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Session 1: Word List

linguist

n. a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics

synonym: grammarist, philologue, polyglot

(1) foreign **linguist**, (2) cognitive **linguist**

Though I love literature, I'm a bad **linguist**.

unbeknownst

adv. without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation

synonym: secretly, covertly

(1) **unbeknownst** to me, (2) **unbeknownst** to any of us

Unbeknownst to the family, the treasure had been hidden in the attic for years.

multilingual

adj. skilled in or using multiple languages; involving or relating to multiple languages or language groups

synonym: polyglot

(1) **multilingual** education, (2) **multilingual** staff

My friend is **multilingual**, speaking five different languages fluently.

anomaly

n. something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand

synonym : abnormality, irregularity, deviation

(1) **anomaly** detection, (2) global temperature **anomaly**

The sudden drop in the stock market was an **anomaly** that puzzled many investors.

standout

n. a person or thing that is exceptionally good, impressive, or noticeable amidst others; something that stands out from the rest; (adjective) particularly prominent, noticeable, or superior in comparison to others in a group or context

synonym : highlight, superiority

(1) **standout** feature, (2) **standout** player

Her bright green dress made her **standout** among the crowd of black suits and dresses.

monolingual

adj. being able to speak or use only one language

synonym : unilingual

(1) **monolingual** policies, (2) **monolingual** country

The lack of exposure to foreign languages made her a **monolingual** speaker.

spoil

v. to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad

synonym : rot, decay, deteriorate

(1) **spoil** a person's sport, (2) **spoil** the surprise

If you leave the milk out of the refrigerator for too long, it will **spoil**.

decorate

v. to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc

synonym : adorn, embellish, beautify

(1) **decorate** a wall, (2) **decorate** for Christmas

They **decorated** the room with balloons and streamers for the birthday party.

unnerving

adj. making someone lose courage or confidence, or feel nervous or frightened

synonym: frightening, horrifying, uneasy

(1) **unnerving** effect, (2) with **unnerving** speed

Having dental treatment was an **unnerving** experience for me.

chaotic

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

synonym: disorderly, cluttered, topsy-turvy

(1) the **chaotic** economic situation, (2) **chaotic** theory

Change is also occurring in Turkey as a result of **chaotic** reform.

lingua

n. (a Latin word that means "tongue") a language used for communication; the organ in the mouth used for tasting, speaking, and swallowing

synonym: tongue, language, dialect

(1) a **lingua** franca, (2) **lingua** fissurata

The school offered classes in several different **linguae**, including French, Spanish, and Mandarin.

sociocultural

adj. relating to or influenced by the social and cultural factors of a society or group, particularly in relation to its customs, beliefs, values, and practices

synonym: cultural, social, anthropological

(1) **sociocultural** factors, (2) **sociocultural** identity

The university's **sociocultural** programs aim to promote diversity and understanding among students.

gist

n. the essence or main point of a text, speech, or situation

synonym: essence, core, summary

(1) the **gist** of a claim, (2) get the **gist**

The **gist** of the article was that technology is rapidly changing our world.

subtractive

adj. characterized by taking away or removing something; involving the process of subtracting or reducing something from a larger whole or total

synonym : reductive, deductive, negative

(1) **subtractive** process, (2) **subtractive** manufacturing

The **subtractive** method of sculpture involves removing material to create a shape.

proficient

adj. having a high level of skill or knowledge in a particular area

synonym : expert, skilled, adept

(1) **proficient** speaker, (2) **proficient** skill

She is **proficient** in Spanish and can communicate fluently.

worldview

n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world

synonym : perspective, position, viewpoint

(1) mainstream **worldview**, (2) the **worldview** of the ancient civilization

The war between the two countries was also a battle between competing **worldviews**.

multitasking

n. the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time

synonym : juggling, multihandling, parallelism

(1) computer **multitasking**, (2) **multitasking** ability

She could finish all her work on time because of her **multitasking** skills.

far-reaching

adj. having a wide or significant impact or influence

synonym : extensive, widespread, broad

(1) achieve **far-reaching** reform, (2) **far-reaching** consequences

The **far-reaching** effects of the policy change are still being felt.

