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Session 1: Word List

paleoanthropology

n. the branch of anthropology concerned with the study of human evolution and development through fossilized remains, genetics, and other methods

synonym: prehistoric anthropology, paleontology

(1) **paleoanthropology** expedition, (2) **paleoanthropology** museum

The study of **paleoanthropology** involves analyzing fossil remains to understand the evolution of humans.

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.

chimpanzee

n. a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur

synonym: ape, chimp, pan troglodytes

(1) **chimpanzee** behavior, (2) **chimpanzee** society

Many zoos have **chimpanzee** exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.

hominin

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

synonym: early human, human ancestor, human-like

(1) **hominin** fossils, (2) **hominin** evolution

The classification of **hominin** species is complex due to the small number of fossils available for study.

Australopithecus

n. any of several extinct hominid species that lived in Africa between 4 million and 1 million years ago and are considered to be among the earliest ancestors of modern humans

synonym: hominid, primate, ape

(1) **Australopithecus** skull, (2) **Australopithecus** africanus

Australopithecus fossils have been found in Eastern and Southern Africa.

sparse

adj. only in small quantities or numbers and often spread over a wide area

synonym: scarce, exiguous, infrequent

(1) a **sparse** population, (2) **sparse** snowfall

There is a **sparse** area between galaxies.

pelvic

adj. of or relating to the pelvis, the lower part of the trunk of the human body, between the hips

(1) **pelvic** pain, (2) **pelvic** exam

The **pelvic** region is an important area of the human anatomy.

morphology

n. the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another

synonym: structure, form, anatomy

(1) **morphology** of a language, (2) cellular **morphology**

The **morphology** of rocks can reveal clues about their

geological history.

disrupt

v. to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep
I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

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.

excavate

v. to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something

synonym: dig, unearth, extract

(1) **excavate** a deep hole, (2) **excavate** soil

The archaeologists **excavated** the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.

trove

n. a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth

synonym: hoard, collection, assemblage

(1) **trove** of information, (2) stumble on a **trove**

The treasure **trove** of ancient artifacts was a museum's dream come true.

specie

n. coins or notes in a currency, as distinct from paper money; a chemical substance or group made up of identical molecules

synonym: coinage, mintage

(1) **specie** reserve, (2) ground-state **specie**

The store only accepts payment in cash, no credit or debit cards, only **specie**.

cranium

n. the skull of a human or animal, which encloses and protects the brain

synonym: skull, head, braincase

(1) human **cranium**, (2) fractured **cranium**

The scientist studied the dinosaur's **cranium** to learn more about its brain.

biped

n. an animal with two feet

synonym: hominoid

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

Biped walking encouraged the further evolution of humankind.

ape

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

synonym: monkey, primate, simian

(1) jungle **ape**, (2) play the **ape**

The scientist studied the behavior of **apes** in the wild.

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.

scarcely

adv. hardly or almost not; only just

synonym: barely, narrowly, hardly

(1) **scarcely** readable, (2) **scarcely** any interest in public

We **scarcely** ever used AEDs.

assemblage

n. a collection or gathering of things or persons; a group or ensemble of items that have been brought together in a particular way

synonym : gathering, collection, meeting

(1) sculptural **assemblage**, (2) an **assemblage** of tools

The **assemblage** of artists displayed their works in the gallery for all to see.

fragmentary

adj. consisting of small or disjointed fragments; incomplete or lacking coherence or continuity; characterized by fragmentation or disunity

synonym : incomplete, shattered, partial

(1) **fragmentary** information, (2) **fragmentary** remains

The historian could only piece together a **fragmentary** account of the ancient civilization.

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.

molar

n. one of the large teeth located in the back of the mouth used for grinding and chewing food; a dental drill used for removing decay or shaping teeth; (adjective) describing a solution in which the concentration of a solute is expressed in moles per liter (mol/L)

synonym : tooth, grinder, premolar

(1) **molar** tooth, (2) **molar** absorbancy index

I have a cavity in my **molar** and need to see the dentist.

incisor

n. one of the front teeth in the human or animal mouth that are used for biting or cutting food; a tooth adapted for cutting

synonym : front tooth, fang

(1) sharpened **incisors**, (2) upper **incisor**

The dentist extracted my **incisor** due to decay and infection.

