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Session 1: Word List

smallholding

n. a small farm or estate that the owner or family typically works; often used to describe a farm that is smaller than a standard agricultural unit

synonym: small farm, homestead, mini ranch

(1) **smallholding** farm, (2) **smallholding** agriculture

The farmer's **smallholding** was enough to grow and sell vegetables for their family at the local market.

hectare

n. a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters

(1) **hectare** land, (2) housing per **hectare**

The farm spans over 100 **hectares** of land.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym: incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

microcredit

n. small loans, typically less than \$50,000, given to individuals or groups, particularly those who lack access to traditional banking services, to start or expand small businesses or other income-generating activities

synonym: microfinance, microloan, small loan

(1) **microcredit** lender, (2) **microcredit** program

The government has established a **microcredit** scheme to stimulate entrepreneurship and create job opportunities.

tempting

adj. likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe

synonym: alluring, attractive, inviting

(1) **tempting** offer, (2) sound very **tempting**

The chocolate cake was too **tempting** for me to resist.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym: robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

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.

overwhelm

v. to defeat someone or something by using a great deal of force; to have a strong emotional effect on somebody

synonym: conquer, crush, dominate

(1) he was **overwhelmed** with gratitude, (2) **overwhelm** opponents by numbers

Too much variety may **overwhelm** and confuse viewers.

plow

n. a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn

over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops

synonym : plough, cultivator, hoe

(1) **plow** equipment, (2) deeply **plow** the soil

The farmer tied the yoke oxen to the **plow**.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym : spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym : application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

cadence

n. the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something

synonym : rhythm, flow, beat

(1) **cadence** of footsteps, (2) regular **cadence**

The singer's voice had a beautiful **cadence**, and I couldn't help but sway to the rhythm.

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. bankrupt cr_____or | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 2. deeply p__w the soil | <i>n.</i> a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops |
| 3. the cr_____or's claims | <i>n.</i> a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money |
| 4. housing per he_____e | <i>n.</i> a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters |
| 5. sma_____ne addict | <i>n.</i> a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet |
| 6. the pa_____x of the heap | <i>n.</i> a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange; |
| 7. French pa_____x | <i>n.</i> a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange; |
| 8. sound very te_____ng | <i>adj.</i> likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe |
| 9. sma_____ing farm | <i>n.</i> a small farm or estate that the owner or family typically works; often used to describe a farm that is smaller than a standard agricultural unit |

ANSWERS: 1. creditor, 2. plow, 3. creditor, 4. hectare, 5. smartphone, 6. paradox, 7. paradox, 8. tempting, 9. smallholding

10. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
11. au_____us decision *adj.* showing a willingness to take bold risks or to do something that is considered unconventional or daring; marked by originality, creativity, or boldness
12. te_____ng offer *adj.* likely to attract or persuade someone to do something, especially something that may not be wise or safe
13. regular ca_____e *n.* the rhythmic flow or pattern of sounds or words, especially in relation to music or speech; the rhythmic or periodic movement or progression of something
14. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
15. mic_____it lender *n.* small loans, typically less than \$50,000, given to individuals or groups, particularly those who lack access to traditional banking services, to start or expand small businesses or other income-generating activities
16. p__w equipment *n.* a farming implement used for breaking up and turning over the soil, especially before planting; (verb) to turn over and break up the soil in preparation for planting crops
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ANSWERS: 10. improvisation, 11. audacious, 12. tempting, 13. cadence, 14. resilient, 15. microcredit, 16. plow, 17. microcredit

18. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
19. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC
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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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