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Session 1: Word List

hijab

n. a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck

synonym: veil, headscarf, cover

(1) woman's **hijab**, (2) **hijab** garment

Many Muslim women wear a **hijab** as a symbol of their religious beliefs.

janitor

n. a person whose job is to clean and maintain a large building, such as a school or a block of flats

synonym: keeper, guardian, custodian

(1) part-time **janitor**, (2) duty of the **janitor**

The school **janitor** was laid off.

shin

n. the front part of the leg below the knee

synonym: tibia, lower leg, front leg

(1) **shin** guard, (2) **shin** injury

The pain in his **shin** made it hard for him to walk.

freeway

n. a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways

synonym: highway, expressway, motorway

(1) **freeway** exit, (2) expanded **freeway**

We got stuck in a traffic jam on the **freeway** for over an hour.

uneaten

adj. not eaten or consumed

synonym: untouched, unconsumed

(1) a fruit left **uneaten**, (2) **uneaten** leftovers

The **uneaten** food was thrown away and wasted.

migrant

n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another

synonym: immigrant, itinerant, transient

(1) **migrant** worker, (2) the movement of **migrant** birds

The government revoked his license to employ **migrant** labor crews.

lawmaker

n. a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws

synonym: lawgiver, legislator, solon

(1) female **lawmaker**, (2) incumbent **lawmaker**

This company has increased political contributions to federal **lawmakers**.

unclaimed

adj. not claimed, taken, or retrieved by someone who has a right or interest to it; not owned or controlled by anyone or left abandoned

synonym: abandoned, unreclaimed, unowned

(1) **unclaimed** funds, (2) **unclaimed** luggage

After a certain period of time, **unclaimed** property is sold at auction.

wade

v. to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people

synonym: paddle, trudge, slosh

(1) **wade** down a street, (2) **wade** through paperwork
I had to **wade** through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

scatter

v. to cause to separate and go in different directions

synonym: disperse, spread, bestrew

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

bulletproof

adj. intended to resist bullet penetration

synonym: unassailable, impregnable

(1) **bulletproof** armor, (2) **bulletproof** vehicle
Because of the **bulletproof** vest he was wearing, the officer could escape injury.

unseen

adj. not seen or noticed; not perceived

synonym: invisible, hidden, undercover

(1) **unseen** danger, (2) an **unseen** force
The consequences of the pandemic remain **unseen** as scientists continue to research the virus.

caseworker

n. a social worker or other professionals who provides assistance and guidance to individuals or families who are dealing with various issues, such as poverty, healthcare, mental health, or legal problems

synonym: social worker, case manager, counselor

(1) child's **caseworker**, (2) experienced **caseworker**
The professional **caseworker** provided emotional support and counseling to the client as they worked through challenging life circumstances

streamline

v. to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps

synonym: simplify, optimize, make more efficient

(1) **streamline** administrative activities, (2) **streamline** workflow

The government plans to **streamline** the tax collection process to make it more efficient.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym: outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

audacious

adj. showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

synonym: bold, daring, fearless

(1) **audacious** stunt, (2) **audacious** decision

The young entrepreneur had an **audacious** plan to start his own company.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. incumbent la____er | <i>n.</i> a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws |
| 2. hi__b garment | <i>n.</i> a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck |
| 3. co____e fantasy with reality | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 4. str_____ne administrative activities | <i>v.</i> to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps |
| 5. female la____er | <i>n.</i> a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws |
| 6. the movement of mi____t birds | <i>n.</i> a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another |
| 7. co____e the listener | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 8. experienced cas_____er | <i>n.</i> a social worker or other professionals who provides assistance and guidance to individuals or families who are dealing with various issues, such as poverty, healthcare, mental health, or legal problems |
| 9. sc____r seeds | <i>v.</i> to cause to separate and go in different directions |

ANSWERS: 1. lawmaker, 2. hijab, 3. confuse, 4. streamline, 5. lawmaker, 6. migrant, 7. confuse, 8. caseworker, 9. scatter

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| 10. woman's hi__b | <i>n.</i> a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck |
| 11. s__n injury | <i>n.</i> the front part of the leg below the knee |
| 12. str_____ne workflow | <i>v.</i> to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps |
| 13. un_____ed luggage | <i>adj.</i> not claimed, taken, or retrieved by someone who has a right or interest to it; not owned or controlled by anyone or left abandoned |
| 14. expanded fr_____y | <i>n.</i> a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways |
| 15. part-time ja_____r | <i>n.</i> a person whose job is to clean and maintain a large building, such as a school or a block of flats |
| 16. flu pa_____ic | <i>n.</i> an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area |
| 17. an un_____n force | <i>adj.</i> not seen or noticed; not perceived |
| 18. au_____us decision | <i>adj.</i> showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness |
| 19. un_____n danger | <i>adj.</i> not seen or noticed; not perceived |
| 20. bul_____of vehicle | <i>adj.</i> intended to resist bullet penetration |
| 21. a fruit left un_____n | <i>adj.</i> not eaten or consumed |

