__n grove *n.* a deciduous tree with smooth, white bark that often trembles or quakes in the wind; a type of skiing that involves quick, short turns on steep slopes
120. sp____e forest *n.* a type of evergreen tree with short, stiff needles and small cones, often used as a decorative or ornamental tree; (adjective) neat, clean, or tidy in appearance
121. he_____en anxiety *v.* to increase or enhance the intensity, degree, or extent of something; to make something more pronounced or noticeable; to intensify or amplify

ANSWERS: 114. archaeology, 115. palimpsest, 116. botanical, 117. baobab, 118. dormant, 119. aspen, 120. spruce, 121. heighten

122. shuck a c__m *n.* a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
123. fo____e challenges *v.* to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
124. li____an retrieval curve *n.* the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
125. directly int____ect with those systems *v.* to connect similar things
126. om____s sign *adj.* giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
127. fj__d tour *n.* a long, narrow inlet of the sea between cliffs or hills, often with a shallow, rocky shoreline, found especially in Norway
128. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
129. ch__n in my stomach *v.* to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover
130. do____t volcano *adj.* in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances
131. he____en emotions *v.* to increase or enhance the intensity, degree, or extent of something; to make something more pronounced or noticeable; to intensify or amplify

ANSWERS: 122. clam, 123. foresee, 124. lifespan, 125. interconnect, 126. ominous, 127. fjord, 128. singe, 129. churn, 130. dormant, 131. heighten

132. ornamental yu__a *n.* a type of plant belonging to the Agave family, typically found in arid regions, with long, pointed leaves and tall stalks of white flowers. Some species of yucca have edible parts and are used for various purposes, including food, medicine, and landscaping
133. make a p__p *v.* to take a quick and often furtive or cautious look at something; to emit a small sound or noise, typically a high-pitched chirp or squeak; (noun) a small, high-pitched sound
134. pr____ry warfare *adj.* living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
135. sp___e appearance *n.* a type of evergreen tree with short, stiff needles and small cones, often used as a decorative or ornamental tree; (adjective) neat, clean, or tidy in appearance
136. raise her ey____ws *n.* the hair arc over each eye in humans
137. ubi____us across ecosystems *adj.* being or existing everywhere at once
138. f_r forest *n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches

ANSWERS: 132. yucca, 133. peep, 134. predatory, 135. spruce, 136. eyebrow, 137. ubiquitous, 138. fir

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
2. The artist was famous for capturing the beauty of _____ scenes in her paintings.
adj. occurring or recurring daily; ordinary or commonplace, typically used to describe something boring, repetitive, or mundane
3. The national park is home to a wide range of _____ species.
adj. relating to or characteristic of cone-bearing trees, typically evergreen, that produce seeds in cones
4. The forest was filled with tall _____ trees, providing a green canopy.
n. a type of evergreen tree or shrub belonging to the group of gymnosperms, characterized by needle-like or scale-like leaves and bearing cones that contain seeds; examples include pine, spruce, and fir trees
5. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.
v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
6. The domesticated cat still has its _____ instincts.
adj. living by eating other animals, especially by catching prey that is still alive
7. The _____ risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.
n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

ANSWERS: 1. resilient, 2. quotidian, 3. coniferous, 4. conifer, 5. singed, 6. predatory, 7. mushroom

8. One _____ of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.
n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
9. The _____ of the new housing development on the wildlife habitat caused concern among environmentalists.
n. an act of moving or advancing into someone else's territory or area of control; an invasion or infringement upon someone else's rights or interests
10. _____ is crucial to soil stability in arctic areas.
n. a layer of soil that is permanently below freezing, usually in polar regions
11. The lump was discovered to be _____ and no further treatment was needed.
adj. kind and gentle; not harmful or malicious
12. Due to hunger, the lives of the refugees were in _____.
n. serious and great danger or risk
13. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.
v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
14. The _____ clouds in the sky foretold of an approaching storm.
adj. giving the impression that something bad is going to happen; foreboding
15. The earth began to _____ and he knew he had to leave the building immediately.
v. to shake or vibrate violently and for a short time

ANSWERS: 8. determinant, 9. encroachment, 10. Permafrost, 11. benign, 12. peril, 13. carved, 14. ominous, 15. quake,

