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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.

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.

egalitarian

adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

synonym : equalitarian, democratic, fair

(1) **egalitarian** society, (2) **egalitarian** principles

The company prides itself on being an **egalitarian** workplace with equal employment opportunities.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym: compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

confine

v. to restrict the movement of someone or something

synonym: restrict, limit, contain

(1) **confine** themselves solely, (2) **confine** the scope of use

The animal was **confined** in a small cage.

puberty

n. the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction

synonym: adolescence, young adulthood

(1) at the height of **puberty** ., (2) the onset of **puberty**

In this culture, men are initiated when they reach **puberty**.

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.

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.

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.

flatter

v. to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely

synonym: compliment, praise, butter up

(1) **flatter** his superiors, (2) **flatter** the host

She managed to **flatter** her boss into giving her a promotion.

biped

n. an animal with two feet

synonym: hominoid

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

Biped walking encouraged the further evolution of humankind.

gait

n. a person's manner of walking, running, or moving on foot; a particular pattern or style of movement or locomotion

synonym: pace, stride, step

(1) awkward **gait**, (2) brisk **gait**

The older woman's **gait** was slow and unsteady.

narrator

n. a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film

synonym: teller, storyteller

(1) first-person **narrator**, (2) the **narrator** of the TV program

The **narrator** makes use of the local dialect.

encircle

v. to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely

synonym: enclose, surround, encompass

(1) **encircle** the lake, (2) **encircle** the waist

The castle walls **encircled** the entire village for protection.

spontaneously

adv. in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden

synonym : impromptu, automatically, immediately

(1) recover **spontaneously** after five days, (2) this shift occurs **spontaneously**

The electrical cord **spontaneously** combusted.

campfire

n. an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

synonym : bonfire, blaze, fire pit

(1) **campfire** story, (2) roast marshmallows around the **campfire**

We sat around the **campfire** and told stories late into the night.

wasp

n. a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals

synonym : insect, hornet, yellow jacket

(1) **wasp** nest, (2) **wasp** sting

A giant **wasp** flew into the room, and everyone panicked.

vocalize

v. to express something such as feelings or ideas in words

synonym : sing, chant, descant

(1) **vocalize** long input text, (2) **vocalize** his belief

City residents continue to **vocalize** their discontent.

scissor

v. (noun, usually "scissors") a cutting instrument consisting of a pair of metal blades; to cut or clip something with scissors; to move or position two things that cross each other like a pair of scissors

synonym : cut, clip, shear

(1) **scissor** paper, (2) kitchen **scissors**

I need to **scissor** my hair to even out the ends.

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; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married

synonym: brush, comb, neaten

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

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

maneuver

n. a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage

synonym: gimmick, trick, action

(1) political **maneuvers**, (2) made a great **maneuver**

In this class, we learn the basic **maneuver** of the plane.

imitate

v. to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something

synonym: mimic, emulate, replicate

(1) **imitate** painting styles, (2) **imitate** animal sounds

He **imitated** the modus operandi of the famous phantom thief.

tug

v. to pull something quickly and hard, often several times

synonym: draw, jerk, pull

(1) **tug** a rope, (2) **tug** at his hand

This movie **tugs** at everyone's heartstrings.

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.

flake

n. a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent

synonym : chip, bit, shred

(1) **flakes** of snow, (2) **flake** graphite

She found a paint **flake** on the wall and realized it was time to repaint the room.

resemblance

n. similarity in appearance or exterior or superficial details

synonym : closeness, likeness, similarity

(1) striking **resemblance**, (2) faint **resemblance**

The **resemblance** between Anna and her mother was astonishing.

