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Session 1: Word List

mushroom

n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

synonym : fungus, toadstool

(1) **mushroom** spores, (2) **mushroom** cultivation

The **mushroom** risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.

precontact

adj. referring to a time or culture before the arrival and influence of foreign or outside groups, particularly about the indigenous peoples of a region or area

synonym : precolonial, prehistoric, pre-European contact

(1) **precontact** culture, (2) **precontact** lifestyles

Precontact history refers to the time period before the arrival of Europeans in the Americas.

storyline

n. the central narrative or plot of a story, often involving a series of events or conflicts that move the story forward; the overall structure or arc of a story

synonym : plot, narrative

(1) follow a **storyline**, (2) predictable **storyline**

The **storyline** of the movie was predictable but still entertaining.

settler

n. a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area

synonym: frontiersperson, immigrant, emigrant

(1) new **settlers**, (2) **settlers** on some foreign shore

A large proportion of railway workers in **settler** colonies were white.

smack

v. to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke

synonym: hit, slap, strike

(1) **smack** on the lips, (2) **smack** his knee

The baseball player **smacked** the ball out of the park, securing a home run.

dab

v. to touch or apply something lightly, usually several times

synonym: apply, pat, daub

(1) **dab** my cheek with powder, (2) **dab** paint on the wall

She **dabbed** her face with a puff.

smudge

n. a blurry or dirty mark or stain left by rubbing or smearing something; also, a bundle of material, such as sage or incense, that is burned to produce smoke for purification or ritual purposes

synonym: blemish, mark, stain

(1) ink **smudge**, (2) lipstick **smudge**

She accidentally left a **smudge** on the newly painted wall.

sect

n. a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream

synonym: group, faction, cult

(1) **sect** beliefs, (2) secret **sect**

The minority **sect** believed in a set of unconventional religious practices.

landmass

n. a large area of land, especially one that is distinct from surrounding areas by its topography, geology, or biota

synonym: continent, mainland, landform

(1) large **landmass**, (2) continental **landmass**

Australia is the world's smallest continent by **landmass**.

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.

bison

n. a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison

synonym: buffalo

(1) endangered **bison**, (2) American **bison's** meat

Large herds of **bison** used to live on the plains of this area.

purposeful

adj. having a specific aim or purpose; determined

synonym: determined, resolved, resolute

(1) **purposeful** series of actions, (2) at a **purposeful** pace

She had a **purposeful** look and was determined to complete the task.

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.

assimilate

v. to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate

synonym: absorb, incorporate, integrate

(1) **assimilate** into society, (2) **assimilate** a language

The immigrant struggled to **assimilate** into the new culture.

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.

dismantle

v. to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

synonym: take apart, demolish, take down

(1) **dismantle** a machine, (2) **dismantle** a system

The old building had to be **dismantled** because it was structurally unsound.

elk

n. a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size

synonym: moose, deer, stag

(1) **elk** population, (2) **elk** hunting

We saw a group of **elk** grazing in the field near our cabin in the mountains.

slingshot

n. a Y-shaped stick with an elastic band attached for shooting small stones or other projectiles

synonym: catapult, launcher, trebuchet

(1) **slingshot** projectile, (2) **slingshot** aim

The kids used a **slingshot** to launch small stones into the pond.

permaculture

n. a system of agricultural and ecological design that aims to create sustainable, self-sufficient ecosystems by working with natural processes and relying on renewable resources

synonym: sustainable agriculture, natural farming

(1) **permaculture** principles, (2) **permaculture** garden

The **permaculture** community emphasizes the importance of working with, not against, nature.

oceanography

n. the scientific study of oceans and other bodies of saltwater, including their physical, chemical, and biological characteristics, as well as their interactions with the atmosphere and land

synonym : marine science, oceanology, oceanic research

(1) **oceanography** data, (2) **oceanography** expedition

The **oceanography** research center is dedicated to studying the impacts of climate change on the ocean's ecosystem.

butcher

n. a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others

synonym : butcherer, meat cutter, slaughterer

(1) **butcher** knife, (2) local **butcher**

He's a vegetarian and was shocked to see so much meat in the **butcher** shop.

mycology

n. the scientific study of fungi, including their taxonomy, biological properties, and uses in medicine, industry, and agriculture

synonym : fungi study, mushroom science, mold research

(1) **mycology** research, (2) **mycology** laboratory

The study of **mycology** also involves the identification of fungal toxins and their effects on human health.

steward

n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

synonym : caretaker, manager, custodian

(1) **steward** duties, (2) **steward** service

The **steward** on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

metallurgy

n. a branch of materials science and engineering that stands at metals' physical and chemical properties, their compounds with other metals, and their mixtures, called alloys.

