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Session 1: Word List

canyon

n. a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

synonym: gorge, valley, ravine

(1) twisty **canyon** road, (2) **canyon** of skyscrapers

The Grand **Canyon** has an awe-inspiring sight.

repel

v. to force an attack or attacker to withdraw or retreat

synonym: turn away, fight off, force back

(1) **repel** bandits, (2) **repel** bad luck

This material can **repel** moisture swiftly.

stumble

v. to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily

synonym: bumble, struggle, misstep

(1) **stumble** financially, (2) **stumble** through life

She **stumbled** over the tree root.

plummet

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

synonym: drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing

concern for investors.

savior

n. a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth

synonym: hero, rescuer, redeemer

(1) political **savior**, (2) pray to the **savior**

The guru of that religion thought of himself as a **savior**.

arid

adj. lacking in moisture or rainfall; dry and barren; lacking in interest, life, or vitality

synonym: dry, parched, barren

(1) **arid** terrain, (2) semi- **arid** zone

The desert is known for its **arid** climate and lack of rainfall.

divert

v. to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose

synonym: distract, redirect, sidetrack

(1) **divert** attention, (2) **divert** an assault

Due to the road construction, we had to **divert** our course to get to the restaurant.

erratic

adj. characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality

synonym: unpredictable, irregular, unstable

(1) **erratic** behavior, (2) **erratic** movements

The stock market has been behaving in an **erratic** manner, making it difficult for investors to predict future trends.

unreliable

adj. not able to be trusted or depended on

synonym: inconsistent, erratic, undependable

(1) prove **unreliable**, (2) **unreliable** source of information

By incorrect assumption, statistics can be notoriously

unreliable.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym : diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

reclamation

n. the process of restoring or reclaiming something, particularly land or resources that have been damaged or depleted; the act of obtaining or recovering something that was lost or taken away

synonym : recovery, reutilization, restoration

(1) **reclamation** district, (2) coastal **reclamation**

The **reclamation** of the wetlands allowed for the restoration of the natural ecosystem.

swoop

v. to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon

synonym : dart, pounce

(1) **swoop** down the water slide, (2) **swoop** up the escalator

The eagle **swooped** down from the sky to catch its prey.

hydroelectric

adj. relating to the generation of electricity from water power, usually by using turbines or generators powered by falling or flowing water; utilizing the energy of water to generate electricity

synonym : water-powered, turbine, dam-generated

(1) **hydroelectric** stations, (2) **hydroelectric** dam

The town decided to convert its power source to **hydroelectric** energy.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

gorge

n. a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it

synonym: canyon, gully, ravine

(1) cast the **gorge**, (2) the **gorges** of the Yangtse River

We must pass through the narrow **gorge** with a stream running through it.

oncoming

adj. approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer

synonym: approaching, incoming, imminent

(1) **oncoming** traffic, (2) **oncoming** disaster

The driver had to swerve to avoid an **oncoming** car that veered into his lane.

makeshift

adj. serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised

synonym: improvised, temporary, ad-hoc

(1) **makeshift** shelter, (2) a **makeshift** solution

The team set up a **makeshift** tent for shelter during the storm.

encampment

n. a temporary or semi-permanent settlement, especially a group of tents or other shelters used for lodging or military purposes

synonym: campsite, bivouac, settlement

(1) military **encampment**, (2) temporary **encampment**

The **encampment** of soldiers in the field was a temporary arrangement.

heatstroke

n. a serious and potentially life-threatening condition caused by prolonged exposure to high temperatures, which symptoms include high body temperature, rapid

heartbeat, and confusion or loss of consciousness

synonym : heat exhaustion, hyperthermia, sunstroke

(1) **heatstroke** symptoms, (2) **heatstroke** prevention

The hiker experienced a severe **heatstroke** after hiking in the desert for several hours without enough water.

boulder

n. a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion

synonym : rock, stone, clump

(1) **boulder** field, (2) lava **boulder**

The hikers had to climb over a **boulder** that was blocking their path.

reroute

v. to redirect or change the course or direction of something

synonym : redirect, divert, detour

(1) **reroute** traffic, (2) **reroute** path

Due to the traffic, the delivery truck had to **reroute** to avoid the congested roads.

grueling

adj. extremely tiring or demanding great effort, especially with long duration or intensity

synonym : exhausting, draining, demanding

(1) **grueling** process, (2) a **grueling** campaign

The marathon was a **grueling** test of endurance.

succumb

v. to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury

synonym : surrender, break down, die

(1) **succumb** to cancer, (2) **succumb** to old age

He finally **succumbed** to temptation.

scorch

v. to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame

synonym : char, burn, singe

(1) **scorch** your clothes, (2) careful not to **scorch**
The sun **scorched** the desert, making it uninhabitable.

foreman

n. a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court

synonym: supervisor, manager, overseer

(1) **foreman** position, (2) **foreman** duties

The **foreman** on the construction site is responsible for overseeing the workers and ensuring that the project is completed on time.

descend

v. to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

synonym: dip, drop, come down

(1) **descend** a steep hill, (2) **descend** by elevator

She was **descended** from an old Italian noble family.