16. I _____ a problem arising if we don't address this issue now.
v. to perceive or predict; to anticipate or expect something to happen in the future
17. The beach was filled with hundreds of _____ so swimming was not recommended.
n. a marine creature with a soft, jelly-like body and tentacles for stinging
18. The _____ instincts of the animal kicked in when it was threatened.
adj. of or relating to the earliest stage of development; fundamental; primitive
19. The use of bright colors in the painting _____ the overall sense of joy and vibrancy.
v. to increase or enhance the intensity, degree, or extent of something; to make something more pronounced or noticeable; to intensify or amplify
20. The _____ trees turned a bright yellow in the fall, creating a beautiful sight.
n. a deciduous tree with smooth, white bark that often trembles or quakes in the wind; a type of skiing that involves quick, short turns on steep slopes
21. The coral reef was home to various _____ and other sea creatures.
n. (of zoology) a small, typically sessile, marine animal with a hollow, cylindrical body and tentacles surrounding a central mouth, often found in colonies and sometimes forming coral reefs; (of gastroenterology) an abnormal tissue growth that can occur in the colon, rectum, or other parts of the gastrointestinal tract
22. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
23. That _____ was an essential base for the country's defense.
n. a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land

ANSWERS: 16. foresee, 17. jellyfish, 18. primal, 19. heightened, 20. aspen, 21. polyps, 22. opportune, 23. peninsula

24. The _____ trading built mutual reliance.
adj. having existed for a long time
25. The _____ of the mushroom spread through the soil, absorbing nutrients.
n. the vegetative part of a fungus, consisting of a mass of branching, thread-like hyphae
26. The disease can remain _____ for years before it presents any symptoms.
adj. in a state of temporary inactivity, rest, or sleep; not growing or progressing but capable of doing so under the right circumstances
27. _____ grows in damp, shaded areas and is often found on the forest floor.
n. a small, soft plant that grows in a low, compact layer, often on the ground or on rocks
28. She keeps a _____ in a birdcage as a pet.
n. a tropical bird with a curved beak and the ability to mimic sounds, often kept as a pet and trained to copy the human voice
29. She raised an inquiring _____ towards me.
n. the hair arc over each eye in humans
30. The _____ digs through the sand to a significant depth.
n. a marine mollusk that burrows and lives on sand or mud, the shell closes with viselike firmness
31. The project is in _____ of being canceled due to a lack of funding.
n. the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss

ANSWERS: 24. longstanding, 25. mycelium, 26. dormant, 27. Moss, 28. parrot, 29. eyebrow, 30. clam, 31. jeopardy

32. Legends often describe mythical creatures as _____ beings.

adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

33. The sunset was so beautiful it looked like a _____ scene from a movie.

adj. of or relating to poetry (= a piece of writing that emphasizes the expression of feelings and ideas); using language in an imaginative and expressive way

34. The room was only one _____ wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.

n. a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter

35. I could only _____ through the keyhole to see what was happening in the room.

v. to take a quick and often furtive or cautious look at something; to emit a small sound or noise, typically a high-pitched chirp or squeak; (noun) a small, high-pitched sound

36. The _____ on the old tree bark was thick and lush, a sign of a healthy ecosystem.

n. a composite organism consisting of a symbiotic relationship between a fungus and an alga or cyanobacterium

37. The beautiful _____ landscape was breathtaking to behold from the ship's deck.

n. a long, narrow inlet of the sea between cliffs or hills, often with a shallow, rocky shoreline, found especially in Norway

38. The _____ tree can grow over 60 feet tall and live for thousands of years.

n. a type of African tree with a large, bulbous trunk and sparse branches that often looks upside-down; also known as the "tree of life" due to its ability to store water during droughts

ANSWERS: 32. immortal, 33. poetic, 34. centimeter, 35. peep, 36. lichen, 37. fjord, 38. baobab

39. The desert landscape was dotted with _____ plants, adding a touch of green to the arid scenery.

- n.* a type of plant belonging to the Agave family, typically found in arid regions, with long, pointed leaves and tall stalks of white flowers. Some species of yucca have edible parts and are used for various purposes, including food, medicine, and landscaping

40. The new office building was _____ and could fit hundreds of employees comfortably.

- adj.* extremely large; gigantic; huge; excessively big

41. The famous _____ "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

- n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

42. The firewood at the _____ was wet and made it hard to start a fire.

- n.* a place where people can pitch tents, park RVs, or set up other types of temporary shelter for recreational use, often equipped with facilities such as bathrooms and fire pits

43. The _____ manuscript he discovered contained layers of text from different centuries, offering a fascinating glimpse into the past.

