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Students have to learn the following words for the spellathon on 25.04.2025 (Friday):

CLASS -VI
Spellathon No.- 1 (Topic: Environment)

S.No.	Words	Meaning	S.No.	Words	Meaning
1	anthracite	a hard, shiny, high-carbon coal that burns with little smoke	11	igneous	rock formed from cooled lava or magma
2	bioluminescence	the natural emission of light by living organisms	12	juxtaposition	the placement of things next to each other for contrast
3	cryosphere	the frozen water part of the earth's surface	13	katabatic	relating to wind that moves down a slope due to gravity
4	deciduous	trees that lose their leaves annually	14	lithosphere	the solid outer layer of the earth
5	dendrology	the scientific study of trees	15	mangrove	coastal trees that thrive in saline water
6	ecocide	the destruction of natural environments	16	nephology	the study of clouds
7	Erosion	the process of soil and rock being worn away	17	omnivorous	eating both plants and animals
8	fumarole	a hole in the ground that emits steam and gases	18	permeability	the ability of a material to allow liquids to pass through
9	glaciology	the study of glaciers and their effects on the environment	19	quagmire	a soft, boggy area of land that sinks underfoot
10	habitat	the natural home of an organism	20	ruderal	a plant that grows in disturbed areas

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1	albedo	the measure of a surface's ability to reflect sunlight	11	kakistocracy	government by the least qualified people, often leading to poor environmental policies
2	bioturbation	the disturbance of soil by living organisms	12	lahar	a destructive mudflow on a volcano's slopes
3	caldera	a large volcanic crater formed by an eruption	13	moraine	accumulated glacial debris
4	deleterious	causing harm or damage	14	noxious	harmful, poisonous, or unpleasant
5	effluent	liquid waste discharged into a river or the sea	15	orogeny	the process of mountain formation
6	fluorosis	a condition caused by excessive fluoride in water	16	petrichor	the pleasant smell after rain
7	geomorphology	the study of landforms and how they develop	17	quark	a fundamental particle, important in understanding atomic reactions affecting the environment
8	halophyte	a plant adapted to grow in salty soil	18	riparian	related to the banks of rivers
9	isobar	a line on a map connecting points of equal atmospheric pressure	19	stratosphere	the second major layer of earth's atmosphere
10	jettison	to throw away or abandon something unwanted	20	tundra	a cold, treeless biome with frozen subsoil

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1	ablation	the process of melting or erosion in glaciers	11	katagenesis	the process of organic matter turning into fossil fuels
2	batholith	a large mass of intrusive igneous rock beneath the earth's surface	12	lentic	relating to still water, such as lakes or ponds
3	coriolis	the effect of earth's rotation on moving objects like wind	13	mephitic	having a foul or poisonous smell, often associated with gas emissions
4	diagenesis	the process of sediment turning into rock over time	14	neoteny	the retention of juvenile features in an adult organism
5	ephemeral	lasting for a very short time, like a seasonal water body	15	orographic	related to the effect of mountains on climate and precipitation
6	fluorocarbon	a harmful compound used in refrigeration, affecting the ozone layer	16	permafrost	a thick layer of soil that remains frozen year-round
7	gyre	a large system of rotating ocean currents	17	quicksilver	another name for mercury, a toxic environmental pollutant
8	hygroscopic	having the ability to absorb moisture from the air	18	seismicity	the frequency and magnitude of earthquakes in a region
9	isostasy	the balancing of earth's crust due to pressure changes	19	thermocline	a layer in a body of water where temperature changes rapidly
10	joule	a unit of energy used to measure environmental	20	xerophyte	a plant adapted to survive in dry conditions

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