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Session 1: Word List

floe

 a sheet of floating ice detached from a larger glacier or ice sheet

synonym: iceberg, ice pack

(1) floating floe, (2) melting floe

The ship had to navigate around a large ice **floe** in the Arctic Ocean.

arctic

adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

synonym: cold, frozen, polar

(1) arctic ice, (2) high arctic

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.

coexist

v. to live or exist together at the same time in the same place

synonym: cohabit, accompany, synchronize

(1) **coexist** with nature, (2) **coexist** with diversity

The different species can **coexist** in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym: vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

conserve

v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

synonym: preserve, save, maintain

(1) means to **conserve** energy, (2) **conserve** coal resources

Children must be taught to **conserve** our natural environment.

coastline

n. the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea

synonym: shoreline, seashore, beach

(1) **coastline** erosion, (2) deeply indented **coastline**The new resort was built along the **coastline**, offering stunning ocean views from every room.

carnivore

 an animal that primarily eats meat as opposed to plant matter

synonym: predator, meat-eater, hunter

(1) carnivore diet, (2) hungry carnivore

A lion is a typical **carnivore**, as they mainly eat meat.

nuance

 a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

synonym: shading, refinement, subtlety

(1) rich in **nuance**, (2) subtle cultural **nuance**The painter has tried to express every **nuance** of the woman's expression in his work.

hurdle

n. a barrier or obstacle that must be overcomesynonym: obstacle, barrier, challenge

(1) overcome hurdles, (2) hurdle race

The company faced several hurdles in the development of its

new product.

charismatic

adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

synonym: mesmerizing, alluring, captivating

(1) **charismatic** chairman, (2) **charismatic** personality He was a **charismatic** leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

megafauna

blubber

 a term used to describe large animals that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, such as mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed tigers, and that are now extinct

synonym: large animals, large mammals

- (1) **megafauna** extinction, (2) **megafauna** fossils Many prehistoric **megafaunas**, such as mammoths and saber-toothed tigers, are now extinct.
- v. to speak or cry in a way that is noisy, emotional, and often difficult to understand; to sob or weep uncontrollably; (noun) a thick layer of fat that lies under the skin of marine mammals such as whales, seals, and walruses

synonym: snivel, blub, weep

(1) **blubber** uncontrollably, (2) seal **blubber**The child began to **blubber** when he dropped his ice cream cone.

sneak

v. to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily

synonym: creep, tiptoe, smuggle

(1) **sneak** a cigarette, (2) **sneak** out of danger The children tried to **sneak** out and eat the candy.

unsuspecting

adj. unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious synonym: unaware, unassuming, gullible

(1) unsuspecting boys and girls, (2) unsuspecting victim

The thief stole the wallet from the unsuspecting tourist.

sustenance

n. food and drink that living things need to nourish their body

synonym: nourishment, livelihood, nutrition

(1) scanty **sustenance**, (2) **sustenance** allowance A regular job is often a spiritual **sustenance**.

omelet

n. a dish made from beaten eggs that are often mixed with other ingredients, such as vegetables, cheese, or ham, and then cooked in a pan

synonym: omelette, frittata, scramble

(1) omelet recipe, (2) spinach omelet

I had an **omelet** with cheese and mushrooms for breakfast this morning.

crowberry

- a small, dark berry that grows on low shrubs in arctic and alpine regions and is used for food and medicine
- (1) crowberry juice, (2) pick crowberry

The tart flavor of **crowberry** makes them a popular ingredient in jams and jellies.

tundra

- n. a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozensynonym: arctic plain, permafrost, polar desert
- (1) the Siberian tundra, (2) tundra biome
 The Arctic tundra is a vast and desolate landscape with few signs of life.

proclaim

- v. to announce or state something publicly and forcefully synonym: announce, declare, trumpet
- (1) proclaim victory, (2) proclaim law

The leader **proclaimed** a state of emergency in the country.

grandparent

- n. a parent of one's father or mother
- (1) great- grandparent, (2) person of grandparent age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym: famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

cub

 a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy

synonym: young, male child, boy

(1) a tiger cub, (2) the arrival of a cub

The **cub** reporter covered the murder case for the first time.

ploy

a strategic maneuver or tactic used to gain an advantage; a cunning plan or scheme

synonym: tactic, maneuver, strategy

(1) clever ploy, (2) marketing ploy

The thief's **ploy** to distract the security guard worked perfectly.

hotline

n. a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance

synonym: helpline, emergency line, crisis line

(1) hotline number, (2) automated hotline

The emergency **hotline** is available 24/7 for people in need of immediate assistance.

keystone

n. the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place

synonym: linchpin, mainstay, cornerstone

(1) **keystone** for success, (2) the **keystone** of campaign reform

The **keystone** of the arch held the structure together.

