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Session 1: Word List

outgrow

v. to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person

(1) **outgrow** my coat, (2) **outgrow** its usefulness

Bamboo will soon **outgrow** the other plants.

megacity

n. a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people

(1) **megacity** pollution, (2) **megacity** project

The fishing village grew rapidly into a bustling **megacity**.

congest

v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

synonym: clog, choke, crowd

(1) **congest** in a vein, (2) **congest** a highway

The roads to the airport were heavily **congested**.

pervasive

adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

synonym: extensive, ubiquitous, prevalent

(1) **pervasive** language, (2) the **pervasive** odor of garlic

Suspicion and worry were **pervasive** in our minds.

fender

n. a barrier that surrounds the wheels of a vehicle to block splashing water or mud; a cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact

synonym : cover, bumper, cushion

(1) front **fender**, (2) vehicle **fender**

He had a **fender** bender last night.

pollute

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

synonym : contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

gigaton

n. a unit of explosive energy equal to one billion tons of TNT (= a powerful, yellow explosive substance); one billion tons

(1) **gigaton-class** bomb, (2) half a **gigaton** of CO₂

The earthquake that hit the Pacific Ocean last night is said to have released about 30 **gigatons** of energy.

cofounder

n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business

(1) **cofounder** of the university, (2) late **cofounder**

He is the **cofounder** and chairman of this tech company.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym : bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

embark

v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something

synonym : enter, undertake, commence

(1) **embark** on a trip, (2) **embark** on a foolish adventure

We **embarked** on a new project.

unbanked

adj. not having a bank account or access to any financial services

(1) **unbanked** customers, (2) those who are **unbanked**
2.5 billion people in the world remain **unbanked**.

livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym: occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance
I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

prosperous

adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune

synonym: successful, thriving, affluent

(1) **prosperous** weather, (2) **prosperous** nation
The company decided to invest in a **prosperous** industry.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. in_____te the quality of his life | <i>v.</i> to introduce new methods, ideas, or products |
| 2. co_____t a highway | <i>v.</i> to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid |
| 3. pro_____us nation | <i>adj.</i> successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune |
| 4. co_____t in a vein | <i>v.</i> to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid |
| 5. me_____ty pollution | <i>n.</i> a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people |
| 6. gi_____n-class bomb | <i>n.</i> a unit of explosive energy equal to one billion tons of TNT (= a powerful, yellow explosive substance); one billion tons |
| 7. co_____er of the university | <i>n.</i> one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business |
| 8. late co_____er | <i>n.</i> one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business |
| 9. in_____te a new method | <i>v.</i> to introduce new methods, ideas, or products |
| 10. pro_____us weather | <i>adj.</i> successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune |
| 11. pe_____ve language | <i>adj.</i> spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place |
| 12. po_____e the air | <i>v.</i> to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals |

ANSWERS: 1. innovate, 2. congest, 3. prosperous, 4. congest, 5. megacity, 6. gigaton, 7. cofounder, 8. cofounder, 9. innovate, 10. prosperous, 11. pervasive, 12. pollute

13. em___k on a foolish adventure *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
14. vehicle fe___r *n.* a barrier that surrounds the wheels of a vehicle to block splashing water or mud; a cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact
15. those who are un____ed *adj.* not having a bank account or access to any financial services
16. a means of liv_____od *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
17. liv_____od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
18. the pe_____ve odor of garlic *adj.* spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place
19. half a gi_____n of CO2 *n.* a unit of explosive energy equal to one billion tons of TNT (= a powerful, yellow explosive substance); one billion tons
20. ou_____w my coat *v.* to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person
21. un_____ed customers *adj.* not having a bank account or access to any financial services
22. em___k on a trip *v.* to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
23. po_____e the thread *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

ANSWERS: 13. embark, 14. fender, 15. unbanked, 16. livelihood, 17. livelihood, 18. pervasive, 19. gigaton, 20. outgrow, 21. unbanked, 22. embark, 23. pollute

24. ou____w its usefulness

v. to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person

25. front fe____r

n. a barrier that surrounds the wheels of a vehicle to block splashing water or mud; a cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact

26. me____ty project

n. a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people

ANSWERS: 24. outgrow, 25. fender, 26. megacity

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He is the _____ and chairman of this tech company.
n. one of several people who establishes an organization or starts a business
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n. a unit of explosive energy equal to one billion tons of TNT (= a powerful, yellow explosive substance); one billion tons
3. We should do our best not to _____ the environment.
v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
4. The company decided to invest in a _____ industry.
adj. successful financially or materially; bringing success or good fortune
5. We _____ on a new project.
v. to go on board a ship or plane; to set out on an enterprise or subject of study; to start something
6. 2.5 billion people in the world remain _____.
adj. not having a bank account or access to any financial services
7. The fishing village grew rapidly into a bustling _____.
n. a huge city, especially with a population of more than 10 million people
8. Suspicion and worry were _____ in our minds.
adj. spreading or existing throughout every part of a thing or place

ANSWERS: 1. cofounder, 2. gigatons, 3. pollute, 4. prosperous, 5. embarked, 6. unbanked, 7. megacity, 8. pervasive

9. The roads to the airport were heavily _____.
- v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
10. I could no longer earn my own _____.
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11. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.
- v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
12. Bamboo will soon _____ the other plants.
- v. to grow too large for something; to grow taller or faster than another person
13. He had a _____ bender last night.
- n. a barrier that surrounds the wheels of a vehicle to block splashing water or mud; a cushion-like device that reduces shock due to an impact

ANSWERS: 9. congested, 10. livelihood, 11. innovate, 12. outgrow, 13. fender