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Session 1: Word List

primate

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

synonym: ape, monkey, lemur

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

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

underdress

v. to wear clothing that is less formal or elaborate than conventional or expected for a given occasion or setting

synonym: wear, slip on, dress down

(1) **underdress** for the occasion, (2) **underdress** for the party

I always **underdress** for the cold weather and end up regretting it.

filament

 a thin wire or thread, especially one used to produce light in an electric bulb

synonym: fiber, thread, filament

(1) filament lamp, (2) carbon filament

The **filament** in the light bulb burned out, and now it's not working.

keratin

 a fibrous protein that is the main structural component of hair, nails, and the outer layer of skin in mammals and birds; also found in horns, hooves, and feathers *synonym*: ceratin

(1) **keratin** treatment, (2) **keratin** protein

Keratosis is a skin condition characterized by the formation of excess **keratin** on the skin's surface

follicle

- n. a small sac or cavity in the body, especially in the skin or scalp, that contains and nourishes a hair or feather; a small gland or sac that produces and releases a bodily secretion
- (1) follicle cell, (2) damaged follicle

The pigments in your hair **follicles** determine the color of your hair.

mammalian

adj. of or relating to mammals, a class of warm-blooded vertebrate animals that typically nurse their young and have hair or fur on their skin; characterized by mammalian qualities, such as nurturing and protective behavior

synonym: animal, mammal-like, warm-blooded

- (1) **mammalian** embryo, (2) **mammalian** evolution **Mammalian** milk is known to be rich in protein and essential vitamins.
- n. soft, light particles or fibers that are often shed from fabrics or stuffing materials; excessively or trivially sentimental language or ideas that lack substance or depth; (verb) to make something soft, light, or loose by shaking or stirring it up; to make a mistake or blunder, especially while performing or speaking in public

synonym: down, fuzz, lint

(1) fluff ball, (2) fluff formation

The teddy bear's fur was so soft and full of **fluff**.

quill

 a hard, hollow, and spiky feature found on the skin of some animals, such as porcupines, used for protection and puncturing; a pen made from the shaft of a bird

fluff

feather, used historically for writing

synonym: feather, plume, spike

(1) quill-like hairs, (2) porcupine quill

The historian carefully examined the **quill** pen to determine its age and origin.

porcupine

 a large, slow-moving, spiny mammal that is covered in sharp quills and is native to Asia, Africa, and certain parts of the Americas

synonym: hedgehog, echidna, spiny mammal

porcupine movement, (2) porcupine habitat
 The quills on a porcupine's back are used for defense.

mammal

- 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.

undercoat

n. a secondary, often shorter layer of fur, hair, or feathers that grows beneath an animal's primary coat of hair, fur, or feathers; a primer or base layer of paint applied before the final coat of paint

synonym: underlayer, underfur, base coat

(1) waterborne **undercoat**, (2) downy **undercoat**I had to apply a coat of **undercoat** before I could paint the walls.

insulate

v. to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.

synonym: isolate, protect, seclude

(1) **insulate** the room from sound, (2) **insulate** electricity We had our bedroom **insulated** before winter came.

pinpoint

v. to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something

synonym: name, direct, identify

(1) **pinpoint** the problem, (2) **pinpoint** signs of manipulation This radar quickly **pinpoints** the position of the enemy.

ancestor

- n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefathersynonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor
- (1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

hominin

n. a group of primates that include humans and their ancestors, distinguished by bipedal locomotion, large brains relative to body size, and skeletal adaptations for upright posture and locomotion

synonym: early human, human ancestor, human-like

hominin fossils, (2) hominin evolution
 The classification of hominin species is complex due to the

small number of fossils available for study.

evaporate

v. to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually

synonym: vaporize, disappear, vanish

(1) **evaporate** the water, (2) **evaporate** almost overnight The sun will **evaporate** the mist.

chimpanzee

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.

advantageous

adj. providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial *synonym*: beneficial, favorable, profitable

(1) **advantageous** conditions, (2) **advantageous** interest rate

The new job opportunity offered by the company is highly advantageous.

scorch

 to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame

synonym: char, burn, singe

(1) **scorch** your clothes, (2) careful not to **scorch**

The sun **scorched** the desert, making it uninhabitable.

scalp

n. the skin that covers the top of a person's head, together with the hair growing on it; also, the part of the body that is most vulnerable to an attack

synonym: hair cover, pelt, epidermis

(1) **scalp** massage, (2) **scalp** condition

I have an itchy **scalp** and need to switch to a different shampoo.

overheat

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

synonym: become too hot, heat up too much

(1) **overheat** while charging, (2) starts to **overheat** The car engine **overheated** and had to be repaired.