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unsurprising

adj. not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted

synonym: predictable, expected, foreseeable

(1) **unsurprising** success, (2) **unsurprising** result The **unsurprising** outcome of the election was a victory for the incumbent candidate.

munchies

 a mild feeling of hunger or desire for a snack, often experienced between meals or late at night; small items of food

synonym: snacks, nibbles, appetizers

- (1) late-night munchies, (2) satisfy the munchiesI stocked up on all my favorite munchies before settling in for a long movie marathon.
- v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym: perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to rot, (2) rot with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will rot.

pylon

a tall, vertical structure used to support cables or wires,
 typically made of metal or concrete

synonym: tower, pillar, column

(1) **pylon** installation, (2) engine **pylon**

The transmission of electricity over long distances often requires the use of **pylons** to maintain the electrical cables.

subadult

 adj. referring to an animal or person that is not fully mature or developed but has not yet reached adulthood, typically used to describe a stage of development between juvenile and adult

synonym: adolescent, juvenile, immature

(1) subadult male, (2) subadult behavior

The **subadult** elephant was still too young to mate and reproduce.

rot

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burr

 a rough, prickly particle or piece, often found on the surface of certain plants and materials; a humming or buzzing sound, usually produced by an engine or machine

synonym: spike, thorn, prickle

(1) annoying burr, (2) hair burr

I had to remove the **burr** from my sweater before wearing it.

relocate

v. to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there

synonym: emigrate, resettle, migrate

(1) **relocate** a company, (2) **relocate** with a new job The university **relocated** to campuses several miles away.

intercept

v. to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

synonym: ambush, block, prevent

(1) **intercept** an enemy force, (2) **intercept** X rays It is illegal to **intercept** police radio.

dumpster

- a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck
- (1) **dumpster** diving, (2) empty the **dumpster**The employee found \$100 in the **dumpster** behind the store.

deterrent

 n. something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle

synonym: hindrance, obstacle, impediment

(1) criminal **deterrent**, (2) nuclear **deterrent**The threat of punishment serves as a **deterrent** for many people who might consider committing a crime.

flare

v. to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface

synonym:

blaze, ignite, light up

flare up into a major crisis, (2) the flare of a match
 The Sun flared and caused a sudden brightening in the sky.

optimism

a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

drastic

adj. radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact

synonym: extreme, fierce, radical

(1) **drastic** measures, (2) make **drastic** revision

The global community is undergoing **drastic** changes at present.

antidote

 a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

synonym: remedy, treatment, restorative

(1) the **antidote** to the poison, (2) the **antidote** for aging Knowledge is the **antidote** to fear.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ar__c ice

2. re___te a company

apex pr____or

4. uns____ing success

5. engine py__n

6. late-night mu____es

7. rich in nu e

8. satisfy the mu___es

9. annoying b r

adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

v. to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there

an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

adj. not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted

 a tall, vertical structure used to support cables or wires, typically made of metal or concrete

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 a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.

 a mild feeling of hunger or desire for a snack, often experienced between meals or late at night; small items of food

n. a rough, prickly particle or piece, often found on the surface of certain plants and materials; a humming or buzzing sound, usually produced by an engine or machine

ANSWERS: 1. arctic, 2. relocate, 3. predator, 4. unsurprising, 5. pylon, 6. munchies, 7. nuance, 8. munchies, 9. burr

10.	great-grant	n.	a parent of one's father or mother
11.	scanty susce	n.	food and drink that living things need to nourish their body
12.	susce allowance	<i>n</i> .	food and drink that living things need to nourish their body
13.	duer diving	n.	a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck
14.	rete with a new job	<i>v</i> .	to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
15.	cot with diversity	<i>v</i> .	to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
16.	r_t with age	<i>v</i> .	to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
17.	sult male	adj.	referring to an animal or person that is not fully mature or developed but has not yet reached adulthood, typically used to describe a stage of development between juvenile and adult
18.	mena fossils	n.	a term used to describe large animals that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, such as mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed tigers, and that are now extinct
19.	the ante to the poison	n.	a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

ANSWERS: 10. grandparent, 11. sustenance, 12. sustenance, 13. dumpster, 14. relocate, 15. coexist, 16. rot, 17. subadult, 18. megafauna, 19. antidote

20. marketing py	n.	a strategic maneuver or tactic used to gain an advantage; a cunning plan or scheme
21. snk out of danger	v.	to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
22. ste to death	v.	to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance
23. unsing result	adj.	not surprising, and what was expected; able to be predicted
24. snk a cigarette	v.	to go somewhere, or take someone or something somewhere secretly or stealthily; to steal or do something secretly or stealthily
25. prim law	ν.	to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
26. drc measures	adj.	radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
27. spinach omt	n.	a dish made from beaten eggs that are often mixed with other ingredients, such as vegetables, cheese, or ham, and then cooked in a pan
28. hungry care	n.	an animal that primarily eats meat as opposed to plant matter
29. pick crry	n.	a small, dark berry that grows on low shrubs in arctic and alpine regions and is used for food and medicine

ANSWERS: 20. ploy, 21. sneak, 22. starve, 23. unsurprising, 24. sneak, 25. proclaim, 26. drastic, 27. omelet, 28. carnivore, 29. crowberry

