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Session 1: Word List

scour

v. to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically

synonym: cleanse, scrub, clean

(1) **scour** a pot, (2) **scour** the Internet

She had to **scour** the kitchen to find a clean dish to use for dinner.

barbecue

n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

synonym: grill, cookout, outdoor cooking

(1) **barbecue** sauce, (2) **barbecue** grill

The **barbecue** at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

slobbery

adj. excessively wet, slimy, or drooling, particularly about an animal or its behavior; lacking in neatness or tidiness

synonym: drooling, slavering, slobbering

(1) the **slobbery** way he eats his food, (2) **slobbery** dog

The dog's **slobbery** kisses left my face dripping with saliva.

unrelenting

adj. not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal

synonym: relentless, persistent, unyielding

(1) **unrelenting** pressure, (2) **unrelenting** pursuit

The **unrelenting** heat made it difficult to sleep.

categorize

v. to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.

synonym: classify, pigeonhole, sort

(1) **categorize** the image, (2) **categorize** the cause of failure

The biologist **categorized** the viruses into four groups.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

poach

v. to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings

synonym: steal, snatch

(1) **poach** on his land, (2) **poach** deer

The chef **poached** the eggs perfectly for the benedict breakfast dish.

snare

n. a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks

synonym : trap, noose, entanglement

(1) **snare** drum, (2) fall into a **snare**

The thief was caught in a **snare** set by the police.

ivory

n. a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

synonym : elephant tusk, bone, tooth

(1) tower of **ivory**, (2) **ivory** carving

The intricate carvings on the **ivory** tusk were a work of art.

rhinoceros

n. (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.

synonym : rhino, horned beast, pachyderm

(1) **rhinoceros** habitat, (2) white **rhinoceros**

The baby **rhinoceros** at the wildlife sanctuary was recently born and is very cute.

contraband

n. goods that are prohibited from being imported or exported, or otherwise possessed and traded without proper authorization or legal permission

synonym : illegal goods, smuggled goods, bootleg

(1) **contraband** goods, (2) **contraband** detection dog

The police discovered **contraband** in the back of the suspect's vehicle.

scout

n. a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

synonym : scoutmaster, explorer, surveyor

(1) boy **scout**, (2) **scout** troop

The company sent a **scout** to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.

roadblock

n. a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective

synonym : obstacle, barrier, blockade

(1) biological **roadblock**, (2) bypass **roadblock**

The accident caused a **roadblock** on the highway, causing traffic to come to a standstill.

lug

v. to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion

synonym : carry, haul, transport

(1) **lug** a hose, (2) **lug** my son into a room

He had to **lug** the heavy suitcase up the stairs.

unload

v. to remove contents of something from a vehicle, ship, container, etc.

synonym : empty, offload, unpack

(1) **unload** the cargo, (2) **unload** a dishwasher

He had to **unload** the merchandise before the Black Friday bargain.

backstory

n. the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known

synonym : history, background, prehistory

(1) the **backstory** about this sweet moment, (2) **backstory** plot

The **backstory** of the main character added depth to the story.

minibus

n. a small bus designed to carry a limited number of passengers, usually between 8 and 15, often used for public transportation, shuttle services, or private hire

synonym : shuttle, van, microbus

(1) **minibus** taxi, (2) crowded **minibus**

I took a **minibus** to get to the city center since the bus service was disrupted.

confiscate

v. to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules

synonym: seize, take, expropriate

(1) **confiscate** drugs, (2) **confiscate** property

The security officer had to **confiscate** the weapon from the suspect.

muzzleloader

n. a firearm that is loaded from the muzzle (= the end of a gun barrel from which the bullet or projectile exits), as opposed to from the breech, typically using gunpowder, shot, and wadding

(1) **muzzleloader** hunting, (2) antique **muzzleloader**

The old-fashioned **muzzleloader** used black powder as its propellant.

poacher

n. a person who catches and kills birds, animals, or fish illegally

(1) crackdown on **poachers**, (2) a suspected **poacher**

An old **poacher** makes the best keeper.

woad

n. a flowering plant with leaves that yield a blue dye, or the dye itself

synonym: indigo, blue, dye

(1) extract **woad**, (2) **woad** pigment

The process of using **woad** to dye fabric is a time-consuming and complex one.

noxious

adj. harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings

synonym: harmful, toxic, poisonous

(1) **noxious** gas, (2) **noxious** substances

The **noxious** fumes from the factory were causing health

problems for nearby residents.

sentinel

n. a person or thing that stands guard or keeps watch; a soldier or guard who stands watch to provide security

synonym: guard, watchman, lookout

(1) **sentinel** duty, (2) **sentinel** lymph node

The security camera acted as a **sentinel**, monitoring the area for suspicious activity.

unthinkable

adj. too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept

synonym: impossible, inconceivable, outlandish

(1) an **unthinkable** coincidence, (2) in **unthinkable** trouble

That accident was something **unthinkable** with my long experience.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

infestation

n. the presence or invasion of a large number of harmful or undesirable pests, parasites, or microorganisms in a specific area or host

synonym: plague, invasion, swarm

(1) **infestation** with a parasite, (2) flea **infestation**

The hotel had an **infestation** of bed bugs, which required a professional exterminator.