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.

atop

adv. on, to, or at the top

synonym: upon, onto

(1) stand **atop**, (2) sit **atop** a stack of books

The eagle perched **atop** the tallest tree in the forest.

eyelash

n. any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes

synonym: lash, cilium

(1) eyelash brush, (2) not bat an eyelash

An eyelash curler is a girl's best friend.

airflow

n. the flow of air, especially around a moving object such as an aircraft or vehicle

synonym: current, breeze, breath

(1) airflow duct, (2) high-speed airflow

They thoroughly tested the **airflow** around their latest formula car.

eyeball

- the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen
- (1) **eyeball** motion, (2) redness of the **eyeball** Increased **eyeball** pressure leads to the development of glaucoma.

stubbly

adj. covered in or consisting of short, rough growths or hairs, such as a short beard or unshaven facial hair; rough to the touch

synonym: bearded, bristly, unshaven

(1) stubbly face, (2) stubbly jawline

He looked unkempt with his **stubbly** beard and messy hair.

pungent

adj. having a strong, sharp odor or taste synonym: sharp, acrid, biting

(1) pungent criticism, (2) pungent taste

The pungent aroma of garlic filled the kitchen.

armpit

- n. the hollow under the arm where it joins the shoulder synonym: underarm, axilla
- (1) hair of the **armpits**, (2) **armpit** area This stick will deodorize your **armpits**.

pubic

adj. relating to or situated in the region of the pubes, the lower part of the human abdomen where the genitalia and certain other structures are located

synonym: inguinal, crural

(1) pubic osteitis, (2) pubic bone

The **pubic** hair is a secondary sex characteristic that typically appears during puberty.

apocrine

 adj. relating to or denoting a gland or secretion that is produced and excreted from the apical portion of a cell or glandular duct, typically releasing proteins and lipids

synonym: sweat gland, sudoriferous, odorous

(1) apocrine carcinoma, (2) apocrine secretion

Apocrine glands are responsible for secreting sweat in some regions of the body.

smelly

 adj. having a strong, unpleasant, or offensive odor, particularly about something decomposing or otherwise spoiled

synonym: stinky, malodorous, fetid

(1) smelly socks, (2) smelly trash

I can't stand the **smelly** odor from the garbage can, and it's unbearable.

disperse

v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

synonym: dissipate, spread, scatter

(1) **disperse** false information, (2) **disperse** the protesters Before authorities **dispersed** the protesters, they yelled slogans.

waft

v. to be carried along, as if by a current of air or water; to float or drift gently; (noun) a gentle movement or flow of air, usually carrying a scent, sound, or sensation with it

synonym: float, drift, glide

(1) waft in the breeze, (2) waft of steam

The smell of freshly baked bread began to **waft** through the house.

vellus

adj. of or relating to the fine, short hair that covers much of the human body, especially in childhood and female adults, and can be almost invisible to the naked eye synonym: soft, fine, downy

(1) vellus hair, (2) vellus cells

Vellus hair is the fine, short hair that covers most of our body.

ape

 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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. st___y face

2. ev____te the water

3. a sort of ma___l

4. jungle a_e

5. w__t in the breeze

6. in____te electricity

7. carbon fi nt

8. a primitive ma I

9. adv ous interest rate

adj. covered in or consisting of short, rough growths or hairs, such as a short beard or unshaven facial hair; rough to the touch

v. to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually

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

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

to be carried along, as if by a current of air or water; to float or drift gently;
 (noun) a gentle movement or flow of air, usually carrying a scent, sound, or sensation with it

v. to protect something by interposing material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc.

a thin wire or thread, especially one used to produce light in an electric bulb

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

adj. providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial

ANSWERS: 1. stubbly, 2. evaporate, 3. mammal, 4. ape, 5. waft, 6. insulate, 7. filament, 8. mammal, 9. advantageous

ANSWERS: 10. chimpanzee, 11. hominin, 12. hominin, 13. follicle, 14. ape, 15. porcupine, 16. pinpoint

