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Session 1: Word List

lupus

n. an autoimmune disease that can affect various parts of the body, including the skin, joints, and internal organs, and is characterized by inflammation and tissue damage

(1) drug-induced **lupus**, (2) **lupus** treatment

Treatment for **lupus** depends on the severity of the disease and may include medication, lifestyle changes, and regular check-ups with a rheumatologist.

sled

n. a vehicle used for traveling over snow or ice, typically consisting of a flat-bottomed frame mounted on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs or horses

synonym: sleigh, toboggan, sledge

(1) pull a **sled**, (2) **sled** dog

We used a **sled** to slide down the hill in the snow.

slouch

v. to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward

synonym: slump, crouch, droop

(1) **slouch** along the street, (2) **slouch** down in a chair

After hearing the results, he **slouched** against a wall.

paleolithic

adj. of or relating to the second period of the Stone Age, which represents almost the entire period of prehistoric

human technology

(1) **paleolithic** cave painting, (2) the **Paleolithic** era
The scientist found **paleolithic** artifacts in the historic site.

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.

exert

v. to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
synonym: exert, apply, use

(1) **exert** control, (2) **exert** influence
He **exerted** himself to lift the heavyweight.

sniff

v. to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath

synonym: smell, inhale, scent

(1) **sniff** the air, (2) **sniff** the perfume
The dog stopped to **sniff** around the tree, looking for something interesting.

formidable

adj. causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration

synonym: daunting, intimidating, fearful

(1) **formidable** challenge, (2) **formidable** competitor
The mountain range was a **formidable** obstacle for the hikers.

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.

outrun

v. to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit

synonym: outpace, outrank, outdistance

(1) **outrun** competitors, (2) **outrun** the cops

I'll need to **outrun** the rainstorm to make it home without getting soaked.

exhaustion

n. the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength

synonym: fatigue, weariness, tiredness

(1) **exhaustion** of energy, (2) emotional **exhaustion**

The long work hours were taking a toll on her mental **exhaustion**.

crossroad

n. a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences

synonym: intersection, junction, fork

(1) critical **crossroad**, (2) major **crossroad**

I'm at a career **crossroads** and unsure which path to take.

burgeon

v. to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way

synonym: flourish, bloom, thrive

(1) **burgeon** rapidly, (2) **burgeon** from every corner.

The city's art scene has been **burgeoning** recently, with new galleries and exhibitions popping up regularly.

biped

n. an animal with two feet

synonym: hominoid

(1) **biped** robot, (2) a featherless **biped**

Biped walking encouraged the further evolution of humankind.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

encampment

n. a temporary or semi-permanent settlement, especially a group of tents or other shelters used for lodging or military purposes

synonym : campsite, bivouac, settlement

(1) military **encampment**, (2) temporary **encampment**

The **encampment** of soldiers in the field was a temporary arrangement.

leftover

adj. not consumed or used at the end of something

synonym : extra, residual, unused

(1) **leftover** from a party, (2) **leftover** goods

The chef will make soup with the **leftover** ham bone.

docile

adj. easily controlled or managed, or willing to be led or instructed

synonym : tame, obedient, submissive

(1) seemingly **docile** animal, (2) a **docile** patient

The **docile** dog followed its owner's commands.

scavenger

n. an animal or bird that feeds on carrion, dead animals, or other scavenged material; a person who searches for and collects discarded or unwanted items, often to sell or reuse them

synonym : vulture, hyena, magpie

(1) **scavenger** bird, (2) marine **scavenger**

Crows are common **scavengers** in urban areas and will eat almost anything.

outlast

v. to endure or last longer than something else; to overcome challenges or obstacles and remain in existence

synonym : endure, survive, persevere

(1) **outlast** competitors, (2) **outlast** the storm

Some species of turtles can **outlast** human beings by centuries.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym : attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

tame

v. to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training

synonym : domesticate, soften, (adjective) harmless

(1) **tame** a wild beast, (2) a **tame** animal

We have to **tame** substantial financial deficits at first.

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.

