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Session 1: Word List

shepherd

n. a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area

synonym: herder, flock-keeper, sheepdog

(1) **shepherd** boy, (2) sheep without a **shepherd**

The **shepherd's** dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.

roustabout

n. (also "rousie") a worker, typically male and unskilled, employed in manual labor tasks, especially on a drilling rig, oil platform, or other industrial settings

synonym: dockworker, laborer, stevedore

(1) **roustabout** job, (2) hardworking **roustabout**

The oil rig hired many **roustabouts** to help with the heavy lifting and manual labor.

verdant

adj. lush and green, often used to describe plant life; denoting youthfulness or inexperience

synonym: lush, green, leafy

(1) **verdant** fields, (2) **verdant** trees

The **verdant** meadow was a peaceful spot for a picnic.

pollinate

v. to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to

produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others

synonym : fertilize, propagate

(1) **pollinate** plants, (2) **pollinate** fruit trees

Without bees to **pollinate** the flowers, many crops would not exist.

farmland

n. land used for farming or agricultural purposes

synonym : agriculture, cropland

(1) **farmland** acreage, (2) fertile **farmland**

The government is encouraging farmers to expand their **farmland** to increase food production.

prospectus

n. a formal document outlining the plans, objectives, and details of a business venture, investment opportunity, academic course, or similar project, often used to solicit funding or attract investors or students

synonym : summary, brochure, outline

(1) **prospectus** of a company, (2) detailed **prospectus**

The **prospectus** for the new investment opportunity was filled with promising information.

armament

n. weapons and other military equipment that a country or organization possesses or maintains for defense or offense

synonym : weaponry, munitions, arms

(1) **armament** race, (2) naval **armament**

The government is poised to increase its **armament** budget for the coming fiscal year.

munition

n. weapons and ammunition used by soldiers or military forces; the tools, materials, or equipment used in the preparation or use of weapons and ammunition

synonym : armament, weaponry, ordnance

(1) **munitions** factory, (2) military **munitions**

The soldiers had stored their **munitions** in a secure bunker.

afterward

adv. after the time mentioned

synonym : later, thereafter, following

(1) a few years **afterward**, (2) go there **afterward**

We will explain the countermeasure concerning this problem **afterward**.

unproductive

adj. not producing or able to produce very much or desired results

synonym : fruitless, ineffective, idle

(1) in an **unproductive** manner, (2) **unproductive** industries

The negotiations between labor and management were **unproductive**.

breastfeeding

n. the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts

synonym : nursing, lactation, suckling

(1) **breastfeeding** mother, (2) **breastfeeding** support

Getting the hang of **breastfeeding** at first can be challenging, but with patience and practice, it gets easier.

deforest

v. to clear an area of forest or trees

synonym : clear-cut, strip, denude

(1) **deforest** a mountain, (2) **deforest** millions of acres

The company planned to **deforest** a large rainforest area to make way for a new plantation.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym : head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

rev *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
synonym: revolution, RPM, speed
(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd
He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

statistician *n.* a person who studies or is an expert in statistics
synonym: actuary
(1) professional **statisticians**, (2) environmental **statistician**
The firm employs several **statisticians** to develop a recommendation engine.

twit *n.* a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
synonym: fool, idiot, imbecile
(1) celebrity **twit**, (2) neighborhood **twit**
Please ignore that **twit** on social media; their opinions are irrelevant.

siphon *n.* a tube or conduit used to transfer liquids, usually from a higher to a lower level, by means of atmospheric pressure, gravity, or vacuum; a device used to extract a liquid from a container
synonym: tube, hose, pipe
(1) **siphon** off political funds, (2) **siphon** jet
The **siphon** pipe in my aquarium helps to keep the water clean and clear by removing debris and waste.

distort *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
synonym: fudge, deform, contort
(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy
Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in

general.

presume

v. to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance

synonym: assume, suppose, guess

(1) **presume** innocence, (2) **presume** on his tolerance

I **presume** you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.

confuse

v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym: confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality

Her remarks **confused** the debate.

colonize

v. to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers

synonym: settle, occupy, inhabit

(1) **colonize** planets, (2) **colonize** for cultivation

European powers **colonized** much of the Americas in the 16th and 17th centuries.

immutable

adj. unchanging; permanent or unalterable

synonym: unchanging, constant, permanent

(1) **immutable** love, (2) **immutable** characteristics

The laws of physics are **immutable**; they never change.

