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## Session 1: Word List

### fascinate

*v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

*synonym*: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

### urchin

*n.* a poor and mischievous young child, usually living on the street or in a disadvantaged community; a small, spiny marine animal with a round body and long, pointed spines

*synonym*: mischief, waif, guttersnipe

(1) **urchin** child, (2) street **urchin**

The young boy was an **urchin** wandering the streets without a home.

### industrialize

*v.* to organize the production of something into an industry

*synonym*: motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

## coffin

*n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin

*synonym* : casket, box, chest

(1) **coffin** lid, (2) wooden **coffin**

The priest prayed over the **coffin** before it was lowered into the ground.

## octopus

*n.* a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)

*synonym* : devilfish

(1) giant **octopus**, (2) venomous **octopus**

He experienced nausea after eating live **octopus**.

## scorpion

*n.* a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting

*synonym* : arachnid, stinger

(1) **scorpion** fish, (2) poisonous **scorpion**

The **scorpion's** venom can be lethal to humans.

## seaweed

*n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae

*synonym* : kelp, algae

(1) floating **seaweed**, (2) **seaweed** broth

She soaked **seaweed** in water until tender.

## kaleidoscope

*n.* a toy or optical instrument made up of mirrors and pieces of colored glass or plastic, which produce changing patterns and images when rotated; a constantly changing succession of different things or events

(1) **kaleidoscope** of cultures, (2) **kaleidoscope** pattern

The **kaleidoscope** of colors in the sunset was breathtaking.

## 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.

## visionary

*adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

*synonym*: prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas

The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

## tame

*v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training

*synonym*: domesticate, soften, (adjective) harmless

(1) **tame** a wild beast, (2) a **tame** animal

We have to **tame** substantial financial deficits at first.

## mammal

*n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

(1) a primitive **mammal**, (2) a sort of **mammal**

Marine **mammal** populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

## domesticate

*v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

*synonym*: tame, naturalize, cultivate

(1) easy to **domesticate**, (2) **domesticate** the plant

We **domesticate** cows to gain milk and meat.

## wildfire

*n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

*synonym*: blaze, bonfire, flame

(1) **wildfire** spread, (2) arson-caused **wildfire**

The **wildfire** destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

## grassland

*n.* a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock

*synonym* : meadow, plain, savanna

(1) endangered **grassland**, (2) vast **grassland**

Meadows and pastures are examples of smaller-scale **grasslands** in many parts of the world.

## rewild

*v.* to restore an area of land to its natural state, especially by reintroducing locally extinct species

*synonym* : restore, return, rehabilitate

(1) **rewild** land, (2) **rewild** an area

The government is considering a plan to **rewild** certain areas by reintroducing native species and removing non-native ones.

## peatland

*n.* an area covered with peat (= a partially decayed organic matter formed from plants)

*synonym* : bog, marsh, moor

(1) **peatland** ecosystem, (2) **peatland** bog

The preservation of **peatlands** is crucial in mitigating climate change, as they help regulate the Earth's temperature and reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide.

## 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.

## kelp

*n.* a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters

*synonym* : seaweed, marine algae

(1) **kelp** forest, (2) giant **kelp**

The coast was lined with beds of **kelp** swaying in the tide.

## stabilize

*v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

*synonym* :

brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels

The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

### trade-off

*n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

*synonym*: compromise, balance, exchange

(1) **trade-off** problem, (2) environmental **trade-off**

There was a **trade-off** between speed and accuracy in the task.

### subsidize

*v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially

*synonym*: finance, endow, sponsor

(1) **subsidize** the project, (2) **subsidize** the cost

Governments **subsidize** renewable energy generation in various ways.

### 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.

### pollute

*v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

*synonym*: contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

## Session 2: Spelling

1. ma\_\_\_\_ve forest *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
2. su\_\_\_\_\_ze the cost *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
3. re\_\_\_\_d land *v.* to restore an area of land to its natural state, especially by reintroducing locally extinct species
4. ind\_\_\_\_\_us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
5. t\_\_e a wild beast *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
6. wi\_\_\_\_\_re spread *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
7. ma\_\_\_\_ve swamp *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it
8. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the young *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
9. fa\_\_\_\_\_te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

ANSWERS: 1. mangrove, 2. subsidize, 3. rewild, 4. industrious, 5. tame, 6. wildfire, 7. mangrove, 8. fascinate, 9. fascinate

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|----------------------------------|-----------|---|
| 10. po_____e the air             | <i>v.</i> | to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals |
| 11. st_____ze blood sugar levels | <i>v.</i> | to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way   |
| 12. po_____e the thread          | <i>v.</i> | to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals |
| 13. floating se_____d            | <i>n.</i> | a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae   |
| 14. dom_____te the plant         | <i>v.</i> | to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company   |
| 15. tr_____ff problem            | <i>n.</i> | a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise                                 |
| 16. venomous oc_____s            | <i>n.</i> | a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)   |
| 17. wooden co_____n              | <i>n.</i> | a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin  |
| 18. giant oc_____s               | <i>n.</i> | a sea creature with a soft round body and eight long tentacles (= long parts like arms)   |
| 19. a primitive ma____l          | <i>n.</i> | any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body                           |

ANSWERS: 10. pollute, 11. stabilize, 12. pollute, 13. seaweed, 14. domesticate, 15. trade-off, 16. octopus, 17. coffin, 18. octopus, 19. mammal

20. endangered gr\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock
21. pe\_\_\_\_\_nd bog *n.* an area covered with peat (= a partially decayed organic matter formed from plants)
22. se\_\_\_\_\_d broth *n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae
23. ur\_\_\_\_n child *n.* a poor and mischievous young child, usually living on the street or in a disadvantaged community; a small, spiny marine animal with a round body and long, pointed spines
24. a sort of ma\_\_\_\_l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
25. kal\_\_\_\_\_ope pattern *n.* a toy or optical instrument made up of mirrors and pieces of colored glass or plastic, which produce changing patterns and images when rotated; a constantly changing succession of different things or events
26. st\_\_\_\_\_ze prices *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
27. easy to dom\_\_\_\_\_te *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
28. street ur\_\_\_\_n *n.* a poor and mischievous young child, usually living on the street or in a disadvantaged community; a small, spiny marine animal with a round body and long, pointed spines

ANSWERS: 20. grassland, 21. peatland, 22. seaweed, 23. urchin, 24. mammal, 25. kaleidoscope, 26. stabilize, 27. domesticate, 28. urchin



29. poisonous sc\_\_\_\_\_on *n.* a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting
30. maintain the pr\_\_\_\_\_ne condition *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination
31. ind\_\_\_\_\_ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
32. vast gr\_\_\_\_\_nd *n.* a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock
33. vi\_\_\_\_\_ry ideas *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
34. environmental tr\_\_\_\_\_ff *n.* a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise
35. su\_\_\_\_\_ze the project *v.* to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
36. vi\_\_\_\_\_ry business *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
37. k\_\_p forest *n.* a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters
38. giant k\_\_p *n.* a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters
39. pr\_\_\_\_\_ne beach *adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination

ANSWERS: 29. scorpion, 30. pristine, 31. industrialize, 32. grassland, 33. visionary, 34. trade-off, 35. subsidize, 36. visionary, 37. kelp, 38. kelp, 39. pristine

40. arson-caused wi\_\_\_\_\_re *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
41. co\_\_\_\_\_n lid *n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
42. sc\_\_\_\_\_on fish *n.* a small creature similar to an insect with a segmented body, a pair of pincers, and a long, thin tail that ends in a venomous sting
43. ind\_\_\_\_\_us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
44. re\_\_\_\_\_d an area *v.* to restore an area of land to its natural state, especially by reintroducing locally extinct species
45. kal\_\_\_\_\_ope of cultures *n.* a toy or optical instrument made up of mirrors and pieces of colored glass or plastic, which produce changing patterns and images when rotated; a constantly changing succession of different things or events
46. ind\_\_\_\_\_ize service *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
47. a t\_\_\_e animal *v.* to make wild animals domesticated or controlled, especially through specific training; (adjective) not dangerous or afraid of people, either naturally or because of specific training
48. pe\_\_\_\_\_nd ecosystem *n.* an area covered with peat (= a partially decayed organic matter formed from plants)

ANSWERS: 40. wildfire, 41. coffin, 42. scorpion, 43. industrious, 44. rewild, 45. kaleidoscope, 46. industrialize, 47. tame, 48. peatland

ANSWERS:

## Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The nations of South East Asia will quickly \_\_\_\_\_ and catch up with the West.
  - v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
  
2. The coast was lined with beds of \_\_\_\_\_ swaying in the tide.
  - n.* a large brown seaweed that grows in cold coastal waters
  
3. Marine \_\_\_\_\_ populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.
  - n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
  
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7. The \_\_\_\_\_ leader had a clear plan for the company's future.
  - adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

ANSWERS: 1. industrialize, 2. kelp, 3. mammal, 4. stabilizes, 5. tame, 6. scorpion's, 7. visionary

8. There was a \_\_\_\_\_ between speed and accuracy in the task.  
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10. The priest prayed over the \_\_\_\_\_ before it was lowered into the ground.  
*n.* a box or container used to bury a dead body; a case or structure resembling a coffin
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.  
*n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
12. We \_\_\_\_\_ cows to gain milk and meat.  
*v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
13. The young boy was an \_\_\_\_\_ wandering the streets without a home.  
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14. He was known to be very \_\_\_\_\_ and would often work late into the night.  
*adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
15. It is terrific to camp in \_\_\_\_\_ nature.  
*adj.* new and completely free from dirt or contamination

ANSWERS: 8. trade-off, 9. pollute, 10. coffin, 11. wildfire, 12. domesticate, 13. urchin, 14. industrious, 15. pristine

16. 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
17. The \_\_\_\_\_ of colors in the sunset was breathtaking.
- n.* a toy or optical instrument made up of mirrors and pieces of colored glass or plastic, which produce changing patterns and images when rotated; a constantly changing succession of different things or events
18. Governments \_\_\_\_\_ renewable energy generation in various ways.
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22. He experienced nausea after eating live \_\_\_\_\_.
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ANSWERS: 16. mangrove, 17. kaleidoscope, 18. subsidize, 19. fascinated, 20. rewild, 21. grasslands, 22. octopus

23. She soaked \_\_\_\_\_ in water until tender.

- n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae

24. The preservation of \_\_\_\_\_ is crucial in mitigating climate change, as they help regulate the Earth's temperature and reduce atmospheric carbon dioxide.

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ANSWERS: 23. seaweed, 24. peatlands