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.

chalk

n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

synonym : white rock, limestone, gypsum

(1) a piece of **chalk**, (2) **chalk** on a blackboard

The kids used colored **chalk** to create a mural on the pavement.

writ

n. a written legal order or command

synonym : legal document, order, legal process

(1) a **writ** of summons, (2) issue a **writ**

He was served with a **writ** of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.

hut

n. a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud

synonym : shack, cabin, cottage

(1) shepherd's **hut**, (2) fishing **hut**

The little girl lived in a small **hut** in the woods with her family.

lexicon

n. all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical

synonym: glossary, dictionary, vocabulary

(1) Greek-English **lexicon**, (2) **lexicon** of business phrases

This bilingual **lexicon** was essential for his language improvement.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym: perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

stun

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

synonym: shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

harmonica

n. (also known as "mouth organ" or "harp") a small, handheld musical instrument consisting of a series of metal reeds, which produce musical sounds when air is blown or drawn through them by the player's breath

synonym: mouth organ, blues harp, reed instrument

(1) musical **harmonica**, (2) blues **harmonica**

The **harmonica** player entertained the crowd at the park with his soulful melodies.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

xylophone

n. a musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars of different lengths that are struck with mallets to produce musical tones; a percussion instrument that is commonly used in orchestras, bands, and music ensembles

(1) **xylophone** music, (2) tune the **xylophone**

The **xylophone** player gave an impressive performance in the school orchestra.

enthusiastically

adv. in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval

synonym: fervently, eagerly, passionately

(1) **enthusiastically** applauded, (2) discuss

enthusiastically

The study participants **enthusiastically** participated in the discussion, showing genuine interest.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

stimming

n. a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation

synonym: self-stimulation, repetitive behaviors

(1) autistic **stimming**, (2) **stimming** therapy

Autistic children may engage in **stimming** behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. a w__t of summons | <i>n.</i> a written legal order or command |
| 2. political ma_____ers | <i>n.</i> a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage |
| 3. ega_____an principles | <i>adj.</i> relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class |
| 4. endangered bo___o | <i>n.</i> a species of great ape that is native to the Congo Basin in Africa, known for its intelligence, social behavior, and peaceful temperament |
| 5. t_g a rope | <i>v.</i> to pull something quickly and hard, often several times |
| 6. roast marshmallows around the
ca_____re | <i>n.</i> an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire |
| 7. co_____e themselves solely | <i>v.</i> to restrict the movement of someone or something |
| 8. Greek-English le_____n | <i>n.</i> all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical |
| 9. striking res_____ce | <i>n.</i> similarity in appearance or exterior or superficial details |

ANSWERS: 1. writ, 2. maneuver, 3. egalitarian, 4. bonobo, 5. tug, 6. campfire, 7. confine, 8. lexicon, 9. resemblance

10. hu_____ke robot *adj.* resembling or having characteristics of a human, such as in appearance or behavior
11. 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
12. fl___es of snow *n.* a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent
13. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
14. awkward g__t *n.* a person's manner of walking, running, or moving on foot; a particular pattern or style of movement or locomotion
15. this shift occurs spo_____sly *adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
16. Aus_____cus africanus *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
17. tune the xy_____ne *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars of different lengths that are struck with mallets to produce musical tones; a percussion instrument that is commonly used in orchestras, bands, and music ensembles

ANSWERS: 10. humanlike, 11. bonobo, 12. flake, 13. flourish, 14. gait, 15. spontaneously, 16. Australopithecus, 17. xylophone

18. le____n of business phrases *n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
19. issue a w__t *n.* a written legal order or command
20. pe___c pain *adj.* of or relating to the pelvis, the lower part of the trunk of the human body, between the hips
21. sc____r paper *v.* (noun, usually "scissors") a cutting instrument consisting of a pair of metal blades; to cut or clip something with scissors; to move or position two things that cross each other like a pair of scissors
22. first-person na____or *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
23. shepherd's h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
24. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
25. w__p nest *n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
26. 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; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married

ANSWERS: 18. lexicon, 19. writ, 20. pelvic, 21. scissor, 22. narrator, 23. hut, 24. rot, 25. wasp, 26. groom

