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Session 1: Word List

mecca

n. a city and administrative center of the Mecca Province of Saudi Arabia and the holiest city in Islam

synonym : cynosure, center

(1) tourist **mecca**, (2) **mecca** for surfers

The building has become a **mecca** for fans of the movie.

astonishing

adj. surprising or shocking; difficult to believe

synonym : surprising, shocking, astounding

(1) **astonishing** achievement, (2) make **astonishing** gains

The news of her sudden death was **astonishing** to everyone who knew her.

conquer

v. to bring under control by force or authority

synonym : defeat, overpower, subdue

(1) **conquer** fatal disease, (2) **conquer** the world

You must **conquer** your anxiety about driving.

peninsula

n. a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land

synonym : cape, foreland

(1) the tip of the **peninsula**, (2) the Arab **peninsula**

That **peninsula** was an essential base for the country's defense.

caliphate

n. an Islamic state under the leadership of an Islamic steward with the title of caliph

(1) the medieval **Caliphate**, (2) **Caliphate** lasted for four years

During the **Caliphate** of Umar, many new cities were founded.

mosque

n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

flourish

v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully

synonym: boom, advance, succeed

(1) **flourish** economically, (2) **flourish** worldwide

The Ottoman Empire **flourished** for over five centuries.

fable

n. a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson

synonym: fantasy, story, legend

(1) classic **fable**, (2) moralize a **fable**

In his speech, he quoted a passage from a well-known **fable**.

Christ

n. the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym: Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

terrifying

adj. very frightening or intimidating

synonym: frightening, intimidating, alarming

(1) **terrifying** experience, (2) **terrifying** events
Large earthquakes often generate **terrifying** tsunamis.

invade

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

synonym : intrude, raid, overrun

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

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

torch

n. a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle

synonym : flashlight, lantern, flare

(1) the **torch** of learning, (2) **torch** song

She used an electric **torch** to light her way through the dark cave.

inhabitant

n. a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

synonym : dweller, occupant, resident

(1) the early **inhabitants** of Europe, (2) **inhabitant** tax

His family is the oldest **inhabitant** of the island.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym : offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

stomp

v. to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step

synonym : trample, tread, dance

(1) **stomp** off to the room, (2) **stomp** on his foot

The children **stomped** their feet in time to the music.

scientifically

adv. in a way that relates to science or is connected with science

(1) investigate **scientifically**, (2) **scientifically** explainable
The hypothesis is not yet **scientifically** proven.

Session 2: Spelling

1. sci_____lly explainable *adv.* in a way that relates to science or is connected with science
2. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
3. the tip of the pe_____la *n.* a long piece of land that is almost surrounded by water but is linked to a larger part of the land
4. to__h song *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
5. classic fa__e *n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
6. the to__h of learning *n.* a portable device that produces a flame, typically one that is used to light a fire or a candle
7. in___e his privacy *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
8. in___e other tissues *v.* to enter aggressively into another's territory by military force for conquest and occupation
9. the sacred mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
10. Ca_____te lasted for four years *n.* an Islamic state under the leadership of an Islamic steward with the title of caliph

ANSWERS: 1. scientifically, 2. grandchild, 3. peninsula, 4. torch, 5. fable, 6. torch, 7. invade, 8. invade, 9. mosque, 10. caliphate

11. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
12. fl_____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
13. before Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity
14. co_____r fatal disease *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
15. st__p off to the room *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
16. ast_____ng achievement *adj.* surprising or shocking; difficult to believe
17. co_____r the world *v.* to bring under control by force or authority
18. domed mo____e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
19. fl_____sh economically *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
20. ter_____ng experience *adj.* very frightening or intimidating
21. moralize a fa__e *n.* a short story, often with animal characters, that teaches a general truth or a moral lesson
22. teaching of Ch____t *n.* the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

ANSWERS: 11. grandchild, 12. flourish, 13. Christ, 14. conquer, 15. stomp, 16. astonishing, 17. conquer, 18. mosque, 19. flourish, 20. terrifying, 21. fable, 22. Christ

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29. investigate sci_____lly *adv.* in a way that relates to science or is connected with science
30. st__p on his foot *v.* to walk heavily and noisily, often with a rhythmical sound; to dance with a rhythmical step
31. the early inh_____nts of Europe *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place
32. inh_____nt tax *n.* a person or an animal that lives in a particular place

ANSWERS: 23. mecca, 24. peninsula, 25. astonishing, 26. terrifying, 27. mecca, 28. caliphate, 29. scientifically, 30. stomp, 31. inhabitant, 32. inhabitant

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She used an electric _____ to light her way through the dark cave.
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8. You must _____ your anxiety about driving.
v. to bring under control by force or authority

ANSWERS: 1. torch, 2. astonishing, 3. scientifically, 4. mecca, 5. stomped, 6. fable, 7. Christmas, 8. conquer

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10. That _____ was an essential base for the country's defense.
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n. a child of someone's son or daughter

ANSWERS: 9. terrifying, 10. peninsula, 11. Mosque, 12. flourished, 13. inhabitant, 14. invade, 15. Caliphate, 16. grandchild

ANSWERS: