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Session 1: Word List

stubborn

adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

synonym : persistent, obstinate, determined

(1) **stubborn** attitude, (2) **stubborn** stains

He was so **stubborn** about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.

enamored

adj. deeply in love; having a strong affection or admiration for

synonym : captivated, smitten, in love

(1) **enamored** of the idea, (2) **enamored** of bygone days

He had been **enamored** with her since the first time he saw her.

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.

beak

n. the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
synonym : nib, pecker, snoot

(1) sharp **beak**, (2) a tip of the **beak**

The bird's **beak** evolves according to the type of prey it can take on the area.

algae

n. A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots

(1) **algae** biofuel, (2) blue **algae**

Algae has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.

mow

v. to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops

synonym : cut, trim, clip

(1) **mow** the field, (2) **mow** a yard

My father likes to **mow** the lawn early on Saturday mornings.

overgrown

adj. covered in plants that have been allowed to grow naturally and have not been controlled

synonym : leafy, lush, verdant

(1) an **overgrown** garden, (2) **overgrown** child

The wooden gate had been damaged, and the hedge had become **overgrown**.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym : stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

herbivore

n. an animal that eats only plants, such as a cow or a deer
synonym : plant-eater, browser, graminivore

(1) **herbivore** diet, (2) **herbivore** animals

A giraffe is an **herbivore** that primarily eats leaves and twigs.

pulverize

v. to break into fine particles or dust; to crush, pound, or grind into a powder or a paste; to destroy completely or utterly

synonym : crush, smash, demolish

(1) **pulverize** rocks, (2) **pulverize** competition

The demolition crew had to **pulverize** the old building to make room for the new one.

clipboard

n. a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place

synonym : notepad, writing board, memo pad

(1) **clipboard** with a pen, (2) write on a **clipboard**

The nurse carried a **clipboard** with the patient's medical information.

contrail

n. (short for "condensation trail") a visible trail of condensed water vapor or ice crystals that form in the wake of an aircraft, rocket, or another object as it moves through the air

synonym : vapor trail, condensation trail

(1) **contrail** formation, (2) persistent **contrail**

The increase in air traffic has led to increased **contrails** in the atmosphere.

mottled

adj. marked with spots or patches of different colors or shades

synonym : speckled, spotted, marbled

(1) **mottled** skin, (2) a **mottled** stripe

The **mottled** leaves on the tree indicated a disease.

teal

n. a blue-green color; a dark greenish-blue color that is somewhere between blue and green on the color spectrum; a small wild duck;

synonym : turquoise, blue-green, aquamarine

(1) **teal** color, (2) **teal** dress

The bathroom was painted in a beautiful shade of **teal**.

magenta

n. a bright, purplish-red color named after a plant that was once used to produce a dye with a similar hue

synonym: purple-red, fuchsia

(1) **magenta** flowers, (2) **magenta** ink

The artist used **magenta** paint to make her painting pop with color.

diva

n. a distinguished female singer or performer, often with a reputation for being difficult or demanding; a woman who is admired for her talent, beauty, or grace but who is also seen as arrogant or temperamental

synonym: prima donna, star, songstress

(1) screen **diva**, (2) talented **diva**

The singer is known for her **diva-like** behavior backstage.

wardrobe

n. a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings

synonym: clothing, attire, closet

(1) walk-in **wardrobe**, (2) minimalist **wardrobe**

Her **wardrobe** selection included several pieces from high-end designer brands.

getup

n. a person's clothing, appearance, or style

synonym: attire, costume, outfit

(1) a clownish **getup**, (2) a sharp **getup**

The bride was stunning in her elegant wedding **getup**.

hermaphrodite

n. an organism that possesses both male and female reproductive organs; a person who possesses both male and female physical characteristics

synonym: intersex, androgyne, bisex

(1) **hermaphrodite** fish, (2) **hermaphrodite** human

The biology textbook discussed the **hermaphrodite** reproductive system of certain animals.