ANSWERS: 10. hijab, 11. shin, 12. streamline, 13. unclaimed, 14. freeway, 15. janitor, 16. pandemic, 17. unseen, 18. audacious, 19. unseen, 20. bulletproof, 21. uneaten

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| 22. un_____ed funds | <i>adj.</i> not claimed, taken, or retrieved by someone who has a right or interest to it; not owned or controlled by anyone or left abandoned |
| 23. mi_____t worker | <i>n.</i> a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another |
| 24. w__e through paperwork | <i>v.</i> to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people |
| 25. au_____us stunt | <i>adj.</i> showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness |
| 26. un_____n leftovers | <i>adj.</i> not eaten or consumed |
| 27. duty of the ja_____r | <i>n.</i> a person whose job is to clean and maintain a large building, such as a school or a block of flats |
| 28. global pa_____ic | <i>n.</i> an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area |
| 29. child's cas_____er | <i>n.</i> a social worker or other professionals who provides assistance and guidance to individuals or families who are dealing with various issues, such as poverty, healthcare, mental health, or legal problems |

ANSWERS: 22. unclaimed, 23. migrant, 24. wade, 25. audacious, 26. uneaten, 27. janitor, 28. pandemic, 29. caseworker

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| 30. fr____y exit | <i>n.</i> a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways |
| 31. sc____r around the internet | <i>v.</i> to cause to separate and go in different directions |
| 32. s__n guard | <i>n.</i> the front part of the leg below the knee |
| 33. w__e down a street | <i>v.</i> to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people |
| 34. bul_____of armor | <i>adj.</i> intended to resist bullet penetration |

ANSWERS: 30. freeway, 31. scatter, 32. shin, 33. wade, 34. bulletproof

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The professional _____ provided emotional support and counseling to the client as they worked through challenging life circumstances
 - n.* a social worker or other professionals who provides assistance and guidance to individuals or families who are dealing with various issues, such as poverty, healthcare, mental health, or legal problems
2. This company has increased political contributions to federal _____.
 - n.* a politician or legislator who is responsible for making and changing laws
3. Many Muslim women wear a _____ as a symbol of their religious beliefs.
 - n.* a headscarf traditionally worn by Muslim women to cover their hair and neck
4. The consequences of the pandemic remain _____ as scientists continue to research the virus.
 - adj.* not seen or noticed; not perceived
5. Her remarks _____ the debate.
 - v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
6. Because of the _____ vest he was wearing, the officer could escape injury.
 - adj.* intended to resist bullet penetration
7. The young entrepreneur had an _____ plan to start his own company.
 - adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness

ANSWERS: 1. caseworker, 2. lawmakers, 3. hijab, 4. unseen, 5. confused, 6. bulletproof, 7. audacious

8. We got stuck in a traffic jam on the _____ for over an hour.
n. a major highway designed for high-speed traffic, with no stoplights or grade crossings and having interchanges or access roads to other highways
9. The _____ food was thrown away and wasted.
adj. not eaten or consumed
10. After a certain period of time, _____ property is sold at auction.
adj. not claimed, taken, or retrieved by someone who has a right or interest to it; not owned or controlled by anyone or left abandoned
11. The hunter's approach _____ the geese.
v. to cause to separate and go in different directions
12. The school _____ was laid off.
n. a person whose job is to clean and maintain a large building, such as a school or a block of flats
13. The government revoked his license to employ _____ labor crews.
n. a traveler who moves from one region or country to another, especially to find work or better living conditions; a bird or an animal that moves from one place to another
14. They fear a _____ of a new type of virus.
n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
15. The government plans to _____ the tax collection process to make it more efficient.
v. to simplify or make more efficient by eliminating unnecessary parts or steps

ANSWERS: 8. freeway, 9. uneaten, 10. unclaimed, 11. scattered, 12. janitor, 13. migrant, 14. pandemic, 15. streamline

16. I had to _____ through the knee-deep water to get to the other side of the river.

- v.* to walk through water that is not deep enough to swim in; to struggle or proceed slowly and laboriously through something, such as a difficult situation or a crowd of people

17. The pain in his _____ made it hard for him to walk.

- n.* the front part of the leg below the knee

ANSWERS: 16. wade, 17. shin