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Session 1: Word List

orca

n. a species of large marine mammal, also known as the killer whale, found in Arctic and temperate waters worldwide, known for their intelligence, social behavior, and hunting prowess

synonym : killer whale, sea wolf

(1) **orca** habitat, (2) a huge pod of **orcas**

The **orca** whale is also known as the killer whale.

afloat

adj. floating or staying on the surface of a liquid or body of water; having enough money or resources to stay out of debt or financial trouble

synonym : floating, drifting, buoyant

(1) **afloat** in debt, (2) cargo **afloat**

Despite facing financial difficulties, the small business managed to stay **afloat** thanks to its loyal customers.

atop

adv. on, to, or at the top

synonym : upon, onto

(1) stand **atop**, (2) sit **atop** a stack of books

The eagle perched **atop** the tallest tree in the forest.

deteriorate

v. to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate

synonym : decline, degenerate, regress

(1) **deteriorate** at a slow pace, (2) **deteriorate** condition
The patient's health **deteriorated** rapidly after being diagnosed with the disease.

mourning

n. the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

synonym: grieving, sorrow, lamentation

(1) **mourning** period, (2) **mourning** ritual

She wore black clothing as a symbol of **mourning** for her grandmother.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

grieve

v. to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died

synonym: mourn, lament, sorrow

(1) **grieve** for loss, (2) **grieve** at the sad news

She **grieved** the loss of her parents.

wary

adj. cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience

synonym: cautious, suspicious, leery

(1) a **wary** statesman, (2) **wary** of marriage

She was **wary** of meeting new people because of past experiences.

gorilla

n. a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face

synonym: ape, chimpanzee, orangutan

(1) **gorilla** habitat, (2) endangered **gorilla**

The **gorilla** at the zoo impressed visitors with its size and

strength.

kitten

n. a young cat

synonym : catling, kitling, puss

(1) **kitten** formula, (2) newborn **kitten**

The **kitten's** fur was so fluffy that it looked like it was always moving.

frown

v. to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration

synonym : scowl, glare, disapprove

(1) people with **frown** faces, (2) a worried **frown**

Thinking always made him **frown**.

matriarch

n. a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group

synonym : leader, head, founder

(1) ruled by a **matriarch**, (2) **matriarch** figure

The **matriarch** of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.

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**.

giraffe

n. a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves

synonym : gazelle, okapi, camelopard

(1) **giraffe** pattern, (2) **giraffe** exhibit

The **giraffe's** long neck makes reaching leaves high up in the trees easy.

deformity

n. a physical abnormality or distortion

synonym : abnormality, malformation, disfigurement

(1) **deformity** of character, (2) physical **deformity**

The **deformity** in the steel beam caused the bridge to collapse.

nuzzle

v. to rub or press gently against someone or something with the nose or head, often as a sign of affection or comfort; to snuggle or cuddle in a loving manner

synonym : snuggle, cuddle, nestle

(1) **nuzzle** each other in the pasture, (2) **nuzzle** its owner affectionately

The child **nuzzled** their favorite stuffed animal while falling asleep.

hyena

n. a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs

synonym : jackal, coyote, wild dog

(1) **hyena** den, (2) spotted **hyena**

The **hyena's** powerful jaws and teeth enable it to crush bones and devour its prey.

baboon

n. a large monkey with a dog-like snout and a long, curved tail found in Africa and Arabia

synonym : monkey, ape, primate

(1) wild **baboon**, (2) **baboon** habitat

While on safari, we saw a troop of **baboons** roaming through the grasslands.

feces

n. waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement

synonym : poop, stool, excrement

(1) **feces** sample, (2) human **feces**

Proper disposal of **feces** is essential for maintaining public

health and sanitation.

corticosteroid

n. a synthetic steroid hormone that is commonly used to reduce inflammation and treat a variety of medical conditions, including asthma, allergies, and arthritis

synonym : cortisone, glucocorticoid, steroid hormone

(1) oral **corticosteroid**, (2) **corticosteroid** injection

The doctor prescribed a **corticosteroid** cream to treat my itchy rash.

bereave

v. to be deprived of a loved one, either by death or separation; to feel grief or loss due to death or separation

synonym : deprive, grieve, lament

(1) **bereave** family, (2) **bereave** him of all happiness

The soldier's death **bereaved** his entire unit, who all had grown close to him during their time together.