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.

snout

n. the nose and mouth of an animal, especially when protruding or prominently featured

synonym : nose, muzzle, bill

(1) dig with the **snout**, (2) short **snouts**

The pig's **snout** was wet and covered in mud.

stocky

adj. of a person or animal, heavily built with a sturdy and compact physique; short and sturdy in build

synonym : stout, sturdy, strong

(1) **stocky** build, (2) **stocky** appearance

The **stocky** wrestler easily pinned his opponent to the mat.

elongate

v. to extend something in length; to lengthen, stretch out, or to make longer

synonym : stretch, lengthen, extend

(1) **elongate** muscles, (2) **elongate** a dress

The yoga instructor told us to **elongate** our spines during the practice.

badger

n. a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands

synonym : nuisance, annoyance

(1) **badger** territory, (2) **badger** him with questions

The **badger's** thick fur and tough skin make it well-suited for digging and burrowing in rough terrain.

burrow

v. to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

synonym : tunnel, dig, excavate

(1) **burrow** through the forest, (2) **burrow** into a mystery

You can't **burrow** through solid metal.

kennel

n. a small shelter for a dog or dogs; a commercial enterprise that boards dogs or sells dogs

synonym : doghouse, crate, animal shelter

(1) **kennel** cough, (2) outdoor **kennel**

My dog loves staying in the indoor **kennel** when we go on vacation.

congenital

adj. existing from birth; often used to describe a condition or trait that is inherited or present from the moment of birth

synonym: innate, inborn, inherent

(1) **congenital** disease, (2) **congenital** disorder

Congenital heart defects can often be diagnosed before a baby is born.

submissive

adj. inclined or willing to submit or yield to authority, domination, or direction; obedient or compliant; meek or passive

synonym: compliant, obedient, docile

(1) **submissive** behavior, (2) a **submissive** personality

The **submissive** dog cowered and trembled in fear when approached by its owner.

neoteny

n. the retention of juvenile characteristics into adulthood, often seen in certain animal species, including humans

synonym: juvenescence, pedomorphism, neotenousness

(1) **neoteny** theory, (2) **neoteny** effect

The axolotl is often cited as an example of **neoteny** in amphibians.

canine

adj. relating to or characteristic of dogs or the dog family; having qualities that are similar to those of dogs, such as loyalty or aggressiveness

synonym: laniary, dog-like, doggy

(1) **canine** behavior, (2) **canine** teeth

The veterinarian recommended a **canine-friendly** diet for my dog's health.

oxytocin

n. a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk

(1) **oxytocin-degrading** enzyme, (2) **oxytocin** receptor

Women may increase **oxytocin** production through romantic love.

fathom

v. to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water

synonym: comprehend, understand, grasp

(1) **fathom** the depth, (2) **fathom** the mystery

I cannot **fathom** why some people enjoy horror movies.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

precede

v. to happen or go before something or someone in time or space

synonym: lead, forego, antecede

(1) men often **precede** women when walking, (2) **precede** any discussion

Agricultural development generally **precedes** economic growth.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ca___e teeth *adj.* relating to or characteristic of dogs or the dog family; having qualities that are similar to those of dogs, such as loyalty or aggressiveness
2. ox_____in-degrading enzyme *n.* a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk
3. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
4. pr_____e any discussion *v.* to happen or go before something or someone in time or space
5. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
6. bu_____n from every corner. *v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way
7. fa___m the mystery *v.* to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
8. sn__f the perfume *v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
9. ne_____y theory *n.* the retention of juvenile characteristics into adulthood, often seen in certain animal species, including humans

ANSWERS: 1. canine, 2. oxytocin, 3. trait, 4. precede, 5. predator, 6. burgeon, 7. fathom, 8. sniff, 9. neoteny