(1) nickel **metallurgy**, (2) welding **metallurgy**

He taught engineering and **metallurgy** classes.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

fermentation

n. the chemical breakdown of a substance by bacteria, yeasts, or other microorganisms, typically involving effervescence and the giving off of the heat

synonym: brewing, culturing, pickling

(1) oxidative **fermentation**, (2) **fermentation** tank

The process of **fermentation** is used to make beer, wine, and many other products.

wasteful

adj. characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense

synonym: uneconomical, extravagant, profligate

(1) **wasteful** practices, (2) **wasteful** habits

Buying new clothes every week is a **wasteful** use of money and resources.

resourceful

adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems

synonym: inventive, imaginative, clever

(1) **resourceful** thinker, (2) **resourceful** cook in town

She was **resourceful** and found a solution to the problem on her own.

staple

adj. essential, crucial, or regularly used

synonym: essential, fundamental, pivotal

(1) **staple** commodities, (2) **staple** crop

Rice and beans are a **staple** food in many cultures.

turnip

n. a root vegetable similar to rutabaga, usually with a round or oblong shape and white or yellow flesh inside

synonym: rutabaga, swede, neep

(1) pickled **turnip**, (2) roasted **turnip**

I plan on making a delicious **turnip** soup with fresh vegetables from my garden.

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.

maim

v. to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part

synonym: injure, incapacitate, wound

(1) **maim** a victim, (2) **maim** his hand

The reckless driver **maimed** several pedestrians after losing control of the vehicle.

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.

glyphosate

n. a widely used herbicide and crop desiccant that is considered controversial due to its potential environmental and health impacts

synonym: weedkiller, herbicide, pesticide

(1) **glyphosate-based** herbicide, (2) **glyphosate** toxicity

Recent studies suggest that **glyphosate** residues may pose health risks to humans and wildlife.

pantry

n. a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner

synonym: larder, store, cupboard

(1) **pantry** items, (2) kitchen **pantry**

I need to clean out the **pantry** and throw away any expired food.

carbohydrate

n. (also carb) any of a class of organic compounds that includes sugars, starch, and cellulose and are a principal source of energy in the diet of animals

synonym: sugar, starch, cellulose

(1) complex **carbohydrate**, (2) **carbohydrate** metabolism

Foods high in **carbohydrates** include bread, pasta, and rice.

paleolithic

adj. of or relating to the second period of the Stone Age, which represents almost the entire period of prehistoric human technology

(1) **paleolithic** cave painting, (2) the **Paleolithic** era

The scientist found **paleolithic** artifacts in the historic site.

untapped

adj. not yet used or exploited

synonym: unexplored, untouched, untried

(1) **untapped** market, (2) **untapped** potential

The forest held many **untapped** resources that could be used for commercial purposes.

symbiotic

adj. involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist

(1) **symbiotic** economy, (2) **symbiotic** bacteria

We have a mutually **symbiotic** connection with them.

Session 2: Spelling

1. per_____ure principles *n.* a system of agricultural and ecological design that aims to create sustainable, self-sufficient ecosystems by working with natural processes and relying on renewable resources
2. s__t beliefs *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
3. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
4. de_____te an area *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
5. my_____gy research *n.* the scientific study of fungi, including their taxonomy, biological properties, and uses in medicine, industry, and agriculture
6. large la_____ss *n.* a large area of land, especially one that is distinct from surrounding areas by its topography, geology, or biota
7. pickled tu____p *n.* a root vegetable similar to rutabaga, usually with a round or oblong shape and white or yellow flesh inside
8. e_k hunting *n.* a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size

ANSWERS: 1. permaculture, 2. sect, 3. medicinal, 4. devastate, 5. mycology, 6. landmass, 7. turnip, 8. elk

9. American bi__n's meat *n.* a large wild animal of the cow family that has shaggy manes, large heads, and short horns, and there are American bison, also called buffalo, and European bison
10. at a pur_____ul pace *adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined
11. lipstick sm___e *n.* a blurry or dirty mark or stain left by rubbing or smearing something; also, a bundle of material, such as sage or incense, that is burned to produce smoke for purification or ritual purposes
12. local bu_____r *n.* a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others
13. oxidative fer_____ion *n.* the chemical breakdown of a substance by bacteria, yeasts, or other microorganisms, typically involving effervescence and the giving off of the heat
14. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
15. gly_____te toxicity *n.* a widely used herbicide and crop desiccant that is considered controversial due to its potential environmental and health impacts
16. dom_____te the plant *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

