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Session 1: Word List

bonobo

n. a species of great ape that is native to the Congo Basin in Africa, known for its intelligence, social behavior, and peaceful temperament

synonym : ape, chimpanzee, monkey

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

The **bonobo** sanctuary is dedicated to protecting and rehabilitating these endangered primates.

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.

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.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

synonym : authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

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.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

endanger

v. to put someone or something in a risky situation

synonym: threaten, imperil, jeopardize

(1) **endanger** my health, (2) **endanger** a close relationship

Their actions **endangered** the lives of innocent people.

bushmeat

n. meat from wild animals, especially in Africa, that is hunted for food or traditional medicinal purposes

synonym: wild game, game meat

(1) **bushmeat** trade, (2) **bushmeat** poaching

The illegal hunting and consumption of **bushmeat** has led to the endangerment of many animal species.

sway

v. to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something

synonym: swing, oscillate, influence

(1) **sway** back and forth, (2) **sway** to the rhythm

The politician tried to **sway** public opinion in his favor, but his arguments fell flat.

promiscuous

adj. having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person

synonym : indiscriminate, loose, promiscuous

(1) **promiscuous** bathing, (2) **promiscuous** lifestyle

He was known for his **promiscuous** behavior.

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.

inventive

adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas

synonym : imaginative, creative, innovative

(1) have the **inventive** talent, (2) **inventive** approach

All language around the world is consistently **inventive** but not intrusive.

testicle

n. one of the two oval-shaped organs in men that produce sperm and testosterone; in animals, the equivalent organ responsible for producing sperm and often also regulating testosterone levels

synonym : ballock, gonad, ball

(1) **testicle** injury, (2) swollen **testicles**

The athlete was hit in the **testicle** during the game and had to be removed.

imaginative

adj. having or showing new and creative ideas

synonym : creative, innovative, inventive

(1) capable of **imaginative** creation, (2) **imaginative** as a child

She is a hard worker but not very **imaginative**.

anew

adv. in a new or different way

synonym : again, once more, fresh

(1) arm **anew**, (2) review **anew**

He decided to start **anew** and leave his old life behind.

hotbed

n. a place or situation where something, such as a particular activity or problem, is developing or becoming more intense

synonym : breeding ground, center, focus

(1) a **hotbed** of vice, (2) a **hotbed** of the drug trade

The city was a **hotbed** of political activism.

frivolous

adj. not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant

synonym : silly, foolish, unimportant

(1) **frivolous** lawsuits, (2) engage in **frivolous** conversation

He was accused of being **frivolous** and not taking his responsibilities seriously.

claw

n. a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

synonym : paw, talon, nail

(1) **claw** marks, (2) **claw** hammer

The bear used its **claw** to catch a fish in the river.

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.

rediscover

v. to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

synonym : recover, get back, revive

(1) **rediscover** a value, (2) **rediscover** an old truth

The painting was **rediscovered** in an attic and turned out to be a long-lost masterpiece.

Session 2: Spelling

1. in_____ve approach *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas
2. en_____er a close relationship *v.* to put someone or something in a risky situation
3. red_____er an old truth *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost
4. an_____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
5. s__y back and forth *v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
6. c__w marks *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
7. engage in fr_____us conversation *adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
8. pr_____e sanctuary *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
9. en_____er my health *v.* to put someone or something in a risky situation

ANSWERS: 1. inventive, 2. endanger, 3. rediscover, 4. ancestor, 5. sway, 6. claw, 7. frivolous, 8. primate, 9. endanger

10. endangered bo___o *n.* a species of great ape that is native to the Congo Basin in Africa, known for its intelligence, social behavior, and peaceful temperament
11. c__w hammer *n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects
12. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
13. bo___o habitat *n.* a species of great ape that is native to the Congo Basin in Africa, known for its intelligence, social behavior, and peaceful temperament
14. pr_____e species *n.* any mammal of the order Primates, which includes monkeys, apes, and humans
15. chi_____ee society *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
16. the pa_____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
17. red_____er a value *v.* to discover or find again something that was previously known but lost

ANSWERS: 10. bonobo, 11. claw, 12. empower, 13. bonobo, 14. primate, 15. chimpanzee, 16. paradox, 17. rediscover

18. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
19. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
20. chi_____ee behavior *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
21. arm a__w *adv.* in a new or different way
22. 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
23. bu_____at trade *n.* meat from wild animals, especially in Africa, that is hunted for food or traditional medicinal purposes
24. pro_____us bathing *adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person
25. fr_____us lawsuits *adj.* not serious or sensible; silly or unimportant
26. swollen te_____les *n.* one of the two oval-shaped organs in men that produce sperm and testosterone; in animals, the equivalent organ responsible for producing sperm and often also regulating testosterone levels
27. pro_____us lifestyle *adj.* having casual sexual relations frequently with different partners; indiscriminate in the choice of sexual partners; not selective of a single class or person

ANSWERS: 18. resilient, 19. ancestor, 20. chimpanzee, 21. anew, 22. ape, 23. bushmeat, 24. promiscuous, 25. frivolous, 26. testicle, 27. promiscuous

28. em____r my life *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
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30. a ho____d of vice *n.* a place or situation where something, such as a particular activity or problem, is developing or becoming more intense
31. a ho____d of the drug trade *n.* a place or situation where something, such as a particular activity or problem, is developing or becoming more intense
32. capable of ima____ve creation *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
33. bu____at poaching *n.* meat from wild animals, especially in Africa, that is hunted for food or traditional medicinal purposes
34. s__y to the rhythm *v.* to move back and forth or side to side gently, often in response to external factors such as wind or water; to influence or persuade someone to do something; to control or dominate something
35. review a__w *adv.* in a new or different way
36. ima____ve as a child *adj.* having or showing new and creative ideas
37. have the in____ve talent *adj.* able to come up with novel and unique ideas

ANSWERS: 28. empower, 29. testicle, 30. hotbed, 31. hotbed, 32. imaginative, 33. bushmeat, 34. sway, 35. anew, 36. imaginative, 37. inventive

38. re_____nt population

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

39. French pa_____x

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

40. 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

ANSWERS: 38. resilient, 39. paradox, 40. ape

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The city was a _____ of political activism.
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v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

3. Many scientists study _____ behavior and intelligence.
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5. All language around the world is consistently _____ but not intrusive.
adj. able to come up with novel and unique ideas

6. The _____ sanctuary is dedicated to protecting and rehabilitating these endangered primates.
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7. The illegal hunting and consumption of _____ has led to the endangerment of many animal species.
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ANSWERS: 1. hotbed, 2. empowered, 3. primate, 4. chimpanzee, 5. inventive, 6. bonobo, 7. bushmeat

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11. She is a hard worker but not very _____.
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ANSWERS: 8. apes, 9. rediscovered, 10. ancestor, 11. imaginative, 12. resilient, 13. anew, 14. sway, 15. promiscuous

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18. There are many theories to explain this _____.

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- n.* a curved, pointed appendage found on the foot or leg of an animal, used for gripping or grasping; a human hand with long, narrow fingers that are curved like a claw; a machine or tool with a claw-like opening used for gripping or lifting objects

20. Their actions _____ the lives of innocent people.

- v.* to put someone or something in a risky situation

ANSWERS: 16. testicle, 17. frivolous, 18. paradox, 19. claw, 20. endangered