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Session 1: Word List

mussel

n. a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible

synonym: clam, oyster, bivalve

(1) **mussel** shells, (2) **mussel** cultivation

I ordered the **mussels** in a white wine sauce for dinner.

oyster

n. a bivalve mollusk with a rough irregular shell, often eaten raw or cooked, and sometimes used as a pearl-producing animal or a source of mother-of-pearl

synonym: shellfish, clam, mussel

(1) **oyster** shell, (2) **oyster** farm

I ordered a dozen **oysters** as an appetizer at the seafood restaurant.

formaldehyde

n. a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products

synonym: methanal

(1) **formaldehyde** solution, (2) **formaldehyde** odor

Exposure to high levels of **formaldehyde** can irritate the eyes, nose, and throat, as well as respiratory problems and cancer.

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.

afterthought

n. a thought or idea that comes to mind after the fact, often too late to be of much use; something that is added or considered belatedly, especially in speech or writing

synonym: reconsideration, second thought, reconsideration

(1) **afterthought** comment, (2) an **afterthought** decision

Forgetting to mention our meeting was just an **afterthought** for him.

livestream

n. a real-time video or audio broadcast of an event, performance, or activity that is encoded and distributed over the Internet, usually through dedicated apps or websites, allowing distributed viewers to watch it remotely

synonym: webcast, stream, broadcast

(1) **livestream** tutorial, (2) **livestream** concert

We watched the concert **livestream** since we couldn't attend in person.

chili

n. a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers

synonym: capsicum, pepper

(1) **chili** sauce, (2) red **chili** powder

I love making a big pot of **chili** on a cold winter day.

matriarch

n. a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group

synonym: leader, head, founder

(1) ruled by a **matriarch**, (2) **matriarch** figure

The **matriarch** of the family was known for her wisdom and

guidance.

sift

v. to put flour, sugar, etc. through a sieve (= a utensil consisting of a wire or plastic mesh in a frame) to remove lumps or large particles

synonym: filter, go through, sieve

(1) **sift** the candidates, (2) **sift** sand

The search engine helps **sift** information.

entrepreneurship

n. the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

synonym: self-employment, risk-taking

(1) **entrepreneurship** culture, (2) embody

entrepreneurship

The government is investing in programs to support **entrepreneurship** and small business development.

biometric

adj. relating to the measurement and analysis of unique physical or behavioral characteristics of an individual, such as fingerprints or voice patterns, often used for identification or security purposes; (noun, biometrics) the use of measurable biological characteristics or traits, such as fingerprints, facial recognition, iris scans, or voice recognition, to identify or authenticate individuals

(1) **biometric** recognition, (2) **biometrics** for visitors

The new smartphone has **biometric** authentication, such as facial recognition and fingerprint scanning.

blockchain

n. a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked

(1) **blockchain** platform, (2) the scalability of **blockchain**

Cryptocurrencies are only one form of implementation of **blockchain** technology.

soybean

n. a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food

products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications

synonym : soya, edamame

(1) **soybean** oil, (2) **soybean** production

The farmer harvested his **soybean** crop and took it to market.

hog

n. a domesticated pig or swine; a selfish or greedy person who keeps or takes more than their fair share of something; (verb) to take or use more than one's fair share of something, often to the detriment of others

synonym : pig, swine, boar

(1) **hog** farming, (2) **hog** all the glory

The farmer raised his **hogs** for meat and sold them at a local market.

intersect

v. to meet or cross one another

synonym : cross, bisect, cut

(1) **intersect** at a point, (2) railways **intersect** the country

Her multidisciplinary works **intersect** music and picture with writing.

steward

n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

synonym : caretaker, manager, custodian

(1) **steward** duties, (2) **steward** service

The **steward** on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

livable

adj. capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation

synonym : habitable, comfortable, pleasant

(1) **livable** city, (2) **livable** housing

Finding a safe and **livable** neighborhood is important when

looking for a new place to live.

urbanite

n. a person who lives in a city or densely populated area and is accustomed to its culture, lifestyle, or amenities

synonym: city dweller, metropolitan, urban resident

(1) **urbanite** lifestyle, (2) **urbanite** population

The **urbanite's** fashion sense was always on point, reflecting the latest trends.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

synonym: resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

paddy

n. a flooded field where rice is grown, also known as a rice paddy; rice that is still in its husk, harvested from marshy fields called paddies, usually in Asia

synonym: rice field, wetland

(1) **paddy** farming, (2) **paddy** production

The sight of the **paddy** fields swaying in the wind was breathtaking.

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.

helm

n. the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat

synonym: steering, control, direction

(1) **helm** of a ship, (2) steer the **helm**

The ship's captain took the **helm** and charted a course through the stormy waters.

humility

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

synonym: humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

regenerate

v. to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful

synonym: renew, revive, improve

(1) **regenerate** bone tissue, (2) a **regenerate** sinner

The new CEO's primary mission is to **regenerate** the company on the verge of bankruptcy.

