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Session 1: Word List

Mediterranean

n. the sea encircled by southern Europe, northern Africa, and western Asia

(1) **Mediterranean** agriculture, (2) **Mediterranean** climate
They plan to take a **Mediterranean** cruise.

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries
The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

(1) **scatter** seeds, (2) **scatter** around the internet
The hunter's approach **scattered** the geese.

domesticate

v. to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

(1) easy to **domesticate**, (2) **domesticate** the plant
We **domesticate** cows to gain milk and meat.

millet

n. a tiny seed of any of several annual cereal types of grass used as food, mainly to manufacture flour and to feed birds and animals

(1) increasing **millet** harvests, (2) cooking **millet**
The primary crop harvested during autumn is **millet**.

sorghum

n. a type of grain grown in tropical countries

(1) **sorghum** grain, (2) seeds of **sorghum**

Sorghum is an important food grain in this country.

diffuse

adj. spread out widely; not concentrated in one place

(1) **diffuse** bleeding, (2) **diffuse** cloud

Direct lighting is preferable to **diffuse** lighting when reading.

receptive

adj. willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions

(1) **receptive** audience, (2) **receptive** to change

The voters appeared to be **receptive** to his new ideas.

importation

n. the commercial activity of buying and bringing in goods from a foreign country

(1) illegal **importation**, (2) **importation** certificate

His clothing is a recent **importation** from France.

invade

v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation

(1) **invade** other tissues, (2) **invade** his privacy

I have no intention to **invade** your privacy.

chariot

n. a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing

(1) **chariot** builder, (2) **chariot** race

The ancient Romans enjoyed spectating **chariot** races.

traverse

v. to cross or move through a land or water area

(1) **traverse** the region, (2) **traverse** a vast extent of sea

Approximately 1000 automobiles **traverse** the bridge every day.

savannah

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

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

The birds live in tropical forests, **savannahs**, and arid semi-desert environments.

cavalry

n. a highly mobile army unit
(1) troop of **cavalry**, (2) superbly trained **cavalry**
The **cavalry** regrouped and launched another attack.

carve

v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
(1) **carve** a statue, (2) **carve** my name on the plate
This statue is **carved** from a single tree trunk.

finality

n. the fact of being conclusive or settled
(1) reach **finality**, (2) say with **finality**
Cutting down trees leads to a terrible **finality**.

cheaply

adv. in a stingy or inexpensive manner
(1) **cheaply** available, (2) buy stock **cheaply**
You can live very **cheaply** in Southeast Asia.

metallurgy

n. a branch of materials science and engineering that stands at metals' physical and chemical properties, their compounds with other metals, and their mixtures, called alloys.
(1) nickel **metallurgy**, (2) welding **metallurgy**
He taught engineering and **metallurgy** classes.

penetrate

v. to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance
(1) **penetrate** a cell, (2) **penetrate** quickly into the skin
Western ideology slowly **penetrates** through the eastern countries.

blacksmith

n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
(1) **blacksmith** welding, (2) **blacksmith** shop
The **blacksmith** shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.

functionary

n. a worker who has official duties

(1) top government **functionary**, (2) public **functionary**
The title of official **functionary** is often meaningless for citizens.

hoe *n.* a garden tool with a flat blade attached at right angles to a long handle
(1) garden **hoe**, (2) weeding **hoe**
She purchased a **hoe** and a sickle for a backyard vegetable garden.

ingenious *adj.* showing inventiveness and ability or skill
(1) **ingenious** device, (2) **ingenious** idea
I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so **ingenious**.

desiccate *v.* to remove moisture and liquids from something thoroughly
(1) **desiccate** food, (2) **desiccated** milk
The bricks were **desiccated** by the hot air completely.

archaeology *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
(1) the institute of **archaeology**, (2) prehistoric **archaeology**
She teaches **archaeology** at the local university.

conquer *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) to **conquer** the world
You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. re_____ve audience | <i>adj.</i> willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions |
| 2. de_____te food | <i>v.</i> to remove moisture and liquids from something thoroughly |
| 3. de_____ted milk | <i>v.</i> to remove moisture and liquids from something thoroughly |
| 4. seeds of so_____m | <i>n.</i> a type of grain grown in tropical countries |
| 5. re_____ve to change | <i>adj.</i> willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions |
| 6. weeding h_e | <i>n.</i> a garden tool with a flat blade attached at right angles to a long handle |
| 7. reach fi_____ty | <i>n.</i> the fact of being conclusive or settled |
| 8. welding met_____gy | <i>n.</i> a branch of materials science and engineering that stands at metals' physical and chemical properties, their compounds with other metals, and their mixtures, called alloys. |
| 9. Med_____ean agriculture | <i>n.</i> the sea encircled by southern Europe, northern Africa, and western Asia |
| 10. buy stock ch_____y | <i>adv.</i> in a stingy or inexpensive manner |
| 11. easy to dom_____te | <i>v.</i> to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company |
| 12. top government fun_____ry | <i>n.</i> a worker who has official duties |

ANSWERS: 1. receptive, 2. desiccate, 3. desiccate, 4. sorghum, 5. receptive, 6. hoe, 7. finality, 8. metallurgy, 9. Mediterranean, 10. cheaply, 11. domesticate, 12. functionary