harem

n. a part of the household in some Muslim societies that is reserved for wives, concubines, and female relatives; the group of women who live in this part and are under the protection of a man; a group of women associated with one man

synonym : seraglio, zenana, women's quarters

(1) **harem** costume, (2) royal **harem**

The sultan's **harem** was a secluded palace where his wives and concubines lived.

spawn

v. to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop

synonym : beget, breed, generate

(1) **spawn** in spring, (2) **spawn** a new concept

The salmon swims upstream to **spawn** in the place they were released.

heterosexual

adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex

synonym : straight, conventional

(1) **heterosexual** relationship, (2) **heterosexual** marriage

He identified as **heterosexual** and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.

monogamy

n. the practice of being married to only one person at a time; the state of having a mutually exclusive romantic or sexual relationship with one partner

synonym : marriage, monandry, monogamousness

(1) **monogamy** rules, (2) practice **monogamy**

Many religious institutions promote **monogamy** as the ideal form of marriage.

quo

n. the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue

synonym : status, condition, state

(1) status **quo** politician, (2) **quo** warranto

The company has been successful in maintaining the status **quo**.

exemplify

v. to serve as a typical example of something

synonym: illustrate, show, demonstrate

(1) **exemplify** the importance, (2) **exemplify** the solution

The example of a successful startup serves to **exemplify** the potential of the industry.

nook

n. a small corner, alcove, or recess, especially one in a room or garden providing a seat or space for quiet

synonym: niche, corner, alcove

(1) every **nook** and cranny, (2) breakfast **nook**

The kitchen **nook** was perfect for coffee and chatting with friends.

mucus

n. a slimy liquid produced inside the nose and other body parts for lubrication, protection, etc.

synonym: secretion, slime, saliva

(1) airway **mucus**, (2) nasal **mucus**

When the body temperature drops, **mucus** secretion fails.

envelop

v. to surround and cover completely; to encase

synonym: wrap, cover, surround

(1) **envelop** the whole world, (2) **envelop** her in a bear hug

The fog **enveloped** the city, making it difficult to see.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

parasite

n. an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

synonym: hitchhiker, leech, saprophyte

(1) blood-sucking **parasite**, (2) **parasite** disease

Tapeworms are **parasites** that live in the intestines of humans and animals.

confession

n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

synonym: admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

flamboyant

adj. showy, bold, or striking in appearance or behavior; characterized by extravagance, eccentricity, or ostentatiousness

synonym: dazzling, ostentatious, showy

(1) **flamboyant** style, (2) **flamboyant** personality

The actor's **flamboyant** outfit stole the show at the red carpet-event.

ache

v. to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain

synonym: hurt, throb, smart

(1) **ache** abominably, (2) **ache** all the time

I **ache** all over after running a marathon yesterday.

woe

n. significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness

synonym: anguish, despair, suffering

(1) economic **woe**, (2) full of **woe**

Recurrent financial **woes** hampered his subsequent career.

overfish

v. to deplete fish populations beyond sustainable levels through excessive or unregulated fishing practices, leading to environmental and economic consequences

synonym: deplete, exhaust, drain

(1) **overfish** the coral reefs, (2) **overfish** certain areas

Scientists warn that many species could face extinction if we continue to **overfish** our oceans.

exceedingly

adv. to an extreme degree

synonym: enormously, especially, exceptionally

(1) **exceedingly** common, (2) an **exceedingly** difficult book
Fear is **exceedingly** infectious, and children catch it from their elders.

bustle

v. to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion

synonym: hurry, rush, flurry

(1) **bustle** around a kitchen, (2) hustle- **bustle** lifestyle
The city **bustled** with activity as people rushed to work.

carnival

n. a public enjoyment and celebration, usually held in the street, featuring music, dancing, and various forms of entertainment

synonym: fair, festival, celebration

(1) **carnival** parade, (2) **carnival** atmosphere
The traveling **carnival** is coming to our town next week.

overfishing

n. the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem

synonym: overharvesting, over-exploitation, depletion

(1) **overfishing** crisis, (2) **overfishing** ban
The ocean's ecosystem is being threatened by **overfishing**, causing many species to become endangered.

overhaul

n. a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; (verb) to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard

synonym: renovation, revamp, modernization

(1) **overhaul** process, (2) vehicle **overhaul**
The mechanic suggested an **overhaul** of the engine to improve performance.