rubble

n. fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed

synonym: debris, ruins, wreckage

(1) clear away **rubble**, (2) **rubble-strewn** road

After the earthquake, the city was left in a pile of **rubble**.

jackhammer

n. a powerful mechanical tool used to break up pavement, concrete, or other hard materials, typically used in construction or demolition projects

synonym: pneumatic hammer, hammer drill

(1) handheld **jackhammer**, (2) loud **jackhammer** noise

The operator of the **jackhammer** wears noise-canceling headphones to protect their ears.

dynamite

n. a powerful explosive made from nitroglycerin, typically used in construction and mining; something that causes

strong, sudden reactions or changes

synonym: explosives, blasting powder, TNT

(1) **dynamite-powered** engine, (2) **dynamite** fishing

The sound of the **dynamite** explosion could be heard for miles.

acrobatic

adj. relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful

synonym: nimble, agile, flexible

(1) **acrobatic** leaps, (2) **acrobatic** skills

The **acrobatic** performance was breathtaking and left the audience in awe.

defy

v. to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.

synonym: challenge, resist, disobey

(1) **defy** gravity, (2) **defy** authority

She tried to **defy** her parents by moving to the city against their wishes.

glamorous

adj. highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people

synonym: alluring, bewitching, enchanting

(1) **glamorous** movie stars, (2) cast **glamorous** eyes

The south coast is less **glamorous** yet has many clean and appealing hotels.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym: surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

interlocking

adj. fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole

synonym: connected, linked, joined

(1) **interlocking** braid, (2) **interlocking** mechanism

The **interlocking** puzzle pieces were difficult to separate.

human-made

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

synonym: artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst

human-made disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym: demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

monumental

adj. great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive

synonym: massive, awesome, enormous

(1) **monumental** task, (2) **monumental** sculpture

Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's **monumental** contributions to physics.

Session 2: Spelling

1. lava bo____r *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
2. re____e traffic *v.* to redirect or change the course or direction of something
3. a ma_____ft solution *adj.* serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised
4. on____ng disaster *adj.* approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer
5. a gr____ng campaign *adj.* extremely tiring or demanding great effort, especially with long duration or intensity
6. bo____r field *n.* a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
7. hea_____ke prevention *n.* a serious and potentially life-threatening condition caused by prolonged exposure to high temperatures, which symptoms include high body temperature, rapid heartbeat, and confusion or loss of consciousness
8. d__y authority *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
9. p__e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

ANSWERS: 1. boulder, 2. reroute, 3. makeshift, 4. oncoming, 5. grueling, 6. boulder, 7. heatstroke, 8. defy, 9. pave

10. cast the go__e *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
11. pl____t against other major currencies *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
12. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
13. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
14. sw__p up the escalator *v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
15. di___t an assault *v.* to change the course or direction of something, often away from a specific path or target; to entertain or amuse someone, often to distract them from a problem or concern; to appropriate something for a different purpose
16. coastal rec_____on *n.* the process of restoring or reclaiming something, particularly land or resources that have been damaged or depleted; the act of obtaining or recovering something that was lost or taken away
17. su_____b to old age *v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury

ANSWERS: 10. gorge, 11. plummet, 12. determinant, 13. electrify, 14. swoop, 15. divert, 16. reclamation, 17. succumb

18. ma_____ft shelter *adj.* serving as a temporary substitute or solution; improvised
19. on_____ng traffic *adj.* approaching or moving toward a particular person or place; relating to something that is coming toward the observer
20. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
21. fo_____n duties *n.* a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court
22. int_____ing mechanism *adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole
23. handheld jac_____er *n.* a powerful mechanical tool used to break up pavement, concrete, or other hard materials, typically used in construction or demolition projects
24. careful not to sc____h *v.* to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
25. st_____e financially *v.* to miss a step and fall or nearly fall; to walk unsteadily
26. mon_____al sculpture *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
27. a__d terrain *adj.* lacking in moisture or rainfall; dry and barren; lacking in interest, life, or vitality

ANSWERS: 18. makeshift, 19. oncoming, 20. devastate, 21. foreman, 22. interlocking, 23. jackhammer, 24. scorch, 25. stumble, 26. monumental, 27. arid

28. d__y gravity *v.* to challenge or dare someone to do something; to resist or disobey a rule, decision, etc.
29. mon_____al task *adj.* great in importance or influence, size, extent, or solidity; massive
30. re__l bad luck *v.* to force an attack or attacker to withdraw or retreat
31. dy_____te fishing *n.* a powerful explosive made from nitroglycerin, typically used in construction and mining; something that causes strong, sudden reactions or changes
32. unr_____le source of information *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
33. int_____ing braid *adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole
34. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
35. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
36. the go__es of the Yangtse River *n.* a deep narrow valley between hills or mountains, usually with steep sides and a river running through it
37. er_____c movements *adj.* characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality
38. military enc_____nt *n.* a temporary or semi-permanent settlement, especially a group of tents or other shelters used for lodging or military purposes

