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Session 1: Word List

exhale

v. to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently

synonym: breathe out, expel, emit

(1) **exhale** a big sigh, (2) **exhale** cigarette smoke

He took a deep breath and slowly began to **exhale**.

singe

v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake

synonym: sear, char, burn

(1) **singe** off the hair over the flames, (2) **singe** the edges of a fabric

I didn't realize the iron was still hot and **singed** my dress.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

locate

v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something

synonym : discover, find, place

(1) **locate** a missing pet, (2) **locate** a tumor

The robot can accurately **locate** construction material.

acre

n. a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)

(1) half- **acre** parcel, (2) an **acre** of forest

The farm covers over 200 **acres** of land.

reconnect

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

synonym : reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

spirit

n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

synonym : soul, attitude, enthusiasm

(1) **spirit** and the letter of the law, (2) an indomitable **spirit**

Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great **spirit**.

rainforest

n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

(1) **rainforest** destruction, (2) tropical **rainforest**

The destruction of the **rainforest** is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

immemorial

adj. extending back beyond memory or record; very old

synonym : ancient, age-old, time-honored

(1) **immemorial** relationship, (2) from **immemorial** times

The ancient ruins had been there since **immemorial**, and their origin was mysterious.

territory

n. an area under the control of a ruler or state
synonym: domain, region, realm

(1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge

They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

holistic

adj. relating to or dealing with the whole of something rather than just its parts

synonym: comprehensive, all-encompassing, total

(1) **holistic** education, (2) develop a **holistic** vision

The **holistic** approach to healthcare considers the person's physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

belong

v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

synonym: fit, be appropriate, be suitable

(1) **belong** to different species, (2) **belong** to a group

All the books in this section **belong** to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.

environment

n. the natural world such as air, water, and land in which humans, animals, and plants live

synonym: atmosphere, surroundings, climate

(1) **environment** affairs, (2) chaotic **environment**

Every human is responsible for taking care of the Earth's **environment**.

destroy

v. to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely

synonym: demolish, ruin, obliterate

(1) **destroy** the ecosystem, (2) **destroyed** evidence

The building was **destroyed** in the fire and had to be rebuilt.

indigenous

adj. someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

synonym: domestic, endemic, primitive

(1) **indigenous** crop, (2) **indigenous** peoples

The **indigenous** plants need to be pollinated by local insects.

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.

crisis

n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

synonym: concern, problem, emergency

(1) financial **crisis**, (2) **crisis** management

The Chinese word for **crisis** comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.

exterminate

v. to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds

synonym: eradicate, eliminate, wipe out

(1) **exterminate** pests, (2) **exterminate** communism

The government **exterminated** the invasive species to protect native plants and animals.

transform

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

synonym: alter, convert, change

(1) **transform** an education system, (2) **transform** heat into power

My father's death **transformed** my life completely.

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.

empower

v. to give someone the power or authority to do something
synonym: authorize, endow, entitle

(1) **empower** my life, (2) **empower** the secretary to do the same

The company **empowered** employees to buy low-price items without approval to achieve efficient purchasing.

strategy

n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.

synonym: approach, procedure, scenario

(1) military **strategy**, (2) develop a **strategy**

Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing **strategy**.

hectare

n. 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.

threat

n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

synonym: menace, danger, hazard

(1) economic **threat**, (2) environmental **threat**

The **threat** of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.

biodiversity

n. the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment

(1) **biodiversity** conservation, (2) loss of **biodiversity**

The country was instrumental in promoting the **biodiversity** treaty.

invite

v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

synonym: ask, request, summon

(1) **invite** guests, (2) **invite** criticism

We want to **invite** you to our annual charity event.

government

n. the group of people with authority to control a country or state

synonym: administration, regime, state

(1) **government** bureaucracy, (2) **government** funding

The federal **government** is planning to increase taxes for the next fiscal year.

scream

v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice

synonym: cry, shout, yell

(1) **scream** a profanity, (2) **scream** at him to be quiet

She kept **screaming** for an ambulance.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. lo___e a tumor | v. to specify or determine the exact position of someone or something |
| 2. imm_____al relationship | <i>adj.</i> extending back beyond memory or record; very old |
| 3. cr___s management | <i>n.</i> a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken |
| 4. ex___e a big sigh | v. to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently |
| 5. be___g to different species | v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place |
| 6. military st_____gy | <i>n.</i> a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal. |
| 7. ex___e cigarette smoke | v. to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently |
| 8. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 9. ext_____te communism | v. to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds |
| 10. he___e land | <i>n.</i> a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters |

ANSWERS: 1. locate, 2. immemorial, 3. crisis, 4. exhale, 5. belong, 6. strategy, 7. exhale, 8. opportune, 9. exterminate, 10. hectare

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| 11. si__e off the hair over the flames | v. | to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake |
| 12. de____y the ecosystem | v. | to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely |
| 13. develop a ho____ic vision | adj. | relating to or dealing with the whole of something rather than just its parts |
| 14. tr____rm heat into power | v. | to change in outward structure or looks; |
| 15. re____ct with family | v. | to connect again after a break or interruption |
| 16. co____al combination of funds | adj. | belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use |
| 17. environmental th____t | n. | a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation |
| 18. sc____m a profanity | v. | to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice |
| 19. de____yed evidence | v. | to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely |
| 20. ind____us crop | adj. | someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place |
| 21. em____r my life | v. | to give someone the power or authority to do something |