27. st____ng therapy *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
28. begin to r_t *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
29. im____e painting styles *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
30. at the height of pu____y. *n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
31. a featherless bi__d *n.* an animal with two feet
32. en____le the waist *v.* to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely
33. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
34. en____le the lake *v.* to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely
35. 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: 27. stimming, 28. rot, 29. imitate, 30. puberty, 31. biped, 32. encircle, 33. ancestor, 34. encircle, 35. Australopithecus

36. recover spo_____sly after five days *adv.* in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
37. ch__k on a blackboard *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
38. ca____re story *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
39. fl____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
40. ent_____lly applauded *adv.* in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval
41. 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
42. 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
43. autistic st____ng *n.* a behavior often exhibited by individuals on the autism spectrum characterized by repetitive bodily movements or sounds, such as hand flapping or rocking, often used as a form of self-regulation or sensory stimulation
44. s__n an audience *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

ANSWERS: 36. spontaneously, 37. chalk, 38. campfire, 39. flourish, 40. enthusiastically, 41. ape, 42. ape, 43. stimming, 44. stun

45. the onset of pu____y *n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
46. w__p sting *n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
47. brisk g__t *n.* a person's manner of walking, running, or moving on foot; a particular pattern or style of movement or locomotion
48. gr__m a horse *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; (noun, also "bridegroom") a man who is about to be married or has recently been married
49. s__n fish *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
50. hu_____ke behavior *adj.* resembling or having characteristics of a human, such as in appearance or behavior
51. faint res_____ce *n.* similarity in appearance or exterior or superficial details
52. blues ha_____ca *n.* (also known as "mouth organ" or "harp") a small, handheld musical instrument consisting of a series of metal reeds, which produce musical sounds when air is blown or drawn through them by the player's breath

ANSWERS: 45. puberty, 46. wasp, 47. gait, 48. groom, 49. stun, 50. humanlike, 51. resemblance, 52. harmonica

53. chi_____ee behavior *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
54. chi_____ee society *n.* a small, very intelligent ape found in west and central Africa with black or brown fur
55. fishing h_t *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
56. xy_____ne music *n.* a musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars of different lengths that are struck with mallets to produce musical tones; a percussion instrument that is commonly used in orchestras, bands, and music ensembles
57. ega_____an society *adj.* relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class
58. musical ha_____ca *n.* (also known as "mouth organ" or "harp") a small, handheld musical instrument consisting of a series of metal reeds, which produce musical sounds when air is blown or drawn through them by the player's breath
59. t_g at his hand *v.* to pull something quickly and hard, often several times
60. fl_____r the host *v.* to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely

ANSWERS: 53. chimpanzee, 54. chimpanzee, 55. hut, 56. xylophone, 57. egalitarian, 58. harmonica, 59. tug, 60. flatter

61. co____e the scope of use *v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something
62. im____e animal sounds *v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
63. pe____c exam *adj.* of or relating to the pelvis, the lower part of the trunk of the human body, between the hips
64. made a great ma____er *n.* a motion or combination of moves that requires skill and care; a clever strategy, activity, or movement intended to give someone an advantage
65. si__e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
66. vo____ze his belief *v.* to express something such as feelings or ideas in words
67. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
68. kitchen sc____rs *v.* (noun, usually "scissors") a cutting instrument consisting of a pair of metal blades; to cut or clip something with scissors; to move or position two things that cross each other like a pair of scissors
69. em____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
70. vo____ze long input text *v.* to express something such as feelings or ideas in words

ANSWERS: 61. confine, 62. imitate, 63. pelvic, 64. maneuver, 65. singe, 66. vocalize, 67. ancestor, 68. scissor, 69. empathy, 70. vocalize

71. discuss ent_____lly *adv.* in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval
72. the na_____or of the TV program *n.* a person who tells a story, especially in a book or film
73. fl_____r his superiors *v.* to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely
74. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
75. fl__e graphite *n.* a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent
76. si__e off the hair over the flames *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
77. bi__d robot *n.* an animal with two feet
78. a piece of ch__k *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

ANSWERS: 71. enthusiastically, 72. narrator, 73. flatter, 74. empathy, 75. flake, 76. singe, 77. biped, 78. chalk