30.	fle up into a major crisis	ν.	to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface
31.	criminal dent	n.	something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle
32.	unsing victim	adj.	unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
33.	the kene of campaign reform	<i>n</i> .	the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place
34.	the arrival of a c_b	n.	a young of certain carnivorous mammals such as lion, bear, wolf, etc.; an awkward, rude, and inexperienced boy
35.	make drc revision	adj.	radical and extreme; likely to have a significant or far-reaching impact
36.	crry juice	n.	a small, dark berry that grows on low shrubs in arctic and alpine regions and is used for food and medicine
37.	means to cove energy	v.	to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
38.	sexual prors	n.	an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
39.	kene for success	n.	the central stone at the top of an arch, which holds all other stones in place

ANSWERS: 30. flare, 31. deterrent, 32. unsuspecting, 33. keystone, 34. cub, 35. drastic, 36. crowberry, 37. conserve, 38. predator, 39. keystone

40.	clever py	n.	a strategic maneuver or tactic used to gain an advantage; a cunning plan or scheme
41.	overcome hues	n.	a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
42.	hoe number	n.	a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance
43.	prim victory	ν.	to announce or state something publicly and forcefully
44.	empty the duer	n.	a large, commercial trash receptacle designed to be emptied mechanically by a garbage truck
45.	tua biome	n.	a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen
46.	hair br	n.	a rough, prickly particle or piece, often found on the surface of certain plants and materials; a humming or buzzing sound, usually produced by an engine or machine
47.	cot with nature	ν.	to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
48.	person of grant age	n.	a parent of one's father or mother
49.	floating fe	n.	a sheet of floating ice detached from a larger glacier or ice sheet
50.	inpt X rays	<i>v</i> .	to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from

ANSWERS: 40. ploy, 41. hurdle, 42. hotline, 43. proclaim, 44. dumpster, 45. tundra, 46. burr, 47. coexist, 48. grandparent, 49. floe, 50. intercept

continuing to a destination

51. hu e race a barrier or obstacle that must be n. overcome a vast, treeless, and typically frozen 52. the Siberian tu___a plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen a sheet of floating ice detached from a 53. melting f e n. larger glacier or ice sheet 54. cha____ic chairman adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others 55. sense of op___sm a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation to decay, or cause something to decay, 56. begin to r t ν. naturally and gradually 57. ca re diet an animal that primarily eats meat as n. opposed to plant matter 58. py n installation a tall, vertical structure used to support n. cables or wires, typically made of metal or concrete 59. om___t recipe a dish made from beaten eggs that are n. often mixed with other ingredients, such as vegetables, cheese, or ham, and then cooked in a pan 60. me____na extinction a term used to describe large animals that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, such as mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed tigers, and that are now

ANSWERS: 51. hurdle, 52. tundra, 53. floe, 54. charismatic, 55. optimism, 56. rot, 57. carnivore, 58. pylon, 59. omelet, 60. megafauna

extinct

61.	high arc	adj.	of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold
62.	cone erosion	n.	the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea
63.	unsing boys and girls	adj.	unaware of the presence of danger; not suspicious
64.	subtle cultural nue	n.	a subtle or slight degree of difference in appearance, meaning, sound, someone's feeling, etc.
65.	chaic personality	adj.	having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
66.	the fle of a match	ν.	to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface
67.	nuclear dent	n.	something that prevents or discourages someone from doing something or taking a particular action; a hindrance or obstacle
68.	deeply indented cone	n.	the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea
69.	the ante for aging	n.	a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

ANSWERS: 61. arctic, 62. coastline, 63. unsuspecting, 64. nuance, 65. charismatic, 66. flare, 67. deterrent, 68. coastline, 69. antidote

74. in____pt an enemy force

75. automated ho____e

 to stop and catch someone or something to prevent them from continuing to a destination

a telephone line that provides immediate emergency or special assistance

ANSWERS: 70. subadult, 71. cub, 72. blubber, 73. blubber, 74. intercept, 75. hotline

- 76. political op___sm
- 77. st__e for a victory
- 78. co____ve coal resources

- a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
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- v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

ANSWERS: 76. optimism, 77. starve, 78. conserve

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	The Sun and caused a sudden brightening in the sky.
ν.	to burn brightly with a sudden, intense burst of flame or light; (noun) a sudden and brief burst of bright flame or light; a sudden and intense burst of radiation from the Sun's surface
2.	The company faced several in the development of its new product.
n.	a barrier or obstacle that must be overcome
3.	A lion is a typical as they mainly eat meat.
n.	an animal that primarily eats meat as opposed to plant matter
4.	The different species can in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.
ν.	to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
5.	The thief's to distract the security guard worked perfectly.
n.	a strategic maneuver or tactic used to gain an advantage; a cunning plan or scheme
6.	The new resort was built along the offering stunning ocean views from every room.
n.	the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea
7.	I stocked up on all my favorite before settling in for a long movie marathon.
n.	a mild feeling of hunger or desire for a snack, often experienced between meals or late at night; small items of food
	SWERS: 1. flared, 2. hurdles, 3. carnivore, 4. coexist, 5. ploy, 6. coastline, 7. nchies

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39. She was them.	close to her paternal	and often spent summers with	

ANSWERS: 39. grandparents

a parent of one's father or mother