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.

mussel

n. a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible

synonym : clam, oyster, bivalve

(1) **mussel** shells, (2) **mussel** cultivation

I ordered the **mussels** in a white wine sauce for dinner.

microscopic

adj. tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy

synonym : infinitesimal, tiny, atomic

(1) **microscopic** inquiry, (2) **microscopic** analysis

Inspectors noticed **microscopic** cracks in the submarine's hull.

larva

n. the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose

synonym : caterpillar, grub, maggot

(1) **larva** of a butterfly, (2) a moth **larva**

The butterfly emerged from its **larva** stage.

narcotic

n. a drug or substance that dulls the senses and induces a state of lethargy or sleep; a drug that is illegal or highly regulated for medical use due to its ability to cause addiction or harm

synonym : drug, sedative, opiate

(1) **narcotic** drug, (2) **narcotic** addiction

The doctor prescribed a **narcotic** painkiller to alleviate her chronic pain.

disturb

v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.

synonym : agitate, bother, intrude

(1) **disturb** the peace, (2) **disturb** his sleep

Tourists frequently **disturb** the island's delicate natural balance.

grizzly

n. a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or

white hair

synonym: bear, ursus, bruin

(1) **grizzly** size, (2) **grizzly** encounter

The hiker stumbled upon a **grizzly** bear in the woods and quickly retreated.

wolverine

n. a carnivorous mammal native to the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions of North America and Eurasia

synonym: glutton, devil bear, skunk bear

(1) **wolverine** habitat, (2) reintroduction of **wolverine**

The **wolverine** population has declined in many areas due to habitat loss and human activity.

meadow

n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

synonym: pasture, field, lawn

(1) graze in the **meadow**, (2) lowland **meadow**

The lush **meadow** was covered in wildflowers.

tusk

n. a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging

synonym: ivory, tush, horn

(1) **tusk** of an elephant, (2) **tusk-like** tooth

The ivory poacher was arrested for possession of illegal **tusks**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. serial qu____r
n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
2. boy sc__t
n. a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations
3. sn__e drum
n. a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks
4. se____el duty
n. a person or thing that stands guard or keeps watch; a soldier or guard who stands watch to provide security
5. un____d a dishwasher
v. to remove contents of something from a vehicle, ship, container, etc.
6. con____nd detection dog
n. goods that are prohibited from being imported or exported, or otherwise possessed and traded without proper authorization or legal permission
7. iv__y carving
n. a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items

ANSWERS: 1. quitter, 2. scout, 3. snare, 4. sentinel, 5. unload, 6. contraband, 7. ivory

8. er_____te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
9. crackdown on po_____rs *n.* a person who catches and kills birds, animals, or fish illegally
10. l_g my son into a room *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
11. ba_____ue grill *n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
12. na_____ic addiction *n.* a drug or substance that dulls the senses and induces a state of lethargy or sleep; a drug that is illegal or highly regulated for medical use due to its ability to cause addiction or harm
13. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
14. se_____el lymph node *n.* a person or thing that stands guard or keeps watch; a soldier or guard who stands watch to provide security
15. er_____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
16. t__k-like tooth *n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging

ANSWERS: 8. eradicate, 9. poacher, 10. lug, 11. barbecue, 12. narcotic, 13. resilient, 14. sentinel, 15. eradicate, 16. tusk

17. gr____y encounter *n.* a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair
18. mu___l shells *n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
19. cat_____ze the cause of failure *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
20. sc__r the Internet *v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
21. con_____te property *v.* to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules
22. unr_____ng pressure *adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal
23. rhi_____os habitat *n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.
24. mic_____ic analysis *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
25. ze__a crossing *n.* a wild, horse-like mammal native to Africa with distinctive black-and-white stripes
26. con_____nd goods *n.* goods that are prohibited from being imported or exported, or otherwise possessed and traded without proper authorization or legal permission

ANSWERS: 17. grizzly, 18. mussel, 19. categorize, 20. scour, 21. confiscate, 22. unrelenting, 23. rhinoceros, 24. microscopic, 25. zebra, 26. contraband