17. flf ball	n.	soft, light particles or fibers that are often shed from fabrics or stuffing materials; excessively or trivially sentimental language or ideas that lack substance or depth; (verb) to make something soft, light, or loose by shaking or stirring it up; to make a mistake or blunder, especially while performing or speaking in public
18. advous conditions	adj.	providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial
19. evte almost overnight	v.	to turn a liquid into a gas; to become less intense and disappear gradually
20. high-speed aiw	n.	the flow of air, especially around a moving object such as an aircraft or vehicle
21. chiee behavior	n.	a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
22. dise the protesters	v.	to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
23. sc_p condition	n.	the skin that covers the top of a person's head, together with the hair growing on it; also, the part of the body that is most vulnerable to an attack
24. porcupine quI	n.	a hard, hollow, and spiky feature found on the skin of some animals, such as porcupines, used for protection and puncturing; a pen made from the shaft of a bird feather, used historically for writing

ANSWERS: 17. fluff, 18. advantageous, 19. evaporate, 20. airflow, 21. chimpanzee, 22. disperse, 23. scalp, 24. quill

25.	qul-like hairs	n.	a hard, hollow, and spiky feature found on the skin of some animals, such as porcupines, used for protection and puncturing; a pen made from the shaft of a bird feather, used historically for writing
26.	aiw duct	n.	the flow of air, especially around a moving object such as an aircraft or vehicle
27.	scp massage	n.	the skin that covers the top of a person's head, together with the hair growing on it; also, the part of the body that is most vulnerable to an attack
28.	pre species	n.	any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
29.	hair of the arts	n.	the hollow under the arm where it joins the shoulder
30.	eyI motion	n.	the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen
31.	not bat an eyh	n.	any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes
32.	starts to ovat	<i>v</i> .	to become too hot, or to cause something to become too hot
33.	careful not to sch	v.	to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
34.	smy socks	adj.	having a strong, unpleasant, or offensive odor, particularly about something decomposing or otherwise spoiled

ANSWERS: 25. quill, 26. airflow, 27. scalp, 28. primate, 29. armpit, 30. eyeball, 31. eyelash, 32. overheat, 33. scorch, 34. smelly

35. flf formation	n.	soft, light particles or fibers that are often shed from fabrics or stuffing materials; excessively or trivially sentimental language or ideas that lack substance or depth; (verb) to make something soft, light, or loose by shaking or stirring it up; to make a mistake or blunder, especially while performing or speaking in public
36. maan embryo	adj.	of or relating to mammals, a class of warm-blooded vertebrate animals that typically nurse their young and have hair or fur on their skin; characterized by mammalian qualities, such as nurturing and protective behavior
37. sit ap a stack of books	adv.	on, to, or at the top
38. dise false information	v.	to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
39. wt of steam	<i>v</i> .	to be carried along, as if by a current of air or water; to float or drift gently; (noun) a gentle movement or flow of air, usually carrying a scent, sound, or sensation with it
40. earliest human anor	n.	a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
41. fint lamp	n.	a thin wire or thread, especially one used to produce light in an electric bulb
42. puc osteitis	adj.	relating to or situated in the region of the pubes, the lower part of the human abdomen where the genitalia and

ANSWERS: 35. fluff, 36. mammalian, 37. atop, 38. disperse, 39. waft, 40. ancestor, 41. filament, 42. pubic

certain other structures are located

43.	eyh brush	n.	any of the short hairs that grow around the eyes
44.	undss for the occasion	<i>v</i> .	to wear clothing that is less formal or elaborate than conventional or expected for a given occasion or setting
45.	ves cells	adj.	of or relating to the fine, short hair that covers much of the human body, especially in childhood and female adults, and can be almost invisible to the naked eye
46.	sch your clothes	v.	to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
47.	eyw cosmetics	n.	the hair arc over each eye in humans
48.	downy unat	n.	a secondary, often shorter layer of fur, hair, or feathers that grows beneath an animal's primary coat of hair, fur, or feathers; a primer or base layer of paint applied before the final coat of paint
49.	ken protein	n.	a fibrous protein that is the main structural component of hair, nails, and the outer layer of skin in mammals and birds; also found in horns, hooves, and feathers
50.	damaged fole	n.	a small sac or cavity in the body, especially in the skin or scalp, that contains and nourishes a hair or feather; a small gland or sac that produces and releases a bodily secretion

ANSWERS: 43. eyelash, 44. underdress, 45. vellus, 46. scorch, 47. eyebrow, 48. undercoat, 49. keratin, 50. follicle

