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Explanations

1. The horse hurt one of its _____ in the race.
✓ **C) hooves**
Horses have hard feet called **hooves** (singular **hoof**). **Claws** and **paws** belong to animals like cats and dogs, and **heels** are part of the human foot.

2. A _____ of sheep crossed in front of our car and blocked the road.
✓ **C) flock**
A group of sheep (or birds) is a **flock**. Not **pack**, because that word is used for dogs and wolves.

3. The wild animal _____ savagely at the piece of meat.
✓ **D) tore**
Tear at something means to pull it violently into pieces, often with teeth or claws. **Tore** is the past tense: **The lion tore at the meat. Eat** is the wrong tense, and we don't say **eat at** here.

4. Modern farm animals are the result of centuries of selective _____.
✓ **A) breeding**
Selective breeding is a fixed phrase: farmers choose which animals produce young so that useful qualities are passed on. **Cultivation** is used for plants, and **mating** or **reproduction** don't combine with **selective** in this sense.

5. The koala bear's _____ consists almost entirely of eucalyptus leaves and shoots.
✓ **A) diet**
An animal's **diet** is the food it usually eats: **A koala's diet is mostly eucalyptus leaves.** Not **nutrition** or **nourishment**, which mean the goodness that food gives you, not the type of food eaten.

6. He was _____ by a bee when he went too close to the hive.
✓ **C) stung**
Bees, wasps and scorpions **sting** (past participle **stung**). Dogs and snakes **bite**, so **bitten** is wrong for a bee.

7. A leopard has spots and a tiger has _____.
✓ **C) stripes**
A tiger's coat has long dark lines called **stripes**. Be careful: **strips** are long narrow pieces of material, such as **strips of paper**.

8. A good hen _____ six or seven eggs a week.
✓ **A) lays**
Birds **lay** eggs: **The hen lays an egg every day.** Not **lies**, because **lie** means to be in a flat position and does not take an object.

9. The children went to the zoo and saw the monkeys in their _____.
✓ **B) cages**
In a zoo, animals such as monkeys are often kept in **cages**, places with bars or wire. A **den** is a wild animal's home, such as a fox's den, and **boxes** are used to carry things, not to keep monkeys at a zoo.

10. One of the tigers has got _____! Warn everyone of the danger!
✓ **B) loose**
Get loose means to escape and be free: **The dog got loose and ran away.** Not **escaped**, because we say **has escaped**, not **has got escaped**.

11. The elephant fell into the _____ the hunters had set for it.
✓ **B) trap**
A **trap** is something used to catch an animal, and we say **set a trap**. A **trail** is a path, and a **trip** is a journey.

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