27. extract w__d *n.* a flowering plant with leaves that yield a blue dye, or the dye itself
28. ze__a pattern *n.* a wild, horse-like mammal native to Africa with distinctive black-and-white stripes
29. na____ic drug *n.* a drug or substance that dulls the senses and induces a state of lethargy or sleep; a drug that is illegal or highly regulated for medical use due to its ability to cause addiction or harm
30. a suspected po____r *n.* a person who catches and kills birds, animals, or fish illegally
31. l_g a hose *v.* to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
32. la__a of a butterfly *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
33. white rhi____os *n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.
34. tower of iv__y *n.* a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
35. the sl____ry way he eats his food *adj.* excessively wet, slimy, or drooling, particularly about an animal or its behavior; lacking in neatness or tidiness

ANSWERS: 27. woad, 28. zebra, 29. narcotic, 30. poacher, 31. lug, 32. larva, 33. rhinoceros, 34. ivory, 35. slobbery

36. antique muz_____der *n.* a firearm that is loaded from the muzzle (= the end of a gun barrel from which the bullet or projectile exits), as opposed to from the breech, typically using gunpowder, shot, and wadding
37. sc__r a pot *v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
38. a moth la__a *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
39. mic_____ic inquiry *adj.* tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
40. gr_____y size *n.* a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair
41. wo_____ne habitat *n.* a carnivorous mammal native to the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions of North America and Eurasia
42. w__d pigment *n.* a flowering plant with leaves that yield a blue dye, or the dye itself
43. po__h on his land *v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
44. sc__t troop *n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

ANSWERS: 36. muzzleloader, 37. scour, 38. larva, 39. microscopic, 40. grizzly, 41. wolverine, 42. woad, 43. poach, 44. scout

45. po__h deer *v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
46. graze in the me___w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay
47. mu___l cultivation *n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
48. easy qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
49. un___d the cargo *v.* to remove contents of something from a vehicle, ship, container, etc.
50. crowded mi____s *n.* a small bus designed to carry a limited number of passengers, usually between 8 and 15, often used for public transportation, shuttle services, or private hire
51. mi____s taxi *n.* a small bus designed to carry a limited number of passengers, usually between 8 and 15, often used for public transportation, shuttle services, or private hire
52. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
53. unr_____ng pursuit *adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal

ANSWERS: 45. poach, 46. meadow, 47. mussel, 48. quitter, 49. unload, 50. minibus, 51. minibus, 52. resilient, 53. unrelenting

54. no____s substances *adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings
55. ba_____ry plot *n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known
56. bypass ro_____ck *n.* a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective
57. biological ro_____ck *n.* a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective
58. di_____b his sleep *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
59. reintroduction of wo_____ne *n.* a carnivorous mammal native to the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions of North America and Eurasia
60. an unt_____le coincidence *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
61. ba_____ue sauce *n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

ANSWERS: 54. noxious, 55. backstory, 56. roadblock, 57. roadblock, 58. disturb, 59. wolverine, 60. unthinkable, 61. barbecue

62. cat_____ze the image *v.* to put people or things into groups according to their features, types, etc.
63. no_____s gas *adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings
64. muz_____der hunting *n.* a firearm that is loaded from the muzzle (= the end of a gun barrel from which the bullet or projectile exits), as opposed to from the breech, typically using gunpowder, shot, and wadding
65. in unt_____le trouble *adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept
66. t__k of an elephant *n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
67. inf_____on with a parasite *n.* the presence or invasion of a large number of harmful or undesirable pests, parasites, or microorganisms in a specific area or host
68. the ba_____ry about this sweet moment *n.* the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known
69. di_____b the peace *v.* to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
70. flea inf_____on *n.* the presence or invasion of a large number of harmful or undesirable pests, parasites, or microorganisms in a specific area or host

ANSWERS: 62. categorize, 63. noxious, 64. muzzleloader, 65. unthinkable, 66. tusk, 67. infestation, 68. backstory, 69. disturb, 70. infestation

71. fall into a sn__e *n.* a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks
72. sl____ry dog *adj.* excessively wet, slimy, or drooling, particularly about an animal or its behavior; lacking in neatness or tidiness
73. con_____te drugs *v.* to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules
74. lowland me___w *n.* a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

ANSWERS: 71. snare, 72. slobbery, 73. confiscate, 74. meadow

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The company sent a _____ to explore new business opportunities in the overseas market.
 - n.* a person or group sent out to obtain information, gather intelligence, or make observations, typically in a military context; a person or group sent out to explore or prospect for new opportunities, resources, or locations