ANSWERS: 28. defy, 29. monumental, 30. repel, 31. dynamite, 32. unreliable, 33. interlocking, 34. determinant, 35. industrious, 36. gorge, 37. erratic, 38. encampment

39. su____b to cancer *v.* to fail to oppose something, such as desire, pressure, or some other opposing force; to die or suffer badly from the effect of a disease or injury
40. pray to the sa____r *n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
41. re__l bandits *v.* to force an attack or attacker to withdraw or retreat
42. rec_____on district *n.* the process of restoring or reclaiming something, particularly land or resources that have been damaged or depleted; the act of obtaining or recovering something that was lost or taken away
43. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
44. ca____n of skyscrapers *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river
45. hyd_____ric stations *adj.* relating to the generation of electricity from water power, usually by using turbines or generators powered by falling or flowing water; utilizing the energy of water to generate electricity
46. gl_____us movie stars *adj.* highly attractive and exciting, and different from ordinary things or people
47. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

ANSWERS: 39. succumb, 40. savior, 41. repel, 42. reclamation, 43. industrious, 44. canyon, 45. hydroelectric, 46. glamorous, 47. devastate

48. sc___h your clothes *v.* to burn the surface of something, usually accidentally, with a hot iron or flame
49. er_____c behavior *adj.* characterized by lack of consistency, regularity, or predictable behavior; unpredictable or inconsistent in movement, behavior, or quality
50. loud jac_____er noise *n.* a powerful mechanical tool used to break up pavement, concrete, or other hard materials, typically used in construction or demolition projects
51. ru___e-strewn road *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
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53. political sa___r *n.* a person who rescues a people from harm or danger; (in Christianity) Jesus Christ who is a teacher and prophet born in Bethlehem and active in Nazareth
54. hyd_____ric dam *adj.* relating to the generation of electricity from water power, usually by using turbines or generators powered by falling or flowing water; utilizing the energy of water to generate electricity

ANSWERS: 48. scorch, 49. erratic, 50. jackhammer, 51. rubble, 52. electrify, 53. savior, 54. hydroelectric

64. fo_____n position *n.* a person in charge of a group of workers, typically in a factory, construction site, or other industrial settings; a juror who presides over jury deliberations and speaks for the group in court
65. prove unr_____le *adj.* not able to be trusted or depended on
66. dy_____te-powered engine *n.* a powerful explosive made from nitroglycerin, typically used in construction and mining; something that causes strong, sudden reactions or changes
67. semi-a__d zone *adj.* lacking in moisture or rainfall; dry and barren; lacking in interest, life, or vitality
68. clear away ru___e *n.* fragments of rock, stone, or other materials that remain after a building or other structure has been destroyed or demolished; the remains of something that has been broken down or destroyed
69. the worst hum_____de disaster *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
70. ac_____ic leaps *adj.* relating to or involving gymnastic or athletic feats performed with agility, balance, and coordination; agile, flexible, and graceful
71. twisty ca___n road *n.* a large deep valley with very steep sides of rock and usually formed by a river

ANSWERS: 64. foreman, 65. unreliable, 66. dynamite, 67. arid, 68. rubble, 69. human-made, 70. acrobatic, 71. canyon

72. temporary enc_____nt *n.* a temporary or semi-permanent settlement, especially a group of tents or other shelters used for lodging or military purposes
73. gr_____ng process *adj.* extremely tiring or demanding great effort, especially with long duration or intensity
74. sw__p down the water slide *v.* to rapidly or forcefully descend upon something or someone from a great height or distance; to rush or pounce upon
75. pl_____ting sales *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
76. de_____d a steep hill *v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood

ANSWERS: 72. encampment, 73. grueling, 74. swoop, 75. plummet, 76. descend

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Due to the traffic, the delivery truck had to _____ to avoid the congested roads.
v. to redirect or change the course or direction of something
2. Due to the road construction, we had to _____ our course to get to the restaurant.
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5. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
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7. The _____ on the construction site is responsible for overseeing the workers and ensuring that the project is completed on time.
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ANSWERS: 1. reroute, 2. divert, 3. Canyon, 4. interlocking, 5. industrious, 6. swooped, 7. foreman

8. The product developed through years of research continues to _____ the market.
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ANSWERS: 8. electrify, 9. unreliable, 10. rubble, 11. repel, 12. boulder, 13. paved, 14. encampment, 15. erratic

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24. Everyone, even non-scholars, knows Einstein's _____ contributions to physics.

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ANSWERS: 16. makeshift, 17. arid, 18. oncoming, 19. stumbled, 20. plummeted, 21. grueling, 22. scorched, 23. devastate, 24. monumental

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- v.* to move downward and lower; to come from, or to be connected by a relationship of blood
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- n.* a powerful mechanical tool used to break up pavement, concrete, or other hard materials, typically used in construction or demolition projects

ANSWERS: 25. defy, 26. succumbed, 27. reclamation, 28. heatstroke, 29. descended, 30. hydroelectric, 31. jackhammer

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adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

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ANSWERS: 32. human-made, 33. determinant, 34. glamorous, 35. gorge, 36. savior, 37. acrobatic, 38. dynamite