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The _____ sanctuary is dedicated to protecting and rehabilitating these endangered primates.
 - n.* a species of great ape that is native to the Congo Basin in Africa, known for its intelligence, social behavior, and peaceful temperament
2. A giant _____ flew into the room, and everyone panicked.
 - n.* a flying insect with a narrow waist and a sting, typically feeding on nectar and known for its aggressive behavior towards other insects and animals
3. The study participants _____ participated in the discussion, showing genuine interest.
 - adv.* in a way that shows intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval
4. 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
5. She found a paint _____ on the wall and realized it was time to repaint the room.
 - n.* a small, thin piece or layer of something, often with a flat or irregular shape; a person who is unreliable or inconsistent
6. This bilingual _____ was essential for his language improvement.
 - n.* all the words and phrases of a particular language or branch of knowledge, such as nautical or medical
7. The animal was _____ in a small cage.
 - v.* to restrict the movement of someone or something

ANSWERS: 1. bonobo, 2. wasp, 3. enthusiastically, 4. apes, 5. flake, 6. lexicon, 7. confined

8. She managed to _____ her boss into giving her a promotion.
- v.* to praise or compliment someone insincerely or excessively to gain favor or manipulate them; to make someone feel pleased or proud by praising or complimenting them, often genuinely
9. The older woman's _____ was slow and unsteady.
- n.* a person's manner of walking, running, or moving on foot; a particular pattern or style of movement or locomotion
10. He was served with a _____ of eviction, giving him the notice to vacate the property.
- n.* a written legal order or command
11. In this culture, men are initiated when they reach _____.
- n.* the process of a person's physical changes through which their sexual organs develop and become capable of reproduction
12. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.
- v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
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14. Autistic children may engage in _____ behaviors, such as rocking or hand flapping, to self-regulate.
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ANSWERS: 8. flatter, 9. gait, 10. writ, 11. puberty, 12. singed, 13. chalk, 14. stimming

15. We sat around the _____ and told stories late into the night.
- n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
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- v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
17. City residents continue to _____ their discontent.
- v.* to express something such as feelings or ideas in words
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- v.* to copy the speech, behavior, appearance, etc. of someone or something
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22. 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

ANSWERS: 15. campfire, 16. rot, 17. vocalize, 18. imitated, 19. chimpanzee, 20. maneuver, 21. groom, 22. pelvic

23. The little girl lived in a small ____ in the woods with her family.
n. a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
24. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
25. The electrical cord _____ combusted.
adv. in a way that is natural, not planned or forced, and often sudden
26. This movie ____ at everyone's heartstrings.
v. to pull something quickly and hard, often several times
27. _____ fossils have been found in Eastern and Southern Africa.
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v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

ANSWERS: 23. hut, 24. ancestor, 25. spontaneously, 26. tugs, 27. Australopithecus, 28. scissor, 29. narrator, 30. flourished

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n. a musical instrument consisting of a series of wooden bars of different lengths that are struck with mallets to produce musical tones; a percussion instrument that is commonly used in orchestras, bands, and music ensembles
35. The _____ player entertained the crowd at the park with his soulful melodies.
n. (also known as "mouth organ" or "harp") a small, handheld musical instrument consisting of a series of metal reeds, which produce musical sounds when air is blown or drawn through them by the player's breath
36. _____ walking encouraged the further evolution of humankind.
n. an animal with two feet
37. _____ is also necessary to understand history.
n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

ANSWERS: 31. resemblance, 32. stunned, 33. humanlike, 34. xylophone, 35. harmonica, 36. Biped, 37. Empathy

38. The company prides itself on being an _____ workplace with equal employment opportunities.

adj. relating to or characterized by the belief in the equal rights, opportunities, and treatment of all people, regardless of their race, gender, or social class

39. The castle walls _____ the entire village for protection.

v. to form a circle or ring around something or someone; to surround or encompass something or someone completely

ANSWERS: 38. egalitarian, 39. encircled