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.

cusps

n. a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved

synonym: point, apex, tip

(1) **cusps** of change, (2) a single **cusps**

The project was on the **cusps** of success and needed a little more funding.

mitten

n. a glove with a separate sheath for the thumb but a combined sheath for the four fingers, typically warmer than a traditional glove

synonym: glove, gauntlet, handwear

(1) fingerless **mitten**, (2) knitted **mitten**

My mom knit me a pair of warm woolen **mittens** for the winter.

occlusal

adj. referring to the surface or point of contact between upper and lower teeth, particularly the chewing surface of the molars and premolars

synonym: chewing, biting surface

(1) **occlusal** surface, (2) **occlusal** adjustment

The dentist used an **occlusal** examination to check for patient bite issues.

deciduous

adj. (of plants and shrubs) shedding its foliage annually; (of teeth, antlers, etc.) shedding its body parts at the end of a period of growth

synonym: momentary, temporary, short-term

(1) **deciduous** tree, (2) **deciduous** teeth

Deciduous leafy trees dominate the forests of the lower region.

hominid

n. a primate of a family (Hominidae) that includes humans and their fossil ancestors

synonym : human, primate, ancestor

(1) large-toothed **hominid**, (2) **hominid** evolution

Scientists have discovered new fossil evidence of an ancient **hominid** species.

intraspecific

adj. relating to or occurring within a single species; referring to the interactions, behaviors, or traits that occur among individuals or populations of the same species

synonym : within species, sibling, conspecific

(1) **intraspecific** variation, (2) **intraspecific** competition

The study focused on the **intraspecific** differences between the two species of birds.

flare

v. to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface

synonym : blaze, ignite, light up

(1) **flare** up into a major crisis, (2) the **flare** of a match

The Sun **flared** and caused a sudden brightening in the sky.

humanlike

adj. resembling or having characteristics of a human, such as in appearance or behavior

synonym : resembling human, humanoid, anthropomorphic

(1) **humanlike** robot, (2) **humanlike** behavior

The android's **humanlike** features made distinguishing from a real person difficult.

slender

adj. thin and delicate, often in an attractive way

synonym : lanky, skinny, slim

(1) **slender** body, (2) a long **slender** leaf

He has a **slender** income.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym: reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

coexist

v. to live or exist together at the same time in the same place

synonym: cohabit, accompany, synchronize

(1) **coexist** with nature, (2) **coexist** with diversity

The different species can **coexist** in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.

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.

archaeology

n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures

(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**

She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

artifact

n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest

synonym: antique, relic, heirloom

(1) paleolithic **artifacts**, (2) Peruvian **artifacts**

The museum has a vast collection of Greek **artifacts**.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

ironic

adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym : sarcastic, wry, sardonic

(1) **ironic** result, (2) an **ironic** turn of events

It was **ironic** that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.

Session 2: Spelling

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|----------------------------|---|
| 1. earliest human an____or | <i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather |
| 2. paleolithic ar____cts | <i>n.</i> a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest |
| 3. upper in____r | <i>n.</i> one of the front teeth in the human or animal mouth that are used for biting or cutting food; a tooth adapted for cutting |
| 4. tr__e of information | <i>n.</i> a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth |
| 5. ca____e behavior | <i>adj.</i> relating to or characteristic of dogs or the dog family; having qualities that are similar to those of dogs, such as loyalty or aggressiveness |
| 6. sharpened in____rs | <i>n.</i> one of the front teeth in the human or animal mouth that are used for biting or cutting food; a tooth adapted for cutting |
| 7. Aus_____cus africanus | <i>n.</i> any of several extinct hominid species that lived in Africa between 4 million and 1 million years ago and are considered to be among the earliest ancestors of modern humans |
| 8. ho____n fossils | <i>n.</i> a group of primates that include humans and their ancestors, distinguished by bipedal locomotion, large brains relative to body size, and skeletal adaptations for upright posture and locomotion |