Session 2: Spelling

1. bla_____th shop
n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
2. li_____e city
adj. capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
3. aft_____ght comment
n. a thought or idea that comes to mind after the fact, often too late to be of much use; something that is added or considered belatedly, especially in speech or writing
4. local vi_____er
n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
5. fl_____sh economically
v. to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
6. bla_____th welding
n. a smith who forges and shapes iron with a hammer and anvil
7. ma_____ch figure
n. a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
8. vi_____er community
n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
9. bi_____ics for visitors
adj. relating to the measurement and analysis of unique physical or behavioral characteristics of an individual, such as fingerprints or voice patterns, often used for identification or security purposes; (noun, biometrics) the use of measurable biological characteristics or traits, such as fingerprints, facial recognition, iris scans, or voice recognition, to identify or authenticate individuals

ANSWERS: 1. blacksmith, 2. livable, 3. afterthought, 4. villager, 5. flourish, 6. blacksmith, 7. matriarch, 8. villager, 9. biometric

10. develop an attitude of hu____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
11. steer the h__m *n.* the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat
12. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
13. red ch__i powder *n.* a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers
14. ch__i sauce *n.* a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers
15. lack of hu____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
16. oy____r shell *n.* a bivalve mollusk with a rough irregular shell, often eaten raw or cooked, and sometimes used as a pearl-producing animal or a source of mother-of-pearl
17. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 10. humility, 11. helm, 12. rev, 13. chili, 14. chili, 15. humility, 16. oyster, 17. rev

18. st____d service *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
19. st____d duties *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
20. fl____sh worldwide *v.* to grow or develop vigorously or successfully
21. for____yde solution *n.* a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products
22. reg____te bone tissue *v.* to improve or renew an area, institution, system, etc., especially by making it more active or successful
23. oy____r farm *n.* a bivalve mollusk with a rough irregular shell, often eaten raw or cooked, and sometimes used as a pearl-producing animal or a source of mother-of-pearl
24. liv____am concert *n.* a real-time video or audio broadcast of an event, performance, or activity that is encoded and distributed over the Internet, usually through dedicated apps or websites, allowing distributed viewers to watch it remotely

ANSWERS: 18. steward, 19. steward, 20. flourish, 21. formaldehyde, 22. regenerate, 23. oyster, 24. livestream

25. blo_____in platform *n.* a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked
26. the scalability of blo_____in *n.* a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked
27. ur_____te lifestyle *n.* a person who lives in a city or densely populated area and is accustomed to its culture, lifestyle, or amenities
28. so_____n oil *n.* a legume crop widely cultivated for its nutritious seeds, often ground into meal or pressed into oil for food products, with other uses including animal feed, fuel, and industrial applications
29. railways in_____ct the country *v.* to meet or cross one another
30. s__t the candidates *v.* to put flour, sugar, etc. through a sieve (= a utensil consisting of a wire or plastic mesh in a frame) to remove lumps or large particles
31. mu___l shells *n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
32. ent_____hip culture *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one

ANSWERS: 25. blockchain, 26. blockchain, 27. urbanite, 28. soybean, 29. intersect, 30. sift, 31. mussel, 32. entrepreneurship

33. for_____yde odor *n.* a colorless, flammable liquid with a strong, pungent smell used as a preservative and in the manufacture of various products
34. ruled by a ma_____ch *n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
35. mu___l cultivation *n.* a type of shellfish that lives in freshwater or saltwater has a hard, elongated shell and is edible
36. h__m of a ship *n.* the wheel or other mechanism used to steer a ship or boat; the person in control or command of a ship or boat
37. embody ent_____hip *n.* the process or skill of starting and running a business, particularly a new and innovative one
38. bi_____ic recognition *adj.* relating to the measurement and analysis of unique physical or behavioral characteristics of an individual, such as fingerprints or voice patterns, often used for identification or security purposes; (noun, biometrics) the use of measurable biological characteristics or traits, such as fingerprints, facial recognition, iris scans, or voice recognition, to identify or authenticate individuals
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ANSWERS: 33. formaldehyde, 34. matriarch, 35. mussel, 36. helm, 37. entrepreneurship, 38. biometric, 39. afterthought

40. h_g all the glory *n.* a domesticated pig or swine; a selfish or greedy person who keeps or takes more than their fair share of something; (verb) to take or use more than one's fair share of something, often to the detriment of others
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44. pa__y farming *n.* a flooded field where rice is grown, also known as a rice paddy; rice that is still in its husk, harvested from marshy fields called paddies, usually in Asia
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46. li_____e housing *adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
47. s__t sand *v.* to put flour, sugar, etc. through a sieve (= a utensil consisting of a wire or plastic mesh in a frame) to remove lumps or large particles

ANSWERS: 40. hog, 41. livestream, 42. urbanite, 43. regenerate, 44. paddy, 45. intersect, 46. livable, 47. sift

48. h_g farming *n.* a domesticated pig or swine; a selfish or greedy person who keeps or takes more than their fair share of something; (verb) to take or use more than one's fair share of something, often to the detriment of others
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ANSWERS: 48. hog, 49. paddy, 50. soybean

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 1. paddy, 2. soybean, 3. entrepreneurship, 4. matriarch, 5. hogs, 6. regenerate

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