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Session 1: Word List

roam

v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander

synonym: wander, ramble, meander

(1) **roam** freely, (2) **roam** the countryside

I love to **roam** around the city and discover new neighborhoods.

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.

meager

adj. small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate

synonym: scanty, sparse, insufficient

(1) **meager** salary, (2) **meager** resources

The refugee family had to survive on a **meager** amount of food and water daily.

intrigue

v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone

synonym : attract, captivate, charm

(1) **intrigue** him, (2) **intrigue** against his rival

The artist's innovative style of work **intrigues** me.

donkey

n. a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person

synonym : horse, burro, mule

(1) male **donkey**, (2) **donkey** ride

The little boy rode the **donkey** at the county fair.

zebra

n. a wild, horse-like mammal native to Africa with distinctive black-and-white stripes

synonym : striped horse, wild horse

(1) **zebra** pattern, (2) **zebra** crossing

The **zebra's** distinctive black and white stripes help it blend into its surroundings in the wild.

dub

v. to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language

synonym : name, designate, nickname

(1) **dub** the film in English, (2) **dub** data

We **dubbed** him Ironman because of his toughness.

circulate

v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system

synonym : flow, disperse, rotate

(1) **circulate** a rumor, (2) **circulate** an agenda before the meeting

The fan **circulates** the air in the room quickly.

proprietor

n. a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company

synonym : owner, keeper, possessor

(1) **proprietor** of a business, (2) copyright **proprietor**

The **proprietor** of the small bakery was always friendly and

welcoming.

bison

n. a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
synonym : buffalo

(1) endangered **bison**, (2) American **bison's** meat

Large herds of **bison** used to live on the plains of this area.

pigeon

n. a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

(1) a racing **pigeon**, (2) **pigeon** on the roof

The **pigeon** perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.

rebrand

v. to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability

synonym : reintroduce, relaunch, reintegrate

(1) **rebrand** product, (2) **rebrand** company

The clothing brand decided to **rebrand** its image to attract a younger audience.

captivity

n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

synonym : confinement, detention, imprisonment

(1) escape from **captivity**, (2) animals in **captivity** in the zoo

Pandas rarely breed in **captivity**.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
synonym : forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

purebred

adj. belonging to a specific breed, type, or strain of animal, particularly a dog or horse, that has been selectively bred for specific traits over several generations

synonym : pedigreed, thoroughbred, pureblooded

(1) **purebred** dog, (2) **purebred** horse

The breeder assured us that our new puppy was **purebred** and came from a long line of champions.

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.

interbreed

v. to breed between different species or varieties

synonym : crossbreed, hybridize

(1) **interbreed** to produce hybrid offspring, (2) **interbreed** plants

Lions and tigers can **interbreed** to produce a liger.

domesticate

v. to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

synonym : tame, naturalize, cultivate

(1) easy to **domesticate**, (2) **domesticate** the plant

We **domesticate** cows to gain milk and meat.

ancestral

adj. related to or connected with members of your family from the past

synonym : hereditary, inherited, patrimonial

(1) an **ancestral** graveyard, (2) **ancestral** roots

The **ancestral** home has been in the family for generations.

charismatic

adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

synonym : mesmerizing, alluring, captivating

(1) **charismatic** chairman, (2) **charismatic** personality

He was a **charismatic** leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ze__a crossing *n.* a wild, horse-like mammal native to Africa with distinctive black-and-white stripes
2. pro_____or of a business *n.* a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company
3. an_____al roots *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
4. r__m the countryside *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
5. endangered bi__n *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
6. ci_____te a rumor *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
7. do___y ride *n.* a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person
8. re_____d company *v.* to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability
9. cha_____ic personality *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

ANSWERS: 1. zebra, 2. proprietor, 3. ancestral, 4. roam, 5. bison, 6. circulate, 7. donkey, 8. rebrand, 9. charismatic

10. pu____ed dog *adj.* belonging to a specific breed, type, or strain of animal, particularly a dog or horse, that has been selectively bred for specific traits over several generations
11. environmental det____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
12. me____r salary *adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
13. me____r resources *adj.* small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
14. American bi__n's meat *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
15. male do____y *n.* a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person
16. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
17. animals in ca____ty in the zoo *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
18. int____ed to produce hybrid offspring *v.* to breed between different species or varieties
19. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 10. purebred, 11. determinant, 12. meager, 13. meager, 14. bison, 15. donkey, 16. ancestor, 17. captivity, 18. interbreed, 19. ancestor

