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Explanations

1. _____ of cattle graze fertile plains.
✔ **B) Herds**
A group of cattle, sheep or goats is a **herd**. Not **flocks**, which we use for birds and sheep, and not **swarms**, which we use for insects such as bees.

2. Cattle and chickens are _____ animals.
✔ **B) farm**
Animals kept on a farm for meat, milk or eggs are **farm animals**. Not **pet**, because pets live in the house with people, like cats and dogs.

3. The tiger had very sharp _____.
✔ **A) claws**
Claws are the sharp, curved nails on an animal's feet. A tiger uses its claws to catch and hold its food. **Paws** are the whole feet, and **hooves** belong to horses and cows.

4. The lioness lay in wait for her _____.
✔ **B) prey**
Prey is an animal that another animal hunts and kills for food: **The lion caught its prey.** Not **game**, which means wild animals that people hunt for sport or food.

5. When he was exploring the forest, he was bitten by a _____.
✔ **C) snake**
A **snake** can bite, and some snakes are dangerous. Frogs, rabbits and worms don't usually bite people.

6. High in the sky, a _____ of birds was flying southward.
✔ **C) flock**
A group of birds flying together is a **flock**: **a flock of geese**. Not **swarm**, which we use for insects such as bees.

7. The horses have returned to their _____ after the morning exercise.
✔ **D) stables**
A **stable** is a building where horses are kept. A **kennel** is for dogs, and a **shed** is a small building for storing tools.

8. The magpie pecked hard at the ground with its _____ to get at the worms.
✔ **A) beak**
A bird's hard, pointed mouth is called a **beak**. Birds peck with their beaks. Birds don't have **lips** or **fangs**.

9. A great _____ of bees settled on our apple tree during a storm.
✔ **D) swarm**
A large group of flying insects, especially bees, is a **swarm**. Not **flock**, which is for birds and sheep.

10. The blue, yellow and green of the bird's splendid winter _____ stood out against the background of snow.
✔ **D) plumage**
Plumage means all the feathers that cover a bird: **the peacock's bright plumage**. Not **feather**, which is only one, and not **coat**, which is used for animals with fur.

11. Most animals in captivity have to be fed and _____ at least twice a day.
✔ **D) watered**
To **water** an animal means to give it water to drink. **Fed and watered** is a common pair. Not **drunk**: we drink, but we don't 'drink' an animal.

12. Be careful! There's a wasps' nest. Don't _____ it.
✔ **B) disturb**
To **disturb** something means to touch or move it so that it is no longer calm or quiet. If you disturb a wasps' nest, the wasps may sting you. Not **interfere**, which needs **with** (**interfere with**).

13. The zoo attendant opened the cage and tried to _____ the animal back in.
✔ **A) coax**
To **coax** means to gently and patiently persuade a person or animal to do something: **She coaxed the cat out from under the bed.** Not **convince** or **induce**, which are used for people and ideas, not for moving an animal.

14. The deer in the National Park are so accustomed to being fed by visitors that they are quite _____.
✔ **C) tame**
Tame describes a wild animal that is not afraid of people. The deer are fed by visitors, so they have become tame. Not **domestic**, which describes animals kept on farms or as pets.

15. Most _____ birds are more brilliantly coloured than the females.
✔ **B) male**
For animals we use **male** and **female**: **a male lion**. **Masculine** describes qualities of men, not animals, and **husband** is only for people.

16. Many people think it is wrong to put animals behind _____.
✔ **A) bars**
Behind bars means in a cage or in prison. **Bars** are the metal rods of a cage. Here it means keeping animals in cages.

17. The noise of my footsteps _____ the deer and it ran away.
✔ **D) startled**
To **startle** means to surprise and frighten someone suddenly, so that they jump or run away. The deer ran away, so it was **startled**. Not **shocked**, which is used for upsetting news, not for a sudden noise.

18. Wild ducks always fly in a "V" _____.
✔ **B) formation**
A **formation** is the pattern that a group of birds, planes or soldiers makes as they move together: **The ducks fly in a V formation.** Not **figure** or **formula**: these words do not describe the pattern of a moving group.

19. You will not find kangaroos anywhere else on _____ but in Australia.
✔ **A) earth**
On earth means in the whole world. We say **on earth** but **in the world**, so **world** doesn't fit after **on**.

20. Children easily learn to distinguish elephants from other animals because of their long _____.
✔ **D) trunks**
An elephant's long nose is called a **trunk**. Not **snouts**, which are the noses of animals like pigs.

21. The ant is a very industrious _____.
✔ **D) insect**
An ant is an **insect**: a small creature with six legs. **Industrious** means hard-working. Not **mammal**, because mammals, like dogs and cows, have hair and feed their babies with milk.

22. A horse gets rid of _____ by flicking its tail.
✔ **C) flies**
Flies are small flying insects that annoy horses and cows. A horse moves its tail quickly to send them away.

23. Visitors to the zoo are asked not to _____ the lions.
✔ **D) tease**
To **tease** an animal means to annoy it on purpose, for example by making noises or pretending to give it food. Not **nag**, which means to keep complaining to a person.

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