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.

groom

v. to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat

synonym : brush, comb, neaten

(1) **groom** duties, (2) **groom** a horse

I need to **groom** my dog before his fur gets too long.

broaden

v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.

synonym : expand, widen, enlarge

(1) **broaden** students' knowledge, (2) **broaden** their horizon

The company **broadened** its product line to include more customer options.

primate

n. any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans

synonym : ape, monkey, lemur

(1) **primate** species, (2) **primate** sanctuary

Many scientists study **primate** behavior and intelligence.

contradictory

adj. containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements

synonym : conflicting, opposing, inconsistent

(1) apparently **contradictory**, (2) **contradictory** evidence

His statements were **contradictory**, leaving the audience confused.

cannibal

n. a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice

synonym : man-eater, anthropophagite

(1) **cannibal** tribe, (2) habitual **cannibal**

The horror movie portrayed a group of **cannibals** who hunted humans in the woods.

corpse

n. the dead body of a human being

synonym : body, remains, cadaver

(1) desiccated **corpse**, (2) the **corpse** of an animal

The police found the **corpse** in the abandoned building.

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.

captivity

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

synonym : confinement, detention, imprisonment

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

Pandas rarely breed in **captivity**.

Session 2: Spelling

1. spotted hy__a *n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs
2. go_____a habitat *n.* a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face
3. mo_____ng ritual *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
4. a w__y statesman *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
5. det_____te at a slow pace *v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
6. 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
7. nu___e its owner affectionately *v.* to rub or press gently against someone or something with the nose or head, often as a sign of affection or comfort; to snuggle or cuddle in a loving manner
8. gi_____e pattern *n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves

ANSWERS: 1. hyena, 2. gorilla, 3. mourning, 4. wary, 5. deteriorate, 6. tusk, 7. nuzzle, 8. giraffe

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| 9. physical de_____ty | <i>n.</i> a physical abnormality or distortion |
| 10. ruled by a ma_____ch | <i>n.</i> a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group |
| 11. stand a__p | <i>adv.</i> on, to, or at the top |
| 12. the co___e of an animal | <i>n.</i> the dead body of a human being |
| 13. co_____e the listener | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 14. nu___e each other in the pasture | <i>v.</i> to rub or press gently against someone or something with the nose or head, often as a sign of affection or comfort; to snuggle or cuddle in a loving manner |
| 15. gr__m a horse | <i>v.</i> to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat |
| 16. cor_____oid injection | <i>n.</i> a synthetic steroid hormone that is commonly used to reduce inflammation and treat a variety of medical conditions, including asthma, allergies, and arthritis |
| 17. apparently con_____ory | <i>adj.</i> containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements |
| 18. pr_____e sanctuary | <i>n.</i> any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans |
| 19. ma_____ch figure | <i>n.</i> a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group |

ANSWERS: 9. deformity, 10. matriarch, 11. atop, 12. corpse, 13. confuse, 14. nuzzle, 15. groom, 16. corticosteroid, 17. contradictory, 18. primate, 19. matriarch

20. br____n their horizon
v. to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
21. wild ba____n
n. a large monkey with a dog-like snout and a long, curved tail found in Africa and Arabia
22. 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
23. people with fr__n faces
v. to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
24. ki____n formula
n. a young cat
25. endangered go____a
n. a large, powerful, and intelligent primate found in the forests of central Africa, with coarse black or brown fur and a distinctive face
26. ba____n habitat
n. a large monkey with a dog-like snout and a long, curved tail found in Africa and Arabia
27. cargo af____t
adj. floating or staying on the surface of a liquid or body of water; having enough money or resources to stay out of debt or financial trouble
28. o__a habitat
n. a species of large marine mammal, also known as the killer whale, found in Arctic and temperate waters worldwide, known for their intelligence, social behavior, and hunting prowess

ANSWERS: 20. broaden, 21. baboon, 22. tusk, 23. frown, 24. kitten, 25. gorilla, 26. baboon, 27. afloat, 28. orca

29. gi____e exhibit *n.* a tall African mammal with a very long neck and legs, typically with distinctive brownish-yellow fur and dark patches; an animal often found in zoos and wildlife preserves
30. af____t in debt *adj.* floating or staying on the surface of a liquid or body of water; having enough money or resources to stay out of debt or financial trouble
31. gr____e at the sad news *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
32. animals in ca____ty in the zoo *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from
33. con____ory evidence *adj.* containing or consisting of conflicting or incompatible elements
34. a huge pod of o__as *n.* a species of large marine mammal, also known as the killer whale, found in Arctic and temperate waters worldwide, known for their intelligence, social behavior, and hunting prowess
35. pr____e species *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
36. w__y of marriage *adj.* cautious or distrustful, especially because of a previous bad experience
37. ca____al tribe *n.* a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice

ANSWERS: 29. giraffe, 30. afloat, 31. grieve, 32. captivity, 33. contradictory, 34. orca, 35. primate, 36. wary, 37. cannibal

38. 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
39. gr___e for loss *v.* to feel or show great sadness or sorrow, especially for someone who has died
40. gr__m duties *v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat
41. sit a__p a stack of books *adv.* on, to, or at the top
42. be_____e him of all happiness *v.* to be deprived of a loved one, either by death or separation; to feel grief or loss due to death or separation
43. hy__a den *n.* a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs
44. co_____e fantasy with reality *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
45. human fe__s *n.* waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement
46. be_____e family *v.* to be deprived of a loved one, either by death or separation; to feel grief or loss due to death or separation
47. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 38. determinant, 39. grieve, 40. groom, 41. atop, 42. bereave, 43. hyena, 44. confuse, 45. feces, 46. bereave, 47. determinant

48. a worried fr__n *v.* to make an angry or severe expression by bringing your eyebrows together to indicate disapproval, displeasure, or concentration
49. desiccated co___e *n.* the dead body of a human being
50. sexual pr____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
51. de_____ty of character *n.* a physical abnormality or distortion
52. apex pr____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
53. newborn ki___n *n.* a young cat
54. br____n students' knowledge *v.* to make or become wider or more extensive; to make or become more tolerant or liberal.
55. oral cor_____oid *n.* a synthetic steroid hormone that is commonly used to reduce inflammation and treat a variety of medical conditions, including asthma, allergies, and arthritis
56. det_____te condition *v.* to become worse in quality; to decline or degenerate
57. mo____ng period *n.* the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving
58. habitual ca____al *n.* a person who eats the flesh or internal organs of other human beings, especially as a cultural or ritual practice
59. escape from ca_____ty *n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

ANSWERS: 48. frown, 49. corpse, 50. predator, 51. deformity, 52. predator, 53. kitten, 54. broaden, 55. corticosteroid, 56. deteriorate, 57. mourning, 58. cannibal, 59. captivity

60. fe__s sample

n. waste matter eliminated from the bowels; excrement

ANSWERS: 60. feces

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I need to _____ my dog before his fur gets too long.
 - v.* to clean, brush, and care for the fur or feathers of an animal; to prepare oneself or someone else for a special event or occasion; to make something neat

2. The soldier's death _____ his entire unit, who all had grown close to him during their time together.
 - v.* to be deprived of a loved one, either by death or separation; to feel grief or loss due to death or separation

3. She wore black clothing as a symbol of _____ for her grandmother.
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 - n.* a young cat

5. She was _____ of meeting new people because of past experiences.
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6. The _____ in the steel beam caused the bridge to collapse.
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12. The police found the _____ in the abandoned building.
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15. The _____ at the zoo impressed visitors with its size and strength.
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ANSWERS: 17. broadened, 18. deteriorated, 19. primate, 20. atop, 21. grieved, 22. cannibals, 23. nuzzled, 24. hyena's

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ANSWERS: 25. orca, 26. corticosteroid, 27. determinant, 28. giraffe's, 29. baboons, 30. confused