Session 2: Spelling

1. mo____d skin
adj. marked with spots or patches of different colors or shades
2. cl____rd with a pen
n. a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place
3. ov____sh certain areas
v. to deplete fish populations beyond sustainable levels through excessive or unregulated fishing practices, leading to environmental and economic consequences
4. talented d__a
n. a distinguished female singer or performer, often with a reputation for being difficult or demanding; a woman who is admired for her talent, beauty, or grace but who is also seen as arrogant or temperamental
5. het____ual relationship
adj. attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
6. a__e all the time
v. to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
7. practice mo____my
n. the practice of being married to only one person at a time; the state of having a mutually exclusive romantic or sexual relationship with one partner
8. full of w_e
n. significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness

ANSWERS: 1. mottled, 2. clipboard, 3. overfish, 4. diva, 5. heterosexual, 6. ache, 7. monogamy, 8. woe

9. he_____re animals *n.* an animal that eats only plants, such as a cow or a deer
10. ma_____a flowers *n.* a bright, purplish-red color named after a plant that was once used to produce a dye with a similar hue
11. ex_____fy the importance *v.* to serve as a typical example of something
12. en_____p the whole world *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
13. royal ha__m *n.* a part of the household in some Muslim societies that is reserved for wives, concubines, and female relatives; the group of women who live in this part and are under the protection of a man; a group of women associated with one man
14. t__l color *n.* a blue-green color; a dark greenish-blue color that is somewhere between blue and green on the color spectrum; a small wild duck;
15. t__l dress *n.* a blue-green color; a dark greenish-blue color that is somewhere between blue and green on the color spectrum; a small wild duck;
16. minimalist wa_____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
17. pu_____ze competition *v.* to break into fine particles or dust; to crush, pound, or grind into a powder or a paste; to destroy completely or utterly

ANSWERS: 9. herbivore, 10. magenta, 11. exemplify, 12. envelop, 13. harem, 14. teal, 15. teal, 16. wardrobe, 17. pulverize

18. m_w the field *v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
19. blood-sucking pa____te *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
20. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
21. ha__m costume *n.* a part of the household in some Muslim societies that is reserved for wives, concubines, and female relatives; the group of women who live in this part and are under the protection of a man; a group of women associated with one man
22. persistent co____il *n.* (short for "condensation trail") a visible trail of condensed water vapor or ice crystals that form in the wake of an aircraft, rocket, or another object as it moves through the air
23. fla____nt style *adj.* showy, bold, or striking in appearance or behavior; characterized by extravagance, eccentricity, or ostentatiousness
24. ex____fy the solution *v.* to serve as a typical example of something
25. pa____te disease *n.* an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense

ANSWERS: 18. mow, 19. parasite, 20. sew, 21. harem, 22. contrail, 23. flamboyant, 24. exemplify, 25. parasite

26. ov_____wn child *adj.* covered in plants that have been allowed to grow naturally and have not been controlled
27. he_____re diet *n.* an animal that eats only plants, such as a cow or a deer
28. screen d__a *n.* a distinguished female singer or performer, often with a reputation for being difficult or demanding; a woman who is admired for her talent, beauty, or grace but who is also seen as arrogant or temperamental
29. a con_____on of guilt *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
30. blue al__e *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
31. en_____ed of bygone days *adj.* deeply in love; having a strong affection or admiration for
32. 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
33. status q_o politician *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
34. write on a cl_____rd *n.* a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place
35. a sharp ge__p *n.* a person's clothing, appearance, or style

ANSWERS: 26. overgrown, 27. herbivore, 28. diva, 29. confession, 30. algae, 31. enamored, 32. parrot, 33. quo, 34. clipboard, 35. getup