ANSWERS: 9. bison, 10. purposeful, 11. smudge, 12. butcher, 13. fermentation, 14. grandparent, 15. glyphosate, 16. domesticate

17. kitchen pa___y *n.* a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner
18. bu____r knife *n.* a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others
19. oce______phy data *n.* the scientific study of oceans and other bodies of saltwater, including their physical, chemical, and biological characteristics, as well as their interactions with the atmosphere and land
20. res______ul cook in town *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
21. st___e commodities *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
22. pre____ct culture *adj.* referring to a time or culture before the arrival and influence of foreign or outside groups, particularly about the indigenous peoples of a region or area
23. pre____ct lifestyles *adj.* referring to a time or culture before the arrival and influence of foreign or outside groups, particularly about the indigenous peoples of a region or area
24. di____le a system *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment

ANSWERS: 17. pantry, 18. butcher, 19. oceanography, 20. resourceful, 21. staple, 22. precontact, 23. precontact, 24. dismantle

25. secret s__t *n.* a group of people who follow a particular religious or philosophical belief system, especially one that is regarded as outside the norm or mainstream
26. ass_____te into society *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
27. follow a st_____ne *n.* the central narrative or plot of a story, often involving a series of events or conflicts that move the story forward; the overall structure or arc of a story
28. sm__k his knee *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
29. ass_____te a language *v.* to take in and understand information or ideas; to integrate
30. di_____le a machine *v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
31. welding met_____gy *n.* a branch of materials science and engineering that studies metals' physical and chemical properties, their compounds with other metals, and their mixtures, called alloys.
32. m__m his hand *v.* to injure or wound someone seriously, particularly by permanently disabling or disfiguring a body part
33. continental la_____ss *n.* a large area of land, especially one that is distinct from surrounding areas by its topography, geology, or biota

ANSWERS: 25. sect, 26. assimilate, 27. storyline, 28. smack, 29. assimilate, 30. dismantle, 31. metallurgy, 32. maim, 33. landmass

34. pal_____ic cave painting *adj.* of or relating to the second period of the Stone Age, which represents almost the entire period of prehistoric human technology
35. car_____ate metabolism *n.* (also carb) any of a class of organic compounds that includes sugars, starch, and cellulose and are a principal source of energy in the diet of animals
36. floating se_____d *n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae
37. st_____d duties *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
38. fer_____ion tank *n.* the chemical breakdown of a substance by bacteria, yeasts, or other microorganisms, typically involving effervescence and the giving off of the heat
39. un_____ed potential *adj.* not yet used or exploited
40. oce_____phy expedition *n.* the scientific study of oceans and other bodies of saltwater, including their physical, chemical, and biological characteristics, as well as their interactions with the atmosphere and land

ANSWERS: 34. paleolithic, 35. carbohydrate, 36. seaweed, 37. steward, 38. fermentation, 39. untapped, 40. oceanography

41. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
42. predictable st_____ne *n.* the central narrative or plot of a story, often involving a series of events or conflicts that move the story forward; the overall structure or arc of a story
43. sl_____ot projectile *n.* a Y-shaped stick with an elastic band attached for shooting small stones or other projectiles
44. roasted tu____p *n.* a root vegetable similar to rutabaga, usually with a round or oblong shape and white or yellow flesh inside
45. un_____ed market *adj.* not yet used or exploited
46. se_____d broth *n.* a plant that grows in the sea or on land very close to the sea, especially marine algae
47. ink sm____e *n.* a blurry or dirty mark or stain left by rubbing or smearing something; also, a bundle of material, such as sage or incense, that is burned to produce smoke for purification or ritual purposes
48. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
49. the Pal_____ic era *adj.* of or relating to the second period of the Stone Age, which represents almost the entire period of prehistoric human technology
50. pur_____ul series of actions *adj.* having a specific aim or purpose; determined

ANSWERS: 41. devastate, 42. storyline, 43. slingshot, 44. turnip, 45. untapped, 46. seaweed, 47. smudge, 48. ancestor, 49. paleolithic, 50. purposeful

51. complex car_____ate *n.* (also carb) any of a class of organic compounds that includes sugars, starch, and cellulose and are a principal source of energy in the diet of animals
52. sm__k on the lips *v.* to hit something or someone with force, often making a loud noise; to deliver a sharp criticism or rebuke
53. d_b paint on the wall *v.* to touch or apply something lightly, usually several times
54. st_____d service *n.* a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.
55. my_____gy laboratory *n.* the scientific study of fungi, including their taxonomy, biological properties, and uses in medicine, industry, and agriculture
56. mu_____om spores *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap
57. new se_____rs *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
58. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
59. pa___y items *n.* a small room, closet, or cupboard used for the storage of food, particularly non-perishable items such as canned goods, dry goods, and spices; a supply of food stored in this manner