10. sn__f the air *v.* to inhale audibly through the nose, often to detect or identify a smell; to draw in air through the nostrils with a quick, audible intake of breath
11. a t__e animal *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
12. exh_____on of energy *n.* the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength
13. short sn__ts *n.* the nose and mouth of an animal, especially when protruding or prominently featured
14. for_____le challenge *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
15. se_____el duty *n.* a person or thing that stands guard or keeps watch; a soldier or guard who stands watch to provide security
16. el_____te a dress *v.* to extend something in length; to lengthen, stretch out, or to make longer
17. le_____er goods *adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something
18. military enc_____nt *n.* a temporary or semi-permanent settlement, especially a group of tents or other shelters used for lodging or military purposes

ANSWERS: 10. sniff, 11. tame, 12. exhaustion, 13. snout, 14. formidable, 15. sentinel, 16. elongate, 17. leftover, 18. encampment

19. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
20. lu__s treatment *n.* an autoimmune disease that can affect various parts of the body, including the skin, joints, and internal organs, and is characterized by inflammation and tissue damage
21. bu____n rapidly *v.* to grow or develop rapidly, especially in a healthy or vigorous way
22. 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
23. ou____n the cops *v.* to run faster or farther than someone or something else, often to escape from danger or capture; to outpace or outmaneuver someone or something in a competition or pursuit
24. dom____te the plant *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
25. pal____ic cave painting *adj.* of or relating to the second period of the Stone Age, which represents almost the entire period of prehistoric human technology
26. temporary enc____nt *n.* a temporary or semi-permanent settlement, especially a group of tents or other shelters used for lodging or military purposes
27. s__d dog *n.* a vehicle used for traveling over snow or ice, typically consisting of a flat-bottomed frame mounted on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs or horses

ANSWERS: 19. ancestor, 20. lupus, 21. burgeon, 22. sentinel, 23. outrun, 24. domesticate, 25. paleolithic, 26. encampment, 27. sled

28. ba___r territory *n.* a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands
29. ou____t competitors *v.* to endure or last longer than something else; to overcome challenges or obstacles and remain in existence
30. sc_____er bird *n.* an animal or bird that feeds on carrion, dead animals, or other scavenged material; a person who searches for and collects discarded or unwanted items, often to sell or reuse them
31. ox_____in receptor *n.* a hormone secreted by the pituitary which stimulates contractions of the uterus during labor (= the process of pushing out a baby) and the ejection of milk
32. marine sc_____er *n.* an animal or bird that feeds on carrion, dead animals, or other scavenged material; a person who searches for and collects discarded or unwanted items, often to sell or reuse them
33. ca___e behavior *adj.* relating to or characteristic of dogs or the dog family; having qualities that are similar to those of dogs, such as loyalty or aggressiveness
34. t__e a wild beast *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training

ANSWERS: 28. badger, 29. outlast, 30. scavenger, 31. oxytocin, 32. scavenger, 33. canine, 34. tame

35. ex__t control *v.* to put forth effort; to put into action; to bring into play
36. drug-induced lu__s *n.* an autoimmune disease that can affect various parts of the body, including the skin, joints, and internal organs, and is characterized by inflammation and tissue damage
37. easy to dom_____te *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
38. sexual pr_____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
39. major cr_____ad *n.* a place where two or more roads or paths cross or intersect; a point of decision or choice, often involving significant consequences
40. con_____al disease *adj.* existing from birth; often used to describe a condition or trait that is inherited or present from the moment of birth
41. bu___w into a mystery *v.* to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal
42. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
43. st___y appearance *adj.* of a person or animal, heavily built with a sturdy and compact physique; short and sturdy in build
44. men often pr_____e women when walking *v.* to happen or go before something or someone in time or space

ANSWERS: 35. exert, 36. lupus, 37. domesticate, 38. predator, 39. crossroad, 40. congenital, 41. burrow, 42. trait, 43. stocky, 44. precede

45. ou____t the storm *v.* to endure or last longer than something else; to overcome challenges or obstacles and remain in existence
46. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
47. ke___l cough *n.* a small shelter for a dog or dogs; a commercial enterprise that boards dogs or sells dogs
48. el_____te muscles *v.* to extend something in length; to lengthen, stretch out, or to make longer
49. a sub_____ve personality *adj.* inclined or willing to submit or yield to authority, domination, or direction; obedient or compliant; meek or passive
50. ba___r him with questions *n.* a small, burrowing mammal with short legs and a distinctive striped face; a person or thing that persistently annoys or bothers someone; (verb) to pester or harass someone persistently, typically with a series of annoying requests, questions, or demands
51. de_____d by elevator *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
52. emotional exh_____on *n.* the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength
53. bi__d robot *n.* an animal with two feet
54. the Pal_____ic era *adj.* of or relating to the second period of the Stone Age, which represents almost the entire period of prehistoric human technology