geopolitical

adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area

(1) the **geopolitical** situations, (2) reduce **geopolitical** risk
The country holds dominant **geopolitical** power over its neighbors.

lucrative

adj. producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
synonym: profitable, moneymaking, remunerative

(1) **lucrative** deal, (2) **lucrative** market

Investing in real estate can be a **lucrative** business if done correctly.

opportune

adj. 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.

trilingual

adj. being able to speak three languages fluently or proficiently

synonym: multilingual, polyglot

(1) **trilingual** speaker, (2) **trilingual** edition

The school offers a **trilingual** program that teaches students Mandarin, English, and Spanish.

figment

n. something invented or imagined, particularly something that is not real, tangible, or concrete; a product of the imagination

synonym: illusion, fabrication, fantasy

(1) **figment** of imagination, (2) **figment** of memory

The idea that the government is spying on us is just a **figment** of your imagination.

cultivate

v. to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants

synonym: boost, foster, nurture

(1) **cultivate** a field, (2) **cultivate** relationships

University is a great place to **cultivate** our minds and expertise.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

Session 2: Spelling

1. far_____ing consequences *adj.* having a wide or significant impact or influence
2. the geo_____cal situations *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
3. mul_____ual education *adj.* skilled in or using multiple languages; involving or relating to multiple languages or language groups
4. sp__l the surprise *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
5. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
6. mon_____al policies *adj.* being able to speak or use only one language
7. fi_____t of memory *n.* something invented or imagined, particularly something that is not real, tangible, or concrete; a product of the imagination
8. mul_____ing ability *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
9. with un_____ng speed *adj.* making someone lose courage or confidence, or feel nervous or frightened

ANSWERS: 1. far-reaching, 2. geopolitical, 3. multilingual, 4. spoil, 5. opportune, 6. monolingual, 7. figment, 8. multitasking, 9. unnerving

10. global temperature an____y *n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
11. fi_____t of imagination *n.* something invented or imagined, particularly something that is not real, tangible, or concrete; a product of the imagination
12. de_____te a wall *v.* to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc
13. reduce geo_____cal risk *adj.* of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
14. foreign li_____st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
15. tri_____al speaker *adj.* being able to speak three languages fluently or proficiently
16. soc_____ral factors *adj.* relating to or influenced by the social and cultural factors of a society or group, particularly in relation to its customs, beliefs, values, and practices
17. lu_____ve deal *adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
18. sub_____ve process *adj.* characterized by taking away or removing something; involving the process of subtracting or reducing something from a larger whole or total

ANSWERS: 10. anomaly, 11. figment, 12. decorate, 13. geopolitical, 14. linguist, 15. trilingual, 16. sociocultural, 17. lucrative, 18. subtractive

19. sp__l a person's sport *v.* to ruin the taste, appearance, or quality of something; to become or cause something to become rotten or bad
20. an____y detection *n.* something or someone that deviates from what is expected or normal, often in a way that is difficult to explain or understand
21. cu_____te relationships *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
22. mul_____ual staff *adj.* skilled in or using multiple languages; involving or relating to multiple languages or language groups
23. cognitive li____st *n.* a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
24. st____ut feature *n.* a person or thing that is exceptionally good, impressive, or noticeable amidst others; something that stands out from the rest; (adjective) particularly prominent, noticeable, or superior in comparison to others in a group or context
25. cu_____te a field *v.* to prepare and foster land for growing crops or plants
26. un_____ng effect *adj.* making someone lose courage or confidence, or feel nervous or frightened
27. mon_____al country *adj.* being able to speak or use only one language

ANSWERS: 19. spoil, 20. anomaly, 21. cultivate, 22. multilingual, 23. linguist, 24. standout, 25. cultivate, 26. unnerving, 27. monolingual