ANSWERS: 51. carbohydrate, 52. smack, 53. dab, 54. steward, 55. mycology, 56. mushroom, 57. settler, 58. medicinal, 59. pantry

60. wa_____ul habits *adj.* characterized by excessive or unnecessary use or consumption; using resources or materials inefficiently or inappropriately, resulting in unnecessary waste or expense
61. sy_____ic economy *adj.* involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist
62. easy to dom_____te *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
63. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
64. e_k population *n.* a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size
65. nickel met_____gy *n.* a branch of materials science and engineering that stands at metals' physical and chemical properties, their compounds with other metals, and their mixtures, called alloys.
66. gly_____te-based herbicide *n.* a widely used herbicide and crop desiccant that is considered controversial due to its potential environmental and health impacts
67. sl_____ot aim *n.* a Y-shaped stick with an elastic band attached for shooting small stones or other projectiles
68. mu_____om cultivation *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

ANSWERS: 60. wasteful, 61. symbiotic, 62. domesticate, 63. grandparent, 64. elk, 65. metallurgy, 66. glyphosate, 67. slingshot, 68. mushroom

69. per_____ure garden *n.* a system of agricultural and ecological design that aims to create sustainable, self-sufficient ecosystems by working with natural processes and relying on renewable resources
70. st___e crop *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
71. d_b my cheek with powder *v.* to touch or apply something lightly, usually several times
72. se_____rs on some foreign shore *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
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74. sy_____ic bacteria *adj.* involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist
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ANSWERS: 69. permaculture, 70. staple, 71. dab, 72. settler, 73. maim, 74. symbiotic, 75. wasteful, 76. resourceful, 77. ancestor, 78. bison

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We _____ cows to gain milk and meat.
v. to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
2. We have a mutually _____ connection with them.
adj. involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist
3. The _____ research center is dedicated to studying the impacts of climate change on the ocean's ecosystem.
n. the scientific study of oceans and other bodies of saltwater, including their physical, chemical, and biological characteristics, as well as their interactions with the atmosphere and land
4. She accidentally left a _____ on the newly painted wall.
n. a blurry or dirty mark or stain left by rubbing or smearing something; also, a bundle of material, such as sage or incense, that is burned to produce smoke for purification or ritual purposes
5. Recent studies suggest that _____ residues may pose health risks to humans and wildlife.
n. a widely used herbicide and crop desiccant that is considered controversial due to its potential environmental and health impacts
6. She had a _____ look and was determined to complete the task.
adj. having a specific aim or purpose; determined
7. He's a vegetarian and was shocked to see so much meat in the _____ shop.
n. a person who prepares and sells meat, especially at a retail shop; a person who kills or slaughters animals, especially for food; a person who engages in the relentless or brutal treatment of others

ANSWERS: 1. domesticate, 2. symbiotic, 3. oceanography, 4. smudge, 5. glyphosate, 6. purposeful, 7. butcher

8. I need to clean out the _____ and throw away any expired food.
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ANSWERS: 8. pantry, 9. grandparents, 10. steward, 11. smacked, 12. maimed, 13. medicinal, 14. paleolithic

15. 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

16. Rice and beans are a _____ food in many cultures.

adj. essential, crucial, or regularly used

17. The _____ risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.

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ANSWERS: 15. seaweed, 16. staple, 17. mushroom, 18. untapped, 19. permaculture, 20. slingshot, 21. metallurgy

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28. A large proportion of railway workers in _____ colonies were white.
n. a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
29. Foods high in _____ include bread, pasta, and rice.
n. (also carb) any of a class of organic compounds that includes sugars, starch, and cellulose and are a principal source of energy in the diet of animals

ANSWERS: 22. resourceful, 23. wasteful, 24. assimilate, 25. bison, 26. sect, 27. storyline, 28. settler, 29. carbohydrates

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36. We saw a group of ____ grazing in the field near our cabin in the mountains.
n. a large species of deer native to North America and eastern Asia, known for its large antlers and imposing size
37. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 30. Precontact, 31. dabbed, 32. devastate, 33. fermentation, 34. landmass, 35. turnip, 36. elk, 37. ancestor

38. The old building had to be _____ because it was structurally unsound.
- v.* to take apart or demolish (a structure, machine, system, or the like); to strip off fittings or equipment
39. The study of _____ also involves the identification of fungal toxins and their effects on human health.
- n.* the scientific study of fungi, including their taxonomy, biological properties, and uses in medicine, industry, and agriculture

ANSWERS: 38. dismantled, 39. mycology