2. An old _____ makes the best keeper.
 - n.* a person who catches and kills birds, animals, or fish illegally

3. I ordered the _____ in a white wine sauce for dinner.
 - n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible

4. That accident was something _____ with my long experience.
 - adj.* too unlikely or shocking to imagine or accept

5. The accident caused a _____ on the highway, causing traffic to come to a standstill.
 - n.* a physical barrier or obstacle that prevents progress or movement; a situation that impedes progress or creates difficulty in achieving a goal or objective

6. The _____ heat made it difficult to sleep.
 - adj.* not easing or slackening in intensity; persistent and unwavering in pursuit of a goal

7. The _____ at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.
 - n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

ANSWERS: 1. scout, 2. poacher, 3. mussels, 4. unthinkable, 5. roadblock, 6. unrelenting, 7. barbecue

8. The _____ fumes from the factory were causing health problems for nearby residents.
- adj.* harmful or poisonous to living beings; having an unpleasant or offensive smell or taste; causing intense or unpleasant emotions or feelings
9. The _____ population has declined in many areas due to habitat loss and human activity.
- n.* a carnivorous mammal native to the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions of North America and Eurasia
10. The butterfly emerged from its _____ stage.
- n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
11. The chef _____ the eggs perfectly for the benedict breakfast dish.
- v.* to illegally hunt, fish, or take wildlife from private or protected land or waters without permission; to cook food by gently simmering it in a liquid, often with added spices or seasonings
12. The ivory poacher was arrested for possession of illegal _____.
- n.* a long, pointed tooth, usually found in animals such as elephants, walruses, or wild boars, which protrudes from the mouth and is used as a weapon or for digging
13. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.
- v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
14. The hotel had an _____ of bed bugs, which required a professional exterminator.
- n.* the presence or invasion of a large number of harmful or undesirable pests, parasites, or microorganisms in a specific area or host

ANSWERS: 8. noxious, 9. wolverine, 10. larva, 11. poached, 12. tusks, 13. eradicate, 14. infestation

15. Inspectors noticed _____ cracks in the submarine's hull.
adj. tiny; exceedingly precise and detail-oriented; of or used in microscopy
16. The doctor prescribed a _____ painkiller to alleviate her chronic pain.
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17. Tourists frequently _____ the island's delicate natural balance.
v. to interrupt someone who is trying to work, sleep, etc.
18. The security officer had to _____ the weapon from the suspect.
v. to seize, take or appropriate something by authority, often as a penalty for breaking laws or rules
19. He had to ____ the heavy suitcase up the stairs.
v. to carry or drag something with effort; to pull something along with a sudden or jerky motion
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n. a person or thing that stands guard or keeps watch; a soldier or guard who stands watch to provide security

ANSWERS: 15. microscopic, 16. narcotic, 17. disturb, 18. confiscate, 19. lug, 20. minibus, 21. categorized, 22. sentinel,

23. The process of using _____ to dye fabric is a time-consuming and complex one.
n. a flowering plant with leaves that yield a blue dye, or the dye itself
24. The baby _____ at the wildlife sanctuary was recently born and is very cute.
n. (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.
25. The intricate carvings on the _____ tusk were a work of art.
n. a hard, creamy-white substance that comes from the tusks of elephants, walruses, and some other animals and is used to make ornaments and other decorative items
26. The dog's _____ kisses left my face dripping with saliva.
adj. excessively wet, slimy, or drooling, particularly about an animal or its behavior; lacking in neatness or tidiness
27. The police discovered _____ in the back of the suspect's vehicle.
n. goods that are prohibited from being imported or exported, or otherwise possessed and traded without proper authorization or legal permission
28. 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
29. The _____ of the main character added depth to the story.
n. the history and events that occur before the main events of a story or the history and details of a person or thing that are not widely known

ANSWERS: 23. woad, 24. rhinoceros, 25. ivory, 26. slobbery, 27. contraband, 28. zebra's, 29. backstory

30. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

31. The old-fashioned _____ used black powder as its propellant.

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32. The hiker stumbled upon a _____ bear in the woods and quickly retreated.

n. a large North American bear species, often with greyish or brownish fur; a person who has streaks of grey or white hair

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v. to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically

34. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

35. The lush _____ was covered in wildflowers.

n. a field of grass and wildflowers, especially one used for hay

36. He had to _____ the merchandise before the Black Friday bargain.

v. to remove contents of something from a vehicle, ship, container, etc.

37. The thief was caught in a _____ set by the police.

n. a trap or device used to catch animals by means of a noose or wire loop; a type of drum consisting of a head stretched over a hollow shell, usually played with drumsticks

ANSWERS: 30. resilient, 31. muzzleloader, 32. grizzly, 33. scour, 34. quitter, 35. meadow, 36. unload, 37. snare

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