51.	apne carcinoma	adj.	relating to or denoting a gland or secretion that is produced and excreted from the apical portion of a cell or glandular duct, typically releasing proteins and lipids
52.	undss for the party	v.	to wear clothing that is less formal or elaborate than conventional or expected for a given occasion or setting
53.	pone habitat	n.	a large, slow-moving, spiny mammal that is covered in sharp quills and is native to Asia, Africa, and certain parts of the Americas
54.	apne secretion	adj.	relating to or denoting a gland or secretion that is produced and excreted from the apical portion of a cell or glandular duct, typically releasing proteins and lipids
55.	pre sanctuary	n.	any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
56.	put taste	adj.	having a strong, sharp odor or taste
57.	waterborne unat	n.	a secondary, often shorter layer of fur, hair, or feathers that grows beneath an animal's primary coat of hair, fur, or feathers; a primer or base layer of paint applied before the final coat of paint
58.	maan evolution	adj.	of or relating to mammals, a class of warm-blooded vertebrate animals that typically nurse their young and have hair or fur on their skin; characterized by mammalian qualities, such as nurturing and protective behavior

ANSWERS: 51. apocrine, 52. underdress, 53. porcupine, 54. apocrine, 55. primate, 56. pungent, 57. undercoat, 58. mammalian

the hollow under the arm where it joins 59. ar tarea n. the shoulder adj. relating to or situated in the region of 60. pu c bone the pubes, the lower part of the human abdomen where the genitalia and certain other structures are located 61. ke____n treatment a fibrous protein that is the main n. structural component of hair, nails, and the outer layer of skin in mammals and birds: also found in horns, hooves, and feathers to locate or identify the exact position in 62. pi___nt the problem ν. space or time of something 63. in te the room from sound to protect something by interposing ν. material that prevents heat, noise, electricity, etc. 64. raise her ey___ws

65. sm y trash

67. ve___s hair

66. an____or language

68. ov___at while charging

- the hair arc over each eye in humans n.
 - adj. having a strong, unpleasant, or offensive odor, particularly about something decomposing or otherwise spoiled
 - a person from whom one is descended; n. a forefather
 - adj. of or relating to the fine, short hair that covers much of the human body, especially in childhood and female adults, and can be almost invisible to the naked eye
 - to become too hot, or to cause ν. something to become too hot

ANSWERS: 59. armpit, 60. pubic, 61. keratin, 62. pinpoint, 63. insulate, 64. eyebrow, 65. smelly, 66. ancestor, 67. vellus, 68. overheat

- 69. redness of the ey____I
- 70. stand a__p
- 71. st___y jawline
- 72. pu___t criticism

- the round part of the eye of a vertebrate that is usually inside the head and, therefore, cannot be seen
- adv. on, to, or at the top
- adj. covered in or consisting of short, rough growths or hairs, such as a short beard or unshaven facial hair; rough to the touch
- adj. having a strong, sharp odor or taste

ANSWERS: 69. eyeball, 70. atop, 71. stubbly, 72. pungent

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	The sun the desert, making it uninhabitable.
ν.	to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
2. n.	The pigments in your hair determine the color of your hair. a small sac or cavity in the body, especially in the skin or scalp, that contains and nourishes a hair or feather; a small gland or sac that produces and releases a bodily secretion
3.	The smell of freshly baked bread began to through the house.
v.	to be carried along, as if by a current of air or water; to float or drift gently; (noun) a gentle movement or flow of air, usually carrying a scent, sound, or sensation with it
4.	This radar quickly the position of the enemy.
ν.	to locate or identify the exact position in space or time of something
5.	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
6.	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
7.	I can't stand the odor from the garbage can, and it's unbearable.
adj	having a strong, unpleasant, or offensive odor, particularly about something decomposing or otherwise spoiled
	SWERS: 1. scorched, 2. follicles, 3. waft, 4. pinpoints, 5. chimpanzee, 6. mammal smelly

15. The eagle perched _____ the tallest tree in the forest. *adv.* on, to, or at the top

gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons

.... c., c., c. c. c. c.p

ANSWERS: 8. advantageous, 9. ancestor, 10. primate, 11. Apocrine, 12. underdress, 13. eyeball, 14. apes, 15. atop

a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including

ANSWERS: 16. pungent, 17. stubbly, 18. insulated, 19. overheated, 20. Vellus, 21. dispersed, 22. fluff, 23. undercoat

scalp, 30. pubic, 31. quill

ANSWERS: 32. airflow, 33. hominin, 34. eyebrow, 35. evaporate, 36. Mammalian

mammalian qualities, such as nurturing and protective behavior