

GENERAL VOCABULARY WORDS

1. skepticism - doubt
2. pundits - experts
3. unprecedented – first time, unparalleled
4. fortuitous – unexpected, accidental
5. charismatic – captivating, charming
6. adulation – praise, respect
7. acerbic – sharp, cutting
8. tenure - term
9. acumen – wisdom, expertise
10. myriad – many, countless
11. synchronously – happening at the same time
12. communally – together, collectively
13. proliferation – multiplying, increasing
14. emaciated – thin, wasted, skinny
15. exsanguinating – losing blood
16. unfettered – free, unrestrained
17. mediates - referees
18. extirpated – eliminate, crush
19. felid - cat
20. auspices – helps, supports
21. inconceivable - unthinkable
22. intrinsic – basic, core
23. monotonous – repetitive
24. ameliorated – bettered, upgraded
25. intrinsically – essentially, basically
26. perpetuate – prolong, maintain
27. nattering – chatter, gossip
28. obfuscated – confused, cloudy
29. paradigm – model, pattern, example
30. nomadic – roaming, wandering
31. coalitions – partnerships, alliances
32. nonchalance – indifference, calmness
33. doubleton – two
34. consorts – groups, partners
35. proliferation – spread, multiplying
36. unabashed – bold, brash
37. happenstance – change, luck
38. inevitable – unavoidable, certain

SCIENCE WORDS

1. inbred – breeding of two closely related animals
2. congenital – from birth
3. population diversity – refers to many non-related animals in a breeding pool
4. savannah – grassland or prairie
5. fauna - animals
6. rinderpest – highly infectious disease, primarily in cattle (now eradicated)
7. ungulate – animal group that includes horse, cows, camels, giraffes, deer, hippopotamuses
8. prides – a family group of lions
9. estrus – sexual cycle in female animals
10. population bottleneck – sharp reduction in the size of a population due to environmental events
11. caldera – a large, basin like depression caused from an explosion or the collapse of the center of a volcano
12. plague – epidemic, disease
13. outbred – the breeding of unrelated genetic animals
14. restriction fragment length polymorphism – an analysis of DNA to show paternity, genetic disorders and risk for disease
15. endemic – widespread, common
16. testosterone – the principle male sex hormone that plays a key role in development of male characteristics such as body mass, muscle and growth of body hair.
17. malformed – deformed, abnormal
18. infraorbital foramen – an opening in the bottom of the eye socket
19. fecundity – ability to reproduce