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Session 1: Word List

honeybee

n. a type of bee that is known for producing honey and pollinating flowers

synonym : apis mellifera

(1) **honeybee** colony, (2) aggressive **honeybee**

The **honeybee** hive is organized into a caste system, with a queen, drones, and workers.

trifecta

n. a situation in which three things or events occur together, especially in a particular sequence, often used in the context of horse racing, where it refers to picking the first three finishers in a race in the correct order

synonym : hat trick, triple

(1) **trifecta** of evil, (2) **trifecta** bet

The chef's **trifecta** of appetizers was a hit at the dinner party.

extinct

adj. no longer in existence

synonym : dead, obsolete, abolished

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

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

terrarium

n. a container or enclosure, usually made of glass or transparent plastic, used for keeping and observing

small plants, animals, or insects

synonym : vivarium, aquarium, enclosure

(1) lizard **terrarium**, (2) **terrarium** plants

She made a **terrarium** for her classroom to observe the plants and insects.

beehive

n. a structure or container where bees live and store their honey

synonym : hive, apiary, honeycomb

(1) disturb a **beehive**, (2) get rid of a **beehive**

The beekeeper checked the **beehive** for any signs of disease.

unfilled

adj. not having become or been made full

synonym : vacant, empty

(1) an **unfilled** space, (2) **unfilled** orders

He jotted down business ideas on an **unfilled** space at the beginning of a receipt.

hive

n. a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people

synonym : apiary, swarm, pack

(1) honeybees in **hives**, (2) a **hive** of activity

Bees were buzzing around the **hive**

Session 2: Spelling

1. tr____ta of evil
n. a situation in which three things or events occur together, especially in a particular sequence, often used in the context of horse racing, where it refers to picking the first three finishers in a race in the correct order
2. aggressive ho____ee
n. a type of bee that is known for producing honey and pollinating flowers
3. long-ex____t volcano
adj. no longer in existence
4. honeybees in h__es
n. a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people
5. an un____ed space
adj. not having become or been made full
6. lizard te____um
n. a container or enclosure, usually made of glass or transparent plastic, used for keeping and observing small plants, animals, or insects
7. get rid of a be____e
n. a structure or container where bees live and store their honey
8. te____um plants
n. a container or enclosure, usually made of glass or transparent plastic, used for keeping and observing small plants, animals, or insects
9. tr____ta bet
n. a situation in which three things or events occur together, especially in a particular sequence, often used in the context of horse racing, where it refers to picking the first three finishers in a race in the correct order

ANSWERS: 1. trifecta, 2. honeybee, 3. extinct, 4. hive, 5. unfilled, 6. terrarium, 7. beehive, 8. terrarium, 9. trifecta

10. ho____ee colony *n.* a type of bee that is known for producing honey and pollinating flowers
11. a h__e of activity *n.* a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people
12. disturb a be____e *n.* a structure or container where bees live and store their honey
13. ex____t by human activity *adj.* no longer in existence
14. un____ed orders *adj.* not having become or been made full

ANSWERS: 10. honeybee, 11. hive, 12. beehive, 13. extinct, 14. unfilled

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She made a _____ for her classroom to observe the plants and insects.
n. a container or enclosure, usually made of glass or transparent plastic, used for keeping and observing small plants, animals, or insects

2. The _____ hive is organized into a caste system, with a queen, drones, and workers.
n. a type of bee that is known for producing honey and pollinating flowers

3. Bees were buzzing around the _____.
n. a structure for the reception and habitation of bees, either built by people or made by the bees themselves; a place swarming people

4. He jotted down business ideas on an _____ space at the beginning of a receipt.
adj. not having become or been made full

5. The chef's _____ of appetizers was a hit at the dinner party.
n. a situation in which three things or events occur together, especially in a particular sequence, often used in the context of horse racing, where it refers to picking the first three finishers in a race in the correct order

6. The beekeeper checked the _____ for any signs of disease.
n. a structure or container where bees live and store their honey

7. Many species have become _____ due to habitat destruction and other human activities.
adj. no longer in existence

ANSWERS: 1. terrarium, 2. honeybee, 3. hive, 4. unfilled, 5. trifecta, 6. beehive, 7. extinct

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