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Session 1: Word List

uninhabited

adj. not able to be lived in by humans or animals; devoid of human or animal life

synonym: deserted, abandoned, vacant

(1) uninhabited region, (2) uninhabited house

The remote island is **uninhabited** and has no permanent residents.

loom

v. to appear or take shape as a large, especially in a frightening way

synonym: appear, come on, overshadow

(1) **loom** over the global economy, (2) **loom** on the horizon The issue of divorce **loomed** large in his mind.

peek

 a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

synonym: glimpse, look, glance

(1) sneak **peek**, (2) **peek** at others' misfortune

She took a quick **peek** inside the box before closing it again.

rhythmic

adj. having a pattern of regular beats or a regular beat; characterized by rhythm

synonym: measured, metrical, cadenced

(1) a rhythmic stroking, (2) in a rhythmic pace

The **rhythmic** sound of the drums was mesmerizing.

lobster

 a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming

synonym: crustacean, crawfish, crayfish

(1) **lobster** dinner, (2) fresh **lobster**

The restaurant served a delicious **lobster**, steamed to perfection.

shrub

 a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil

synonym: bush, hedge, fern

(1) tree and **shrubs**, (2) small **shrub**

These are **shrubs** with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.

upbringing

 n. the conditions and experiences in which a child is cared for and taught, especially in relation to their moral and social development

synonym: childhood, background, nurturing

(1) Catholic **upbringing**, (2) family **upbringing**His strict **upbringing** instilled in him a strong sense of responsibility.

evangelical

adj. relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church

synonym: proselytizing, evangelistic, missionary

(1) **evangelical** mission, (2) **evangelical** Christian group The **evangelical** pastor delivered a powerful sermon to his congregation.

Christ

 the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym: Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of **Christ**, (2) before **Christ**

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

atheist

a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

synonym: nonbeliever, unbeliever, secularist

(1) atheist community, (2) atheist belief

She was an atheist without any belief in a higher power.

apartheid

 a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors

synonym: segregation, discrimination, oppression

(1) apartheid system, (2) apartheid policies

The South African government enforced **apartheid** laws that segregated people based on race.

multiracial

adj. consisting of or involving people from multiple racial backgrounds

synonym: multiethnic, mixed, diverse

(1) multiracial society, (2) multiracial family

The **multiracial** community brought together people from different cultures and backgrounds.

cape

 a type of long, loose outer garment that covers the back, shoulders, and arms; a headland or promontory extending into the sea or other large body of water

synonym: shawl, cloak, mantle

(1) cape cod, (2) red cape

The superhero wore a flowing **cape** as part of their costume.

oppress

v. to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

synonym: antagonize, distress, burden

(1) **oppress** the minority, (2) **oppress** the people with force

Historically, many countries have often **oppressed** certain religions to gain the support of the majority of the population.

comprehend

- v. to understand the nature or meaning of something fully synonym: understand, grasp, apprehend
- (1) **comprehend** English, (2) **comprehend** instructions She struggled to **comprehend** complex math problems.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices firsthand.

long-lasting

adj. existing or continuing for a long time *synonym*: enduring, abiding, durable

(1) **long-lasting** battery, (2) a **long-lasting** friendship They finally decided to solve the **long-lasting** problem.

envision

v. to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future

synonym: anticipate, foresee, picture

(1) **envision** the future, (2) **envision** the project's success We cannot **envision** her as President.

relentless

adj. persistent and determined; continuing despite difficulties or setbacks

synonym: unyielding, tireless, unremitting

(1) **relentless** attack, (2) face **relentless** pressure The athlete's **relentless** training paid off in the end.

instill

- v. to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually synonym: implant, ingrain, inculcate
- (1) **instill** confidence, (2) **instill** medication into my eye
 The teacher attempted to **instill** the importance of hard work

in her students.

optimism

n. a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation

synonym: positiveness, sanguinity, bullishness

(1) sense of **optimism**, (2) political **optimism**There is considerable **optimism** that the economy will recover soon.

permeate

v. to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something

synonym: penetrate, diffuse, infiltrate

(1) **permeate** the air, (2) **permeate** the fabric The aroma of freshly baked bread **permeated** the entire bakery.

