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Session 1: Word List

pristine

adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination

synonym: chaste, pure, immaculate

(1) **pristine** beach, (2) maintain the **pristine** condition

It is terrific to camp in **pristine** nature.

atoll

n. a ring-shaped coral reef or a chain of coral islands and reefs surrounding a central lagoon, typically formed by the subsidence of a volcanic island over time, leaving only the coral reefs visible above the water surface

synonym: coral reef, islet, cay

(1) coral **atoll**, (2) lagoon **atoll**

The tourists were excited to explore the remote **atoll**, which was uninhabited and untouched.

mangrove

n. a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

(1) **mangrove** forest, (2) **mangrove** swamp

The **mangrove** trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.

regrow

v. to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation

synonym : regenerate

(1) **regrow** hair, (2) **regrow** vegetation

Lizards can **regrow** their tails if they are cut off.

chant

n. a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

synonym : hymn, mantra, (verb) recite

(1) **chant** melodies, (2) **chant** in the chapel

The soccer game crowd broke into a **chant** of "Go, team, go!"

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym : obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym : forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

vow

v. to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn

synonym : promise, pledge, swear

(1) **vow** allegiance to the new king, (2) **vow** never to give up

They **vowed** to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.

tread

v. to step or walk on something

synonym : step, walk, pace

(1) **tread** water, (2) **tread** a similar path

He **treads** carefully on the slippery ice.

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. v_w never to give up | <i>v.</i> to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn |
| 2. pr____ne beach | <i>adj.</i> new and completely free from dirt or contamination |
| 3. ch__t in the chapel | <i>n.</i> a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation |
| 4. re____w hair | <i>v.</i> to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation |
| 5. an____or language | <i>n.</i> a person from whom one is descended; a forefather |
| 6. tr__d a similar path | <i>v.</i> to step or walk on something |
| 7. in____t estate | <i>v.</i> to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died |
| 8. fo_____nts in the snow | <i>n.</i> a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface |
| 9. tr__d water | <i>v.</i> to step or walk on something |
| 10. ma____ve forest | <i>n.</i> a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it |
| 11. ma____ve swamp | <i>n.</i> a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it |

ANSWERS: 1. vow, 2. pristine, 3. chant, 4. regrow, 5. ancestor, 6. tread, 7. inherit, 8. footprint, 9. tread, 10. mangrove, 11. mangrove

12. re___w vegetation *v.* to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation
13. the fo_____nts of an earlier civilization *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
14. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
15. coral at__l *n.* a ring-shaped coral reef or a chain of coral islands and reefs surrounding a central lagoon, typically formed by the subsidence of a volcanic island over time, leaving only the coral reefs visible above the water surface
16. in____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
17. v_w allegiance to the new king *v.* to make a promise or commitment, usually formal and solemn
18. ch__t melodies *n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation
19. lagoon at__l *n.* a ring-shaped coral reef or a chain of coral islands and reefs surrounding a central lagoon, typically formed by the subsidence of a volcanic island over time, leaving only the coral reefs visible above the water surface
20. maintain the pr____ne condition *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination

ANSWERS: 12. regrow, 13. footprint, 14. ancestor, 15. atoll, 16. inherit, 17. vow, 18. chant, 19. atoll, 20. pristine

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The tourists were excited to explore the remote _____ which was uninhabited and untouched.
 - n.* a ring-shaped coral reef or a chain of coral islands and reefs surrounding a central lagoon, typically formed by the subsidence of a volcanic island over time, leaving only the coral reefs visible above the water surface

2. Lizards can _____ their tails if they are cut off.
 - v.* to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation

3. The soccer game crowd broke into a _____ of "Go, team, go!"
 - n.* a simple melody or tune, typically one that is repeated or sung in a monotonous way; (verb) recite with musical intonation

4. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
 - n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

5. They _____ to love and support each other for the rest of their lives.
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6. We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon _____.
 - n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

7. The _____ trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.
 - n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

ANSWERS: 1. atoll, 2. regrow, 3. chant, 4. ancestor, 5. vowed, 6. footprint, 7. mangrove

8. He _____ carefully on the slippery ice.

v. to step or walk on something

9. After his death, his sons _____ his business.

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

10. It is terrific to camp in _____ nature.

adj. new and completely free from dirt or contamination

ANSWERS: 8. treads, 9. inherited, 10. pristine