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| 13. in_____us device | <i>adj.</i> showing inventiveness and ability or skill |
| 14. co_____r fatal disease | <i>v.</i> to bring under control by force or authority |
| 15. Med_____ean climate | <i>n.</i> the sea encircled by southern Europe, northern Africa, and western Asia |
| 16. dom_____te the plant | <i>v.</i> to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company |
| 17. garden h_e | <i>n.</i> a garden tool with a flat blade attached at right angles to a long handle |
| 18. increasing mi____t harvests | <i>n.</i> a tiny seed of any of several annual cereal types of grass used as food, mainly to manufacture flour and to feed birds and animals |
| 19. nickel met_____gy | <i>n.</i> a branch of materials science and engineering that studies metals' physical and chemical properties, their compounds with other metals, and their mixtures, called alloys. |
| 20. in____e other tissues | <i>v.</i> to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation |
| 21. sub_____an countries | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert |
| 22. in____e his privacy | <i>v.</i> to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation |
| 23. pe_____te quickly into the skin | <i>v.</i> to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance |

ANSWERS: 13. ingenious, 14. conquer, 15. Mediterranean, 16. domesticate, 17. hoe, 18. millet, 19. metallurgy, 20. invade, 21. sub-Saharan, 22. invade, 23. penetrate

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| 24. sc_____r seeds | <i>v.</i> | to cause to separate and go in different directions |
| 25. ca__e my name on the plate | <i>v.</i> | to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply |
| 26. public fun_____ry | <i>n.</i> | a worker who has official duties |
| 27. pe_____te a cell | <i>v.</i> | to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance |
| 28. bla_____th welding | <i>n.</i> | a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil |
| 29. troop of ca_____y | <i>n.</i> | a highly mobile army unit |
| 30. ch_____t builder | <i>n.</i> | a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing |
| 31. ca__e a statue | <i>v.</i> | to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply |
| 32. superbly trained ca_____y | <i>n.</i> | a highly mobile army unit |
| 33. tr_____se the region | <i>v.</i> | to cross or move through a land or water area |
| 34. illegal imp_____on | <i>n.</i> | the commercial activity of buying and bringing in goods from a foreign country |
| 35. so_____m grain | <i>n.</i> | a type of grain grown in tropical countries |
| 36. bla_____th shop | <i>n.</i> | a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil |
| 37. in_____us idea | <i>adj.</i> | showing inventiveness and ability or skill |
| 38. imp_____on certificate | <i>n.</i> | the commercial activity of buying and bringing in goods from a foreign country |

ANSWERS: 24. scatter, 25. carve, 26. functionary, 27. penetrate, 28. blacksmith, 29. cavalry, 30. chariot, 31. carve, 32. cavalry, 33. traverse, 34. importation, 35. sorghum, 36. blacksmith, 37. ingenious, 38. importation

39. sa_____ah region *n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
40. say with fi_____ty *n.* the fact of being conclusive or settled
41. sc_____r around the internet *v.* to cause to separate and go in different directions
42. prehistoric arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
43. tropical sa_____ah *n.* a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
44. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
45. tr_____se a vast extent of sea *v.* to cross or move through a land or water area
46. cooking mi_____t *n.* a tiny seed of any of several annual cereal types of grass used as food, mainly to manufacture flour and to feed birds and animals
47. ch_____t race *n.* a two-wheeled horse-drawn battle vehicle used in ancient Egypt, Greece, and Rome for warfare and racing
48. di_____e bleeding *adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place
49. di_____e cloud *adj.* spread out widely; not concentrated in one place

ANSWERS: 39. savannah, 40. finality, 41. scatter, 42. archaeology, 43. savannah, 44. sub-Saharan, 45. traverse, 46. millet, 47. chariot, 48. diffuse, 49. diffuse

50. the institute of arc_____gy *n.* the branch of anthropology that studies prehistoric people and their cultures
51. ch_____y available *adv.* in a stingy or inexpensive manner
52. to co_____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority

ANSWERS: 50. archaeology, 51. cheaply, 52. conquer

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. I always look forward to reading his stories since they're so _____.
adj. showing inventiveness and ability or skill
2. Western ideology slowly _____ through the eastern countries.
v. to pass into or through something, often by overcoming resistance
3. Direct lighting is preferable to _____ lighting when reading.
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4. We _____ cows to gain milk and meat.
v. to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
5. The hunter's approach _____ the geese.
v. to cause to separate and go in different directions
6. _____ is an important food grain in this country.
n. a type of grain grown in tropical countries
7. The coffee producers in _____ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.
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8. The voters appeared to be _____ to his new ideas.
adj. willing to listen to or accept new ideas or suggestions
9. You can live very _____ in Southeast Asia.
adv. in a stingy or inexpensive manner

ANSWERS: 1. ingenious, 2. penetrates, 3. diffuse, 4. domesticate, 5. scattered, 6. Sorghum, 7. sub-Saharan, 8. receptive, 9. cheaply

10. The _____ shaped a horseshoe on his anvil.
n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
11. The bricks were _____ by the hot air completely.
v. to remove moisture and liquids from something thoroughly
12. The birds live in tropical forests, _____ and arid semi-desert environments.
n. a mixed forest and grassland ecosystem where the trees are far enough apart that the canopy doesn't close
13. I have no intention to _____ your privacy.
v. to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
14. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.
v. to bring under control by force or authority
15. The _____ regrouped and launched another attack.
n. a highly mobile army unit
16. Approximately 1000 automobiles _____ the bridge every day.
v. to cross or move through a land or water area
17. This statue is _____ from a single tree trunk.
v. to create something by cutting wood or stone; to turn sharply
18. They plan to take a _____ cruise.
n. the sea encircled by southern Europe, northern Africa, and western Asia

ANSWERS: 10. blacksmith, 11. desiccated, 12. savannahs, 13. invade, 14. conquer, 15. cavalry, 16. traverse, 17. carved, 18. Mediterranean

19. Cutting down trees leads to a terrible _____.
- n.* the fact of being conclusive or settled
20. The primary crop harvested during autumn is _____.
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21. She teaches _____ at the local university.
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ANSWERS: 19. finality, 20. millet, 21. archaeology, 22. metallurgy, 23. functionary, 24. hoe, 25. importation, 26. chariot