ANSWERS: 1. ancestor, 2. artifact, 3. incisor, 4. trove, 5. canine, 6. incisor, 7. Australopithecus, 8. hominin

9. pe___c pain *adj.* of or relating to the pelvis, the lower part of the trunk of the human body, between the hips
10. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
11. jungle a_e *n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
12. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
13. sp___e snowfall *adj.* only in small quantities or numbers and often spread over a wide area
14. an ass_____ge of tools *n.* a collection or gathering of things or persons; a group or ensemble of items that have been brought together in a particular way
15. ho_____d evolution *n.* a primate of a family (Hominidae) that includes humans and their fossil ancestors
16. de_____us teeth *adj.* (of plants and shrubs) shedding its foliage annually; (of teeth, antlers, etc.) shedding its body parts at the end of a period of growth
17. 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

ANSWERS: 9. pelvic, 10. rethink, 11. ape, 12. determinant, 13. sparse, 14. assemblage, 15. hominid, 16. deciduous, 17. determinant

18. a single c__p *n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved
19. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
20. the fl__e of a match *v.* to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface
21. personality tr__ts *n.* a particular feature of your nature
22. sp____e reserve *n.* coins or notes in a currency, as distinct from paper money; a chemical substance or group made up of identical molecules
23. sc_____ly any interest in public *adv.* hardly or almost not; only just
24. co_____t with diversity *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
25. a featherless bi__d *n.* an animal with two feet
26. co_____t with nature *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
27. fl__e up into a major crisis *v.* to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface

ANSWERS: 18. cusp, 19. disrupt, 20. flare, 21. trait, 22. specie, 23. scarcely, 24. coexist, 25. biped, 26. coexist, 27. flare

28. human cr____m *n.* the skull of a human or animal, which encloses and protects the brain
29. mor_____gy of a language *n.* the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another
30. play the a_e *n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
31. fra_____ry remains *adj.* consisting of small or disjointed fragments; incomplete or lacking coherence or continuity; characterized by fragmentation or disunity
32. int_____ed to produce hybrid offspring *v.* to breed between different species or varieties
33. a long sl_____r leaf *adj.* thin and delicate, often in an attractive way
34. mo__r absorbancy index *n.* one of the large teeth located in the back of the mouth used for grinding and chewing food; a dental drill used for removing decay or shaping teeth; (adjective) describing a solution in which the concentration of a solute is expressed in moles per liter (mol/L)
35. 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

ANSWERS: 28. cranium, 29. morphology, 30. ape, 31. fragmentary, 32. interbreed, 33. slender, 34. molar, 35. canine

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37. ex____te soil *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
38. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
39. an____al roots *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
40. an ir__c turn of events *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
41. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
42. Peruvian ar____cts *n.* a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
43. fractured cr____m *n.* the skull of a human or animal, which encloses and protects the brain
44. the institute of arc____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
45. oc____al surface *adj.* referring to the surface or point of contact between upper and lower teeth, particularly the chewing surface of the molars and premolars

ANSWERS: 36. molar, 37. excavate, 38. ancestor, 39. ancestral, 40. ironic, 41. trait, 42. artifact, 43. cranium, 44. archaeology, 45. occlusal

46. fingerless mi___n *n.* a glove with a separate sheath for the thumb but a combined sheath for the four fingers, typically warmer than a traditional glove
47. chi_____ee behavior *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
48. sc_____ly readable *adv.* hardly or almost not; only just
49. sculptural ass_____ge *n.* a collection or gathering of things or persons; a group or ensemble of items that have been brought together in a particular way
50. c__p of change *n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved
51. pe___c exam *adj.* of or relating to the pelvis, the lower part of the trunk of the human body, between the hips
52. knitted mi___n *n.* a glove with a separate sheath for the thumb but a combined sheath for the four fingers, typically warmer than a traditional glove
53. pal_____ogy museum *n.* the branch of anthropology concerned with the study of human evolution and development through fossilized remains, genetics, and other methods
54. de_____us tree *adj.* (of plants and shrubs) shedding its foliage annually; (of teeth, antlers, etc.) shedding its body parts at the end of a period of growth