20. int_____ed plants *v.* to breed between different species or varieties
21. d_b the film in English *v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
22. pi___n on the roof *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food
23. in_____ue against his rival *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
24. an an_____al graveyard *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
25. pu_____ed horse *adj.* belonging to a specific breed, type, or strain of animal, particularly a dog or horse, that has been selectively bred for specific traits over several generations
26. in_____ue him *v.* to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
27. d_b data *v.* to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
28. a racing pi___n *n.* a stout-bodied bird with a small head, short legs, and a short, cooing call, typically found in cities and domesticated for food

ANSWERS: 20. interbreed, 21. dub, 22. pigeon, 23. intrigue, 24. ancestral, 25. purebred, 26. intrigue, 27. dub, 28. pigeon

29. r__m freely *v.* to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
30. ex____t by human activity *adj.* no longer in existence
31. dom_____te the plant *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
32. escape from ca_____ty *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
33. copyright pro_____or *n.* a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company
34. long-ex____t volcano *adj.* no longer in existence
35. ze__a pattern *n.* a wild, horse-like mammal native to Africa with distinctive black-and-white stripes
36. re_____d product *v.* to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability
37. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
38. ci_____te an agenda before the meeting *v.* to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
39. cha_____ic chairman *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

ANSWERS: 29. roam, 30. extinct, 31. domesticate, 32. captivity, 33. proprietor, 34. extinct, 35. zebra, 36. rebrand, 37. determinant, 38. circulate, 39. charismatic

40. easy to dom_____te

v. to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

ANSWERS: 40. domesticate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The breeder assured us that our new puppy was _____ and came from a long line of champions.
adj. belonging to a specific breed, type, or strain of animal, particularly a dog or horse, that has been selectively bred for specific traits over several generations
2. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
3. Large herds of _____ used to live on the plains of this area.
n. a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
4. Pandas rarely breed in _____.
n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
5. The artist's innovative style of work _____ me.
v. to make someone interested, especially by being strange, unusual, or mysterious; to make a secret plan with other people to harm someone
6. We _____ him Ironman because of his toughness.
v. to give someone or something an unofficial name or nickname; to provide movies with a voice of a foreign language
7. The _____ distinctive black and white stripes help it blend into its surroundings in the wild.
n. a wild, horse-like mammal native to Africa with distinctive black-and-white stripes

ANSWERS: 1. purebred, 2. ancestor, 3. bison, 4. captivity, 5. intrigues, 6. dubbed, 7. zebra's

8. The fan _____ the air in the room quickly.
v. to move continuously or freely around a place or closed system
9. The clothing brand decided to _____ its image to attract a younger audience.
v. to change the branding or image of a product, service, or organization to attract a new target market or improve recognition and profitability
10. 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
11. Many species have become _____ due to habitat destruction and other human activities.
adj. no longer in existence
12. We _____ cows to gain milk and meat.
v. to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
13. Lions and tigers can _____ to produce a liger.
v. to breed between different species or varieties
14. The _____ home has been in the family for generations.
adj. related to or connected with members of your family from the past
15. He was a _____ leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.
adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
16. The _____ of the small bakery was always friendly and welcoming.
n. a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company

ANSWERS: 8. circulates, 9. rebrand, 10. determinant, 11. extinct, 12. domesticate, 13. interbreed, 14. ancestral, 15. charismatic, 16. proprietor

17. The refugee family had to survive on a _____ amount of food and water daily.
adj. small in quantity, quality, or size; insufficient or inadequate
18. I love to _____ around the city and discover new neighborhoods.
v. to move about or travel aimlessly or without a fixed destination; to wander
19. The little boy rode the _____ at the county fair.
n. a domesticated mammal related to the horse, similar in appearance but with longer ears and a shorter mane; a foolish or stupid person
20. The _____ perched on the windowsill, pecking at the bread crumbs left for it.
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ANSWERS: 17. meager, 18. roam, 19. donkey, 20. pigeon