- n.* a manuscript or piece of writing material on which the original writing has been effaced to make room for later writing

44. 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: 39. yucca, 40. humongous, 41. proverb, 42. campsite, 43. palimpsest, 44. fungus

45. The cream needs to be _____ for several minutes before it becomes butter.
- v. to stir or agitate a liquid, substance, or mixture vigorously to produce foam or because of violent movement; to cause a large number of people to move or leave; to produce something, such as money, through continuous activity or turnover
46. After trying the new software, I _____ to the old version.
- v. to return to a previous state or condition; to reply
47. The thought of public speaking will _____ her.
- v. to turn to stone; to make hard and unyielding
48. The _____ gardens were filled with exotic plants from all around the world.
- adj. relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants
49. Generally speaking, men have a shorter _____ than women.
- n. the length of time for which a person, animal lives, or thing exists
50. There is not a _____ of evidence that he is guilty.
- v. to tear or cut something into a small pieces; (noun) a tiny or scarcely detectable amount
51. She teaches _____ at the local university.
- n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
52. He is proud of the _____ of the business.
- n. the property of being long-lived; significant duration of service

ANSWERS: 45. churned, 46. reverted, 47. petrify, 48. botanical, 49. lifespan, 50. shred, 51. archaeology, 52. longevity

53. The smell of fresh ____ trees filled the air at the Christmas tree farm.
- n.* a type of tall evergreen tree that is native to the northern hemisphere, with needle-like leaves and cones that stand upright on the branches
54. The _____ stories of the disaster victims need to be heard to understand the impact fully.
- adj.* not yet revealed or known; not having been counted or measured
55. I added some fresh _____ to the dish for added flavor.
- n.* a biennial herb with flat or curly green leaves that are commonly used as a garnish or seasoning in cooking often added to dishes for its fresh flavor and decorative purposes
56. The _____ pace of the negotiations frustrated both parties.
- adj.* relating to or resembling a glacier (= a slowly moving mass of ice) or the process of glaciation; characterized by an extremely slow or gradual pace or movement
57. Our system can now _____ with other databases.
- v.* to connect similar things
58. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.
- v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
59. The Galapagos _____ is a fascinating creature with a long lifespan.
- n.* a slow-moving, herbivorous reptile characterized by a hard shell that protects its body; many species of tortoise are long-lived and have lifespans of over 100 years

ANSWERS: 53. fir, 54. untold, 55. parsley, 56. glacial, 57. interconnect, 58. invade, 59. tortoise

60. The killer used his hands to _____ his victim.
v. to choke or suffocate someone by compressing their neck; to inhibit or suppress something, such as a movement or idea
61. The lion _____ loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.
v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
62. Sugar is _____ in food.
adj. being or existing everywhere at once
63. A powerful _____ motor is required to process these metal parts.
n. a rotating shaft that serves as axes for larger rotating parts; (biology) tiny fibers that are seen in cell division
64. The study of _____ can also include the study of plant fossils and the history of plant evolution.
n. the scientific study of plants
65. The number of patients in the hospital is a useful _____ of regional health trends.
n. an instrument that measures atmospheric pressure and is used to predict changes in weather; a measure of the prevailing conditions or trends within a particular situation or environment
66. The evidence presented in court had a _____ origin, raising questions about its authenticity.
adj. having doubts or reservations; uncertain
67. The _____ tree was the perfect addition to the family's Christmas decorations.
n. a type of evergreen tree with short, stiff needles and small cones, often used as a decorative or ornamental tree; (adjective) neat, clean, or tidy in appearance

ANSWERS: 60. strangle, 61. roared, 62. ubiquitous, 63. spindle, 64. botany, 65. barometer, 66. dubious, 67. spruce

68. These are _____ with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.

- n.* a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil

69. The _____ for completing the construction project is three years.

- n.* a period or interval of time, particularly one used as a standard for measuring or comparing other periods of time; a reference point or benchmark for the duration or length of a particular event or process

ANSWERS: 68. shrubs, 69. timescale