36. sp__n in spring *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
37. an ov_____wn garden *adj.* covered in plants that have been allowed to grow naturally and have not been controlled
38. st_____rn stains *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
39. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
40. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
41. bu___e around a kitchen *v.* to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion
42. q_o warranto *n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
43. ca_____al atmosphere *n.* a public enjoyment and celebration, usually held in the street, featuring music, dancing, and various forms of entertainment
44. a mo_____d stripe *adj.* marked with spots or patches of different colors or shades
45. her_____ite fish *n.* an organism that possesses both male and female reproductive organs; a person who possesses both male and female physical characteristics

ANSWERS: 36. spawn, 37. overgrown, 38. stubborn, 39. sew, 40. predator, 41. bustle, 42. quo, 43. carnival, 44. mottled, 45. hermaphrodite

46. al__e biofuel *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
47. every n__k and cranny *n.* a small corner, alcove, or recess, especially one in a room or garden providing a seat or space for quiet
48. vehicle ov_____ul *n.* a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; (verb) to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard
49. nasal mu__s *n.* a slimy liquid produced inside the nose and other body parts for lubrication, protection, etc.
50. a clownish ge__p *n.* a person's clothing, appearance, or style
51. an exc_____ly difficult book *adv.* to an extreme degree
52. sexual pr_____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
53. het_____ual marriage *adj.* attracted to individuals of the opposite sex
54. 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
55. economic w_e *n.* significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness

ANSWERS: 46. algae, 47. nook, 48. overhaul, 49. mucus, 50. getup, 51. exceedingly, 52. predator, 53. heterosexual, 54. parrot, 55. woe

56. a tip of the b__k *n.* the hard and pointed or curved mouse of a bird
57. ove_____ng ban *n.* the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem
58. ca_____al parade *n.* a public enjoyment and celebration, usually held in the street, featuring music, dancing, and various forms of entertainment
59. her_____ite human *n.* an organism that possesses both male and female reproductive organs; a person who possesses both male and female physical characteristics
60. ov_____sh the coral reefs *v.* to deplete fish populations beyond sustainable levels through excessive or unregulated fishing practices, leading to environmental and economic consequences
61. ov_____ul process *n.* a thorough examination, evaluation, or inspection of something, often with the intent of making necessary improvements; a major reorganization or restructuring of a system or process; (verb) to thoroughly examine, repair, and improve something to ensure that it is functioning properly and up to standard
62. st_____rn attitude *adj.* refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change

ANSWERS: 56. beak, 57. overfishing, 58. carnival, 59. hermaphrodite, 60. overfish, 61. overhaul, 62. stubborn

63. hustle-bu___e lifestyle *v.* to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion
64. walk-in wa_____be *n.* a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
65. sp__n a new concept *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
66. a con_____on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
67. ma_____a ink *n.* a bright, purplish-red color named after a plant that was once used to produce a dye with a similar hue
68. co_____il formation *n.* (short for "condensation trail") a visible trail of condensed water vapor or ice crystals that form in the wake of an aircraft, rocket, or another object as it moves through the air
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72. mo_____my rules *n.* the practice of being married to only one person at a time; the state of having a mutually exclusive romantic or sexual relationship with one partner

ANSWERS: 63. bustle, 64. wardrobe, 65. spawn, 66. confession, 67. magenta, 68. contrail, 69. beak, 70. overfishing, 71. pulverize, 72. monogamy

73. en____ed of the idea *adj.* deeply in love; having a strong affection or admiration for
74. breakfast n__k *n.* a small corner, alcove, or recess, especially one in a room or garden providing a seat or space for quiet
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76. en____p her in a bear hug *v.* to surround and cover completely; to encase
77. m_w a yard *v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
78. a__e abominably *v.* to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain
79. airway mu__s *n.* a slimy liquid produced inside the nose and other body parts for lubrication, protection, etc.
80. exc_____ly common *adv.* to an extreme degree

ANSWERS: 73. enamored, 74. nook, 75. flamboyant, 76. envelop, 77. mow, 78. ache, 79. mucus, 80. exceedingly