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.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym: disregard, look down, supervise

(1) overlook a street, (2) overlook that factWe cannot overlook an opportunity for great success.

orient

v. to position or adjust someone or something for a particular purpose; (noun) the countries of Asia

synonym: position, align, adjust

(1) **orient** my thinking, (2) the exotic flavor of the **Orient** She took a moment to **orient** herself in the unfamiliar city.

birthplace

n. the house, town, etc., where someone was born

synonym: hometown, native place, origin

(1) ancestral **birthplaces**, (2) **birthplace** of modern soccer The **birthplace** of civilization is a topic of much debate among historians.

gentrify

v. to renovate, revitalize, or develop a deteriorated, predominantly urban area, often leading to the displacement of low-income or minority residents and the influx of more affluent residents and businesses

synonym: revitalize, renovate, renew

(1) **gentrify** a community, (2) **gentrify** a street

The new coffee shops and high-end boutiques are starting to **gentrify** the neighborhood.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

inflate

 to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder

synonym: blow up, expand, puff up

(1) **inflate** a tire, (2) **inflate** expense reports She **inflated** the balloons for the party.

chirp

 a short, sharp sound that is made by birds or insects or by electronic devices such as alarms or beepers

synonym: tweet, chirrup, peep

the chirp of a bird, (2) the chirp of a cricket
 The sound of the chirp woke me up early in the morning.

slouch

v. to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward

synonym: slump, crouch, droop

(1) **slouch** along the street, (2) **slouch** down in a chair After hearing the results, he **slouched** against a wall.

lifeless

adj. without life; deadsynonym: inanimate, inert, motionless

(1) fall lifeless, (2) a lifeless corpse

The plant had a **lifeless** appearance, indicating that it was not getting enough water.

bleak

 adj. unlikely to be favorable; unpleasantly cold and damp; offering little or no hope

synonym: miserable, pathetic, dim

(1) prospects were bleak, (2) bleak future

The political landscape looks **bleak** without a change of administration.

aisle

 a passage between rows of seats in a theater, airplane, or other public building, typically one of two or more running parallel with the main body of the structure

synonym: corridor, passageway, gangway

(1) **aisle** seat, (2) the center **aisle** of a church

She walked down the **aisle** to the front of the church.

idealist

n. a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity

synonym: dreamer, idealizer, visionary

(1) idealist at heart, (2) an idealist perspective

As a dedicated **idealist**, she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.

Session 2: Spelling

1.	elfy the audience	ν.	to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
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3.	sense of opsm	n.	a feeling or the belief that good things will happen, or the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the positive aspects of a situation
4.	inI medication into my eye	<i>v</i> .	to impart, introduce, or cause to be absorbed gradually
5.	apid policies	n.	a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
6.	slh along the street	v.	to stand, sit, or walk in a lazy, drooping way, often with the shoulders hanging forward and the head bent forward
7.	opne occasion	adj.	suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
8.	enon the project's success	v.	to imagine or expect what a situation will be like in the future
9.	ine a tire	<i>v</i> .	to fill something with air or gas so that it becomes bigger and rounder

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ANSWERS: 10. uninhabited, 11. bleak, 12. slouch, 13. upbringing, 14. orient, 15. permeate, 16. apartheid, 17. permeate, 18. upbringing, 19. uninhabited

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n. a woody plant that is smaller than a tree

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ANSWERS: 20. lifeless, 21. idealist, 22. idealist, 23. cape, 24. comprehend, 25. orient, 26. cape, 27. shrub

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ANSWERS: 38. overlook, 39. firsthand, 40. aisle, 41. long-lasting, 42. atheist, 43. evangelical, 44. electrify, 45. loom, 46. oppress, 47. relentless

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- to treat people in a cruel and authoritarian way, especially by denying them the same freedoms, rights, etc. as other people

ANSWERS: 59. envision, 60. rhythmic, 61. lobster, 62. firsthand, 63. overlook, 64. peek, 65. relentless, 66. rhythmic, 67. peek, 68. instill, 69. gentrify, 70. oppress

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ANSWERS:	

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	As a dedicated she always fought for what was right, no matter the cost.
n.	a person who is guided by ideals or principles rather than practical considerations or reality; a person who seeks to achieve a particular vision or goal for the betterment of society or humanity
2.	The aroma of freshly baked bread the entire bakery.
ν.	to spread throughout; to pass through or penetrate every part of something
3.	The community brought together people from different cultures and backgrounds.
adj	consisting of or involving people from multiple racial backgrounds
4.	These are with no trunks that rarely grow taller than 3 meters.
n.	a woody plant that is smaller than a tree and has several main stems emerging from the soil
5.	The pastor delivered a powerful sermon to his congregation.
adj	relating to or advocating a form of Protestant Christianity that emphasizes personal conversion and faith over religious rituals and central authority within the church
6.	The restaurant served a delicious steamed to perfection.
n.	a marine crustacean with a hard, often brightly colored shell, a pair of large pincers, and a tail used for swimming
7.	The sound of the drums was mesmerizing.
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ANSWERS: 25. gentrify, 26. overlook, 27. long-lasting, 28. relentless, 29. loomed, 30. lifeless, 31. apartheid, 32. optimism

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