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Session 1: Word List

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.

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.

scarecrow

n. an object, often made of straw or old clothes, that is placed in a field or garden to scare away birds and prevent them from damaging crops, typically designed to resemble a human figure

synonym: scare bird, straw man, effigy

(1) **scarecrow** costume, (2) **scarecrow** festival

The farmers placed a **scarecrow** in their cornfield to deter birds from eating the crops.

torch

n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

synonym: flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

flashlight

n. a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off

synonym: torch, lamp, beacon

(1) **flashlight** beam, (2) **flashlight** batteries

He used a backup **flashlight** to find his way through the dark cave.

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.

leopard

n. a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia

(1) snow **leopard**, (2) **leopard** print

Leopards lurked in the grass to catch their prey.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

savannah

n. a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close

synonym: grassland, plain

(1) **savannah** region, (2) tropical **savannah**

The birds live in tropical forests, **savannahs**, and arid

semi-desert environments.

grassland

n. a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock

synonym: meadow, plain, savanna

(1) endangered **grassland**, (2) vast **grassland**

Meadows and pastures are examples of smaller-scale **grasslands** in many parts of the world.

trench

n. a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water

synonym: aqueduct, ditch, channel

(1) deep-sea **trench**, (2) **trench** excavator

A **trench** was being dug alongside the road by workers.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. tropical sa____ah | <i>n.</i> a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close |
| 2. ze__a pattern | <i>n.</i> a wild, horse-like mammal native to Africa with distinctive black-and-white stripes |
| 3. vast gr_____nd | <i>n.</i> a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock |
| 4. tr___h excavator | <i>n.</i> a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water |
| 5. fla_____ht batteries | <i>n.</i> a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off |
| 6. hy__a den | <i>n.</i> a carnivorous mammal with a distinctive laugh-like vocalization, known for scavenging and hunting in packs |
| 7. fla_____ht beam | <i>n.</i> a portable electric light with a handle and a switch that can be turned on and off |
| 8. sc_____ow costume | <i>n.</i> an object, often made of straw or old clothes, that is placed in a field or garden to scare away birds and prevent them from damaging crops, typically designed to resemble a human figure |

ANSWERS: 1. savannah, 2. zebra, 3. grassland, 4. trench, 5. flashlight, 6. hyena, 7. flashlight, 8. scarecrow

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10. endangered gr_____nd *n.* a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock
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12. to__h song *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
13. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
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18. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

ANSWERS: 9. zebra, 10. grassland, 11. trench, 12. torch, 13. excite, 14. torch, 15. savannah, 16. excite, 17. hyena, 18. predator

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21. snow le_____d *n.* a large wild cat that has yellow-brown fur with black spots and lives in Africa and southern Asia
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ANSWERS: 19. scarecrow, 20. leopard, 21. leopard, 22. predator

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He used a backup _____ to find his way through the dark cave.
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2. The news of her promotion _____ her.
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7. The birds live in tropical forests, _____ and arid semi-desert environments.
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ANSWERS: 1. flashlight, 2. excited, 3. torch, 4. grasslands, 5. trench, 6. Leopards, 7. savannahs,

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ANSWERS: 8. hyena's, 9. predator's, 10. zebra's, 11. scarecrow