28. achieve far_____ing reform *adj.* having a wide or significant impact or influence
29. get the g__t *n.* the essence or main point of a text, speech, or situation
30. de_____te for Christmas *v.* to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc
31. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
32. tri_____al edition *adj.* being able to speak three languages fluently or proficiently
33. sub_____ve manufacturing *adj.* characterized by taking away or removing something; involving the process of subtracting or reducing something from a larger whole or total
34. soc_____ral identity *adj.* relating to or influenced by the social and cultural factors of a society or group, particularly in relation to its customs, beliefs, values, and practices
35. unb_____st to any of us *adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation
36. pro_____nt speaker *adj.* having a high level of skill or knowledge in a particular area
37. li___a fissurata *n.* (a Latin word that means "tongue") a language used for communication; the organ in the mouth used for tasting, speaking, and swallowing

ANSWERS: 28. far-reaching, 29. gist, 30. decorate, 31. elevate, 32. trilingual, 33. subtractive, 34. sociocultural, 35. unbeknownst, 36. proficient, 37. lingua

38. pro_____nt skill *adj.* having a high level of skill or knowledge in a particular area
39. lu_____ve market *adj.* producing a great deal of profit; financially rewarding
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41. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
42. a li___a franca *n.* (a Latin word that means "tongue") a language used for communication; the organ in the mouth used for tasting, speaking, and swallowing
43. mainstream wo_____ew *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
44. the wo_____ew of the ancient civilization *n.* a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
45. unb_____st to me *adv.* without the knowledge or awareness of someone; without someone's knowledge or participation
46. computer mul_____ing *n.* the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
47. el_____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
48. ch_____c theory *adj.* without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

ANSWERS: 38. proficient, 39. lucrative, 40. gist, 41. opportune, 42. lingua, 43. worldview, 44. worldview, 45. unbeknownst, 46. multitasking, 47. elevate, 48. chaotic

49. st____ut player

n. a person or thing that is exceptionally good, impressive, or noticeable amidst others; something that stands out from the rest; (adjective) particularly prominent, noticeable, or superior in comparison to others in a group or context

50. the ch____c economic situation

adj. without any order or organization; extremely disorganized, unpredictable, and confusing

ANSWERS: 49. standout, 50. chaotic

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. She could finish all her work on time because of her _____ skills.
n. the ability to do more than one task at the same time; the state of doing more than one task at the same time
2. The school offers a _____ program that teaches students Mandarin, English, and Spanish.
adj. being able to speak three languages fluently or proficiently
3. Having dental treatment was an _____ experience for me.
adj. making someone lose courage or confidence, or feel nervous or frightened
4. The _____ method of sculpture involves removing material to create a shape.
adj. characterized by taking away or removing something; involving the process of subtracting or reducing something from a larger whole or total
5. The idea that the government is spying on us is just a _____ of your imagination.
n. something invented or imagined, particularly something that is not real, tangible, or concrete; a product of the imagination
6. The country holds dominant _____ power over its neighbors.
adj. of or relating to political activity or relations between countries and groups of countries, as influenced by the physical features of a country or area
7. The university's _____ programs aim to promote diversity and understanding among students.
adj. relating to or influenced by the social and cultural factors of a society or group, particularly in relation to its customs, beliefs, values, and practices

ANSWERS: 1. multitasking, 2. trilingual, 3. unnerving, 4. subtractive, 5. figment, 6. geopolitical, 7. sociocultural

8. _____ to the family, the treasure had been hidden in the attic for years.
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ANSWERS: 8. Unbeknownst, 9. far-reaching, 10. standout, 11. elevates, 12. multilingual, 13. chaotic, 14. lucrative, 15. spoil

16. She is _____ in Spanish and can communicate fluently.
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n. a particular philosophy or cognitive orientation of life or conception of the world
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22. Though I love literature, I'm a bad _____.
n. a person who speaks several foreign languages; a person who studies or teaches languages or linguistics
23. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

ANSWERS: 16. proficient, 17. cultivate, 18. worldviews, 19. anomaly, 20. gist, 21. linguae, 22. linguist, 23. opportune

24. The lack of exposure to foreign languages made her a _____ speaker.
adj. being able to speak or use only one language

25. They _____ the room with balloons and streamers for the birthday party.
v. to add beauty or distinction to something by the addition of ornament, art, etc

ANSWERS: 24. monolingual, 25. decorated