ANSWERS: 45. outlast, 46. opportune, 47. kennel, 48. elongate, 49. submissive, 50. badger, 51. descend, 52. exhaustion, 53. biped, 54. paleolithic

55. le____er from a party *adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something
56. pull a s__d *n.* a vehicle used for traveling over snow or ice, typically consisting of a flat-bottomed frame mounted on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs or horses
57. sl___h down in a chair *v.* to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward
58. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
59. for____le competitor *adj.* causing fear, apprehension, or awe; difficult to deal with or overcome; capable of inspiring respect or admiration
60. outdoor ke____l *n.* a small shelter for a dog or dogs; a commercial enterprise that boards dogs or sells dogs
61. an op____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
62. con____al disorder *adj.* existing from birth; often used to describe a condition or trait that is inherited or present from the moment of birth
63. dig with the sn__t *n.* the nose and mouth of an animal, especially when protruding or prominently featured

ANSWERS: 55. leftover, 56. sled, 57. slouch, 58. ancestor, 59. formidable, 60. kennel, 61. opportune, 62. congenital, 63. snout

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66. a do___e patient *adj.* easily controlled or managed, or willing to be led or instructed
67. fa___m the depth *v.* to understand or comprehend (a difficult or complex problem or situation); to measure the depth of water
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ANSWERS: 64. slouch, 65. neoteny, 66. docile, 67. fathom, 68. stocky, 69. docile, 70. crossroad, 71. exert, 72. outrun, 73. descend

74. bu___w through the forest

v. to excavate a hole or make a tunnel in the ground by digging, typically for use as a dwelling of an animal

75. sub_____ve behavior

adj. inclined or willing to submit or yield to authority, domination, or direction; obedient or compliant; meek or passive

76. a featherless bi__d

n. an animal with two feet

ANSWERS: 74. burrow, 75. submissive, 76. biped

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We have to _____ substantial financial deficits at first.
 - v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
2. The axolotl is often cited as an example of _____ in amphibians.
 - n.* the retention of juvenile characteristics into adulthood, often seen in certain animal species, including humans
3. We used a _____ to slide down the hill in the snow.
 - n.* a vehicle used for traveling over snow or ice, typically consisting of a flat-bottomed frame mounted on runners, sometimes pulled by dogs or horses
4. The _____ dog followed its owner's commands.
 - adj.* easily controlled or managed, or willing to be led or instructed
5. The veterinarian recommended a _____ diet for my dog's health.
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6. The scientist found _____ artifacts in the historic site.
 - adj.* of or relating to the second period of the Stone Age, which represents almost the entire period of prehistoric human technology
7. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.
 - n.* a particular feature of your nature

ANSWERS: 1. tame, 2. neoteny, 3. sled, 4. docile, 5. canine-friendly, 6. paleolithic, 7. traits

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ANSWERS: 8. stocky, 9. slouched, 10. submissive, 11. elongate, 12. predator's, 13. formidable, 14. burgeoning, 15. sniff

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n. the state of being extremely tired and lacking energy or strength

23. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 16. opportune, 17. descended, 18. burrow, 19. outlast, 20. Congenital, 21. lupus, 22. exhaustion, 23. ancestor

24. The security camera acted as a _____ monitoring the area for suspicious activity.
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ANSWERS: 24. sentinel, 25. oxytocin, 26. kennel, 27. crossroads, 28. exerted, 29. precedes, 30. Biped, 31. encampment

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ANSWERS: 32. fathom, 33. scavengers, 34. snout, 35. badger's, 36. domesticate, 37. leftover, 38. outrun

ANSWERS: