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Session 1: Word List

bounty	 <i>n</i>. a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task <i>synonym</i>: reward, premium, recompense
	(1) cash bounty , (2) a bounty on exports
	The bounty hunter was hired to capture the notorious criminal and bring him to justice.
livelihood	 <i>n</i>. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc. <i>synonym</i>: occupation, living, income
	(1) a means of livelihood, (2) livelihood assistance
	I could no longer earn my own livelihood.
fisherfolk	 n. people who engage in fishing for subsistence or commercial purposes, particularly in coastal regions or inland water bodies synonym: fishermen, fishing community, anglers
	(1) indigenous fisherfolk groups, (2) fisherfolk livelihood
	The government announced a scheme to promote sustainable fishing practices among the fisherfolk community.

displace	 v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation synonym: evict, exile, remove
	(1) displace workers, (2) displace the explosive power The construction of the new dam will displace hundreds of families living downstream.
fertile	 <i>adj.</i> capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive <i>synonym</i>: fruitful, productive, rich (1) fertile ground, (2) fertile market Herbs require fertile soil in a sunny, sheltered location.
extremist	 <i>n.</i> a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views <i>synonym</i>: radical, fanatic, zealot (1) extremist political views, (2) radical extremist
	The extremist group planned a series of violent attacks to push its agenda.
wreak	 v. to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events synonym: cause, inflict, bring about
	 (1) wreak a lot of changes, (2) wreak further damage The virus has wreaked havoc on the healthcare system, overwhelming hospitals and causing shortages of supplies.
havoc	 widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events synonym: destruction, devastation, ruin
	(1) cause havoc, (2) play havoc in the mindThe storm wreaked havoc on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.

devastation	n. the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
	synonym: destruction, ruin, havoc
	(1) financial devastation , (2) devastation to life
	The economic recession caused devastation in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.
wildfire	 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.
jeopardy	<i>n.</i> the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss <i>synonym</i> : danger, risk, peril
	(1) put his life in jeopardy , (2) tax in jeopardy
	The project is in jeopardy of being canceled due to a lack of funding.
catastrophe	<i>n.</i> a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune <i>synonym</i> : disaster, calamity, cataclysm
	(1) catastrophe risk management, (2) avoid climate catastrophe
	The lack of funds has resulted in a catastrophe for our university system.
decarbonize	 v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy synonym: decoke, decarburise, decarburize
	 (1) decarbonize their manufacturing process, (2) decarbonize its operative system
	(2) decarbonize its energy system
	We have to seek methods to decarbonize its fossil fuel
	economy.

halve	 v. to divide something into two equal parts; to reduce something by half its original amount or size synonym: reduce by half, cut in half, split
	(1) halve the price, (2) halve the workload
	I need to halve the recipe to make just enough for two
	people.
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.
clog	 v. to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something synonym: block, jam, obstruct
	(1) clog a filter, (2) clog artery
	The drain was clogged with hair and needed to be cleaned out.
hectare	<i>n.</i> a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
	(1) hectare land, (2) housing per hectare
	The farm spans over 100 hectares of land.
degrade	 v. to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
	synonym: demean, disgrace, impair
	(1) degrade his public image, (2) degrade environmental quality
	You should not degrade yourself by allowing them to use you.
	you.

opportune	<i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
	synonym: suitable, timely, practical
	(1) opportune occasion, (2) an opportune remark
	The phone rang at the most opportune time.
recede	v. to pull back or move away or backwardsynonym: move back, retreat, downsize
	(1) recede from view, (2) recede in the darkness
	The king's political power receded even further.
amplify	v. to enhance something, particularly sound or brightness <i>synonym</i> : intensify, boost, argument
	(1) amplify a signal, (2) amplify the effect
	You might need to amplify this point.
handshake	 n. a greeting or form of introduction in which two people grasp each other's hands and briefly grip and shake them; (of computer science) a process by which two devices or software applications establish a connection and exchange information to ensure that they can communicate effectively synonym: greeting, handclasp, welcome
	(1) handshake protocol, (2) virtual handshake
	The two business partners sealed the deal with a handshake.
urgently	<i>adv.</i> in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
	synonym: promptly, immediately, swiftly
	(1) tackle the problem urgently , (2) urgently required
	I need to send this email urgently .
rekindle	 v. to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling synonym: revitalize, reignite, revive
	(1) rekindle love, (2) rekindle hope

The couple tried to **rekindle** their relationship by spending more time together.

wastelandn.a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left
deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural
disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or
situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
synonym: desert, barren, wild

(1) post-apocalyptic **wasteland**, (2) nuclear **wasteland** The abandoned industrial site is now a **wasteland** of decaying buildings and rusted machinery.