ANSWERS: 46. mitten, 47. chimpanzee, 48. scarcely, 49. assemblage, 50. cusp, 51. pelvic, 52. mitten, 53. paleoanthropology, 54. deciduous

55. pal_____ogy expedition *n.* the branch of anthropology concerned with the study of human evolution and development through fossilized remains, genetics, and other methods
56. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
57. ho_____n evolution *n.* a group of primates that include humans and their ancestors, distinguished by bipedal locomotion, large brains relative to body size, and skeletal adaptations for upright posture and locomotion
58. stumble on a tr___e *n.* a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth
59. chi_____ee society *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
60. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
61. hu_____ke behavior *adj.* resembling or having characteristics of a human, such as in appearance or behavior
62. an an_____al graveyard *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
63. bi__d robot *n.* an animal with two feet
64. re_____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

ANSWERS: 55. paleoanthropology, 56. disrupt, 57. hominin, 58. trove, 59. chimpanzee, 60. archaeology, 61. humanlike, 62. ancestral, 63. biped, 64. rethink

65. int_____fic variation *adj.* relating to or occurring within a single species; referring to the interactions, behaviors, or traits that occur among individuals or populations of the same species
66. ex_____te a deep hole *v.* to dig or remove earth, rocks, or other materials from the ground or a site, often to uncover or discover something
67. sl_____r body *adj.* thin and delicate, often in an attractive way
68. fra_____ry information *adj.* consisting of small or disjointed fragments; incomplete or lacking coherence or continuity; characterized by fragmentation or disunity
69. cellular mor_____gy *n.* the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another
70. int_____ed plants *v.* to breed between different species or varieties
71. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
72. hu_____ke robot *adj.* resembling or having characteristics of a human, such as in appearance or behavior
73. a sp____e population *adj.* only in small quantities or numbers and often spread over a wide area
74. Aus_____cus skull *n.* any of several extinct hominid species that lived in Africa between 4 million and 1 million years ago and are considered to be among the earliest ancestors of modern humans

ANSWERS: 65. intraspecific, 66. excavate, 67. slender, 68. fragmentary, 69. morphology, 70. interbreed, 71. industrious, 72. humanlike, 73. sparse, 74. Australopithecus

75. ground-state sp___e *n.* coins or notes in a currency, as distinct from paper money; a chemical substance or group made up of identical molecules
76. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
77. ir___c result *adj.* using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
78. int_____fic competition *adj.* relating to or occurring within a single species; referring to the interactions, behaviors, or traits that occur among individuals or populations of the same species
79. large-toothed ho_____d *n.* a primate of a family (Hominidae) that includes humans and their fossil ancestors
80. oc_____al adjustment *adj.* referring to the surface or point of contact between upper and lower teeth, particularly the chewing surface of the molars and premolars

ANSWERS: 75. specie, 76. industrious, 77. ironic, 78. intraspecific, 79. hominid, 80. occlusal

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The museum has a vast collection of Greek _____.
n. a person-made object, especially one of historical or cultural interest
2. It was _____ that the heavy rain started just as they set up for an outdoor picnic.
adj. using words to express something different from and often opposite to their literal or usual meaning, often for humorous or rhetorical effect
3. My mom knit me a pair of warm woolen _____ for the winter.
n. a glove with a separate sheath for the thumb but a combined sheath for the four fingers, typically warmer than a traditional glove
4. The Sun _____ and caused a sudden brightening in the sky.
v. to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface
5. The treasure _____ of ancient artifacts was a museum's dream come true.
n. a valuable collection of rare or interesting things, usually on the earth
6. Lions and tigers can _____ to produce a liger.
v. to breed between different species or varieties
7. The study focused on the _____ differences between the two species of birds.
adj. relating to or occurring within a single species; referring to the interactions, behaviors, or traits that occur among individuals or populations of the same species