ANSWERS: 11. singe, 12. destroy, 13. holistic, 14. transform, 15. reconnect, 16. communal, 17. threat, 18. scream, 19. destroy, 20. indigenous, 21. empower

22. an a__e of forest *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
23. tr_____rm an education system *v.* to change in outward structure or looks;
24. an indomitable sp___t *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
25. from imm_____al times *adj.* extending back beyond memory or record; very old
26. economic th___t *n.* a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation
27. gov_____nt funding *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
28. acquire te_____ry *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state
29. in___e guests *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
30. em_____r the secretary to do the same *v.* to give someone the power or authority to do something
31. te_____ry in charge *n.* an area under the control of a ruler or state

ANSWERS: 22. acre, 23. transform, 24. spirit, 25. immemorial, 26. threat, 27. government, 28. territory, 29. invite, 30. empower, 31. territory

32. re_____ct a telephone *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
33. be____g to a group *v.* to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place
34. develop a st_____gy *n.* a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
35. tropical rai_____st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
36. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
37. co_____al swimming pool *adj.* belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use
38. ho_____ic education *adj.* relating to or dealing with the whole of something rather than just its parts
39. po_____e the thread *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
40. bio_____ity conservation *n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
41. housing per he_____e *n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
42. ext_____te pests *v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds

ANSWERS: 32. reconnect, 33. belong, 34. strategy, 35. rainforest, 36. opportune, 37. communal, 38. holistic, 39. pollute, 40. biodiversity, 41. hectare, 42. exterminate

43. financial cr___s *n.* a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken
44. ind_____us peoples *adj.* someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
45. gov_____nt bureaucracy *n.* the group of people with authority to control a country or state
46. in___e criticism *v.* to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place
47. sp___t and the letter of the law *n.* the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people
48. sc___m at him to be quiet *v.* to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
49. si___e the edges of a fabric *v.* to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
50. half-a___e parcel *n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
51. po_____e the air *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

ANSWERS: 43. crisis, 44. indigenous, 45. government, 46. invite, 47. spirit, 48. scream, 49. singe, 50. acre, 51. pollute

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. All the books in this section _____ to the library's rare collection and must be handled carefully.
 - v. to be the property of someone or something; to be a member or part of a group; to be in the proper or appropriate place

2. He took a deep breath and slowly began to _____.
 - v. to breathe out air or vapor from the lungs or mouth; to release or emit something slowly or gently

3. The _____ of severe weather prompted the city to issue an evacuation warning.
 - n. a strong indication or likelihood of harm, danger, or adverse consequences; an expression of intent to inflict harm or injury on someone or something, often made as a means of coercion or intimidation

4. We want to _____ you to our annual charity event.
 - v. to ask someone to come or join; to offer an opportunity or possibility for something to happen or take place

5. They incorporated the conquered _____ into their nation.
 - n. an area under the control of a ruler or state

6. The _____ plants need to be pollinated by local insects.
 - adj. someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

7. The Chinese word for _____ comprises two characters, one for danger and the other for opportunity.
 - n. a time of great disagreement, confusion, or danger when problems must be resolved or critical decisions must be taken

ANSWERS: 1. belong, 2. exhale, 3. threat, 4. invite, 5. territory, 6. indigenous, 7. crisis

8. We should do our best not to _____ the environment.
- 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
9. The destruction of the _____ is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.
- n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
10. The country was instrumental in promoting the _____ treaty.
- n.* the number and variety of plants and animals that exist in a particular area or the world and make a balanced environment
11. The ancient ruins had been there since _____ and their origin was mysterious.
- adj.* extending back beyond memory or record; very old
12. The farm covers over 200 _____ of land.
- n.* a unit of land area in the US Customary System and the British Imperial System, equal to 4,840 square yards (= 4,047 square meters)
13. The building was _____ in the fire and had to be rebuilt.
- v.* to ruin or damage severely or completely; to eradicate or eliminate completely
14. The government _____ the invasive species to protect native plants and animals.
- v.* to destroy completely, often referring to the eradication of pests or weeds
15. The farm spans over 100 _____ of land.
- n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters

ANSWERS: 8. pollute, 9. rainforest, 10. biodiversity, 11. immemorial, 12. acres, 13. destroyed, 14. exterminated, 15. hectares

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20. I didn't realize the iron was still hot and _____ my dress.
v. to burn something slightly or superficially, usually by mistake
21. Our plan includes a comprehensive marketing _____.
n. a detailed plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall goal.
22. After a long period of estrangement, they _____ with each other.
v. to connect again after a break or interruption
23. She kept _____ for an ambulance.
v. to give a loud, high shout suddenly, especially because of fear, anger, excitement, etc.; to utter or declare in a very loud voice
24. Despite their tragic loss, the family is showing great _____.
n. the part of a person which is the seat of their mind, feelings, and character rather than their physical body; the general atmosphere of a place or situation and the effect that it has on people

ANSWERS: 16. government, 17. Communal, 18. locate, 19. environment, 20. singed, 21. strategy, 22. reconnected, 23. screaming, 24. spirit

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adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

26. My father's death _____ my life completely.

v. to change in outward structure or looks;

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adj. relating to or dealing with the whole of something rather than just its parts

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v. to give someone the power or authority to do something

ANSWERS: 25. opportune, 26. transformed, 27. holistic, 28. empowered