Session 2: Spelling

1.	rele love	v.	to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling
2.	dice workers	v.	to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
3.	wire spread	n.	a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
4.	urly required	adv.	in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
5.	financial devon	n.	the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
6.	nuclear wand	n.	a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
7.	opne occasion	adj.	suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
8.	radical exst	n.	a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

ANSWERS: 1. rekindle, 2. displace, 3. wildfire, 4. urgently, 5. devastation, 6. wasteland, 7. opportune, 8. extremist

9. a boy on exports	n.	a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
10. ree from view	v.	to pull back or move away or backward
11. cash boy	n.	a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
12. wrk further damage	v.	to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events
13. tackle the problem urly	adv.	in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
14. hee land	n.	a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
15. housing per hee	n.	a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
16. suze the project	v.	to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially
17. arson-caused wire	n.	a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
18. cathe risk management	n.	a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
19. virtual hake	n.	a greeting or form of introduction in which two people grasp each other's hands and briefly grip and shake them; (of computer science) a process by which two devices or software applications establish a connection and exchange information to ensure that they can communicate effectively

ANSWERS: 9. bounty, 10. recede, 11. bounty, 12. wreak, 13. urgently, 14. hectare, 15. hectare, 16. subsidize, 17. wildfire, 18. catastrophe, 19. handshake

20. post-apocalyptic wand	n.	a barren or uncultivated area of land that has been left deserted or uninhabitable, typically due to a natural disaster, pollution, or human destruction; a place or situation that is devoid of life or anything of value
21. ree in the darkness	ν.	to pull back or move away or backward
22. dee his public image	v.	to make something worse, especially in quality; to show or treat someone in a way that makes them seem no value and do not have the respect or reasonable opinion of others
23. fee ground	adj.	capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
24. an opne remark	adj.	suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
25. avoid climate cathe	n.	a sudden event that causes extreme ruin and misfortune
26. wrk a lot of changes	v.	to cause or bring about something, often as a result of harmful or destructive actions or events
27. devon to life	n.	the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
28. play hac in the mind	n.	widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
29. suze the cost	v.	to pay part of the cost of something to support an organization, activity, etc. financially

ANSWERS: 20. wasteland, 21. recede, 22. degrade, 23. fertile, 24. opportune, 25. catastrophe, 26. wreak, 27. devastation, 28. havoc, 29. subsidize

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ANSWERS: 30. halve, 31. amplify, 32. livelihood, 33. handshake, 34. degrade, 35. decarbonize, 36. halve, 37. clog

38.	dice the explosive power	v.	to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
39.	rele hope	v.	to revive or renew something that was previously lost or forgotten, often a relationship or feeling
40.	put his life in jedy	n.	the state of being in danger or at risk of harm or loss
41.	a means of livod	n.	a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
42.	cg artery	v.	to obstruct or block up (a passage, pipe, or system) with an accumulation of thick or sticky matter; to impede or hinder the progress or movement of something
43.	decze their manufacturing process	v.	to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
44.	fislk livelihood	n.	people who engage in fishing for subsistence or commercial purposes, particularly in coastal regions or inland water bodies
45.	fee market	adj.	capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
46.	indigenous fislk groups	n.	people who engage in fishing for subsistence or commercial purposes, particularly in coastal regions or inland water bodies

ANSWERS: 38. displace, 39. rekindle, 40. jeopardy, 41. livelihood, 42. clog, 43. decarbonize, 44. fisherfolk, 45. fertile, 46. fisherfolk

47. cause hac	n.	widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
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50. exst political views	n.	a person who holds extreme political or religious views and who is willing to use violent or illegal methods to promote those views

ANSWERS: 47. havoc, 48. jeopardy, 49. amplify, 50. extremist

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

- 1. Governments ______ renewable energy generation in various ways.
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- 2. I need to _____ the recipe to make just enough for two people.
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ANSWERS: 1. subsidize, 2. halve, 3. receded, 4. urgently, 5. havoc, 6. wreaked, 7. wasteland

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ANSWERS: 16. fisherfolk, 17. amplify, 18. bounty, 19. devastation, 20. livelihood, 21. displace, 22. clogged

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ANSWERS: 23. wildfire, 24. decarbonize, 25. extremist