ANSWERS: 1. artifacts, 2. ironic, 3. mittens, 4. flared, 5. trove, 6. interbreed, 7. intraspecific

8. I have a cavity in my _____ and need to see the dentist.
- n.* one of the large teeth located in the back of the mouth used for grinding and chewing food; a dental drill used for removing decay or shaping teeth; (adjective) describing a solution in which the concentration of a solute is expressed in moles per liter (mol/L)
9. The archaeologists _____ the ruins of an ancient city buried under the desert sands.
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11. The different species can _____ in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.
- v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
12. The android's _____ features made distinguishing from a real person difficult.
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13. _____ fossils have been found in Eastern and Southern Africa.
- n.* any of several extinct hominid species that lived in Africa between 4 million and 1 million years ago and are considered to be among the earliest ancestors of modern humans
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- adj.* (of plants and shrubs) shedding its foliage annually; (of teeth, antlers, etc.) shedding its body parts at the end of a period of growth

ANSWERS: 8. molar, 9. excavated, 10. occlusal, 11. coexist, 12. humanlike, 13. Australopithecus, 14. Deciduous

15. The historian could only piece together a _____ account of the ancient civilization.

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17. Many zoos have _____ exhibits, allowing visitors to observe these intelligent primates up close.

n. a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur

18. The _____ home has been in the family for generations.

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

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

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

20. The _____ of rocks can reveal clues about their geological history.

n. the study of the form and structure of plants, animals, and other organisms; the study of the alteration of word forms as they change from one part of speech to another

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ANSWERS: 15. fragmentary, 16. canine-friendly, 17. chimpanzee, 18. ancestral, 19. ancestor, 20. morphology, 21. hominin

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23. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
24. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
25. The scientist studied the behavior of _____ in the wild.
n. a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
26. Scientists have discovered new fossil evidence of an ancient _____ species.
n. a primate of a family (Hominidae) that includes humans and their fossil ancestors
27. The _____ of artists displayed their works in the gallery for all to see.
n. a collection or gathering of things or persons; a group or ensemble of items that have been brought together in a particular way
28. _____ walking encouraged the further evolution of humankind.
n. an animal with two feet
29. She teaches _____ at the local university.
n. the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
30. He has a _____ income.
adj. thin and delicate, often in an attractive way

ANSWERS: 22. incisor, 23. rethink, 24. industrious, 25. apes, 26. hominid, 27. assemblage, 28. Biped, 29. archaeology, 30. slender

31. I'm so sorry to _____ you when you're pretty busy.

- v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

32. The scientist studied the dinosaur's _____ to learn more about its brain.

- n.* the skull of a human or animal, which encloses and protects the brain

33. There is a _____ area between galaxies.

- adj.* only in small quantities or numbers and often spread over a wide area

34. Multiple genes may influence behavioral _____ concurrently.

- n.* a particular feature of your nature

35. The project was on the _____ of success and needed a little more funding.

- n.* a pointed end, especially the pointed end of a crescent moon or the part of a curve that is most curved

36. The _____ region is an important area of the human anatomy.

- adj.* of or relating to the pelvis, the lower part of the trunk of the human body, between the hips

37. The study of _____ involves analyzing fossil remains to understand the evolution of humans.

- n.* the branch of anthropology concerned with the study of human evolution and development through fossilized remains, genetics, and other methods

38. We _____ ever used AEDs.

- adv.* hardly or almost not; only just

ANSWERS: 31. disrupt, 32. cranium, 33. sparse, 34. traits, 35. cusp, 36. pelvic, 37. paleoanthropology, 38. scarcely

39. 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
40. The store only accepts payment in cash, no credit or debit cards, only _____.
- n.* coins or notes in a currency, as distinct from paper money; a chemical substance or group made up of identical molecules

ANSWERS: 39. determinant, 40. specie