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The fog _____ the city, making it difficult to see.
v. to surround and cover completely; to encase
2. The demolition crew had to _____ the old building to make room for the new one.
v. to break into fine particles or dust; to crush, pound, or grind into a powder or a paste; to destroy completely or utterly
3. 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
4. A giraffe is an _____ that primarily eats leaves and twigs.
n. an animal that eats only plants, such as a cow or a deer
5. The bathroom was painted in a beautiful shade of _____.
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6. The actor's _____ outfit stole the show at the red carpet-event.
adj. showy, bold, or striking in appearance or behavior; characterized by extravagance, eccentricity, or ostentatiousness
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ANSWERS: 1. enveloped, 2. pulverize, 3. parrot, 4. herbivore, 5. teal, 6. flamboyant, 7. overhaul

8. The city _____ with activity as people rushed to work.
v. to move or act energetically and noisily; (noun) a rapid active commotion
9. Recurrent financial _____ hampered his subsequent career.
n. significant problems or troubles; great unhappiness
10. _____ has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.
n. A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
11. Scientists warn that many species could face extinction if we continue to _____ our oceans.
v. to deplete fish populations beyond sustainable levels through excessive or unregulated fishing practices, leading to environmental and economic consequences
12. My father likes to _____ the lawn early on Saturday mornings.
v. to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
13. Tapeworms are _____ that live in the intestines of humans and animals.
n. an organism that lives on or in another organism and benefits by deriving nutrients at the other's expense
14. He was so _____ about his beliefs that he refused to listen to any other points of view.
adj. refusing to change one's mind or behavior despite persuasion or evidence to the contrary; unyielding; difficult to move or change
15. I _____ all over after running a marathon yesterday.
v. to experience a dull, persistent pain or discomfort, typically of moderate or low intensity; to feel a continuous dull pain

ANSWERS: 8. bustled, 9. woes, 10. Algae, 11. overfish, 12. mow, 13. parasites, 14. stubborn, 15. ache

16. The biology textbook discussed the _____ reproductive system of certain animals.
- n.* an organism that possesses both male and female reproductive organs; a person who possesses both male and female physical characteristics
17. The wooden gate had been damaged, and the hedge had become _____.
- adj.* covered in plants that have been allowed to grow naturally and have not been controlled
18. My mother taught me how to ____.
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- n.* a part of the household in some Muslim societies that is reserved for wives, concubines, and female relatives; the group of women who live in this part and are under the protection of a man; a group of women associated with one man
22. He had been _____ with her since the first time he saw her.
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ANSWERS: 16. hermaphrodite, 17. overgrown, 18. sew, 19. exemplify, 20. exceedingly, 21. harem, 22. enamored, 23. diva-like

24. When the body temperature drops, _____ secretion fails.
n. a slimy liquid produced inside the nose and other body parts for lubrication, protection, etc.
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n. a collection or set of clothing, especially for a particular occasion or purpose; a piece of furniture designed for storing clothes or personal belongings
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31. He identified as _____ and had never considered being with someone of the same gender.
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ANSWERS: 24. mucus, 25. overfishing, 26. mottled, 27. beak, 28. wardrobe, 29. carnival, 30. spawn, 31. heterosexual

32. Many religious institutions promote _____ as the ideal form of marriage.
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35. The company has been successful in maintaining the status ____.
- n.* the existing state or condition of something, especially in relation to a particular situation or issue
36. The artist used _____ paint to make her painting pop with color.
- n.* a bright, purplish-red color named after a plant that was once used to produce a dye with a similar hue
37. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
- n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
38. The bride was stunning in her elegant wedding _____.
- n.* a person's clothing, appearance, or style
39. The nurse carried a _____ with the patient's medical information.
- n.* a flat, rigid board with a clip at the top used to hold papers, documents, or forms in place

ANSWERS: 32. monogamy, 33. contrails, 34. confession, 35. quo, 36. magenta, 37. predator's, 38. getup, 39. clipboard

40. The kitchen _____ was perfect for coffee and chatting with friends.

- n.* a small corner, alcove, or recess, especially one in a room or garden providing a seat or space for quiet

ANSWERS: 40. nook