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym: respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

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.

paramountcy

n. the state or condition of being of the utmost importance or significance, to the exclusion of all other considerations

synonym: supremacy, dominance, leadership

(1) **paramountcy** of national security, (2) military **paramountcy**

New, innovative competitors challenged the company's **paramountcy** in the industry.

trade-off

n. a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise

synonym: compromise, balance, exchange

(1) **trade-off** problem, (2) environmental **trade-off**

There was a **trade-off** between speed and accuracy in the task.

lactation

n. the secretion of milk by the mammary glands of a female mammal, typically the following pregnancy

synonym: nursing, breastfeeding, milk production

(1) **lactation** period, (2) **lactation** support

After giving birth, the mother's body produces milk through **lactation**.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. fa_____nd acreage | <i>n.</i> land used for farming or agricultural purposes |
| 2. sheep without a sh_____rd | <i>n.</i> a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area |
| 3. fertile fa_____nd | <i>n.</i> land used for farming or agricultural purposes |
| 4. environmental tr_____ff | <i>n.</i> a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise |
| 5. po_____te plants | <i>v.</i> to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others |
| 6. tr_____ff problem | <i>n.</i> a balance achieved between two desirable but incompatible features; an exchange that occurs as a compromise |
| 7. di_____t the economy | <i>v.</i> to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear |
| 8. military par_____cy | <i>n.</i> the state or condition of being of the utmost importance or significance, to the exclusion of all other considerations |
| 9. go there af_____rd | <i>adv.</i> after the time mentioned |
| 10. de_____st a mountain | <i>v.</i> to clear an area of forest or trees |

ANSWERS: 1. farmland, 2. shepherd, 3. farmland, 4. trade-off, 5. pollinate, 6. trade-off, 7. distort, 8. paramountcy, 9. afterward, 10. deforest

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| 11. unproductive industries | <i>adj.</i> not producing or able to produce very much or desired results |
| 12. naval armament | <i>n.</i> weapons and other military equipment that a country or organization possesses or maintains for defense or offense |
| 13. breastfeeding mother | <i>n.</i> the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts |
| 14. devastation to life | <i>n.</i> the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale |
| 15. hardworking roustabout | <i>n.</i> (also "rousie") a worker, typically male and unskilled, employed in manual labor tasks, especially on a drilling rig, oil platform, or other industrial settings |
| 16. a few years afterward | <i>adv.</i> after the time mentioned |
| 17. siphon off political funds | <i>n.</i> a tube or conduit used to transfer liquids, usually from a higher to a lower level, by means of atmospheric pressure, gravity, or vacuum; a device used to extract a liquid from a container |
| 18. breastfeeding support | <i>n.</i> the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts |
| 19. presume on his tolerance | <i>v.</i> to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance |
| 20. confuse the listener | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |

ANSWERS: 11. unproductive, 12. armament, 13. breastfeeding, 14. devastation, 15. roustabout, 16. afterward, 17. siphon, 18. breastfeeding, 19. presume, 20. confuse

21. de_____st millions of acres *v.* to clear an area of forest or trees
22. rou_____ut job *n.* (also "rousie") a worker, typically male and unskilled, employed in manual labor tasks, especially on a drilling rig, oil platform, or other industrial settings
23. im_____le love *adj.* unchanging; permanent or unalterable
24. di_____t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
25. financial dev_____on *n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
26. la_____on period *n.* the secretion of milk by the mammary glands of a female mammal, typically the following pregnancy
27. per ca___a sales *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
28. mu_____ons factory *n.* weapons and ammunition used by soldiers or military forces; the tools, materials, or equipment used in the preparation or use of weapons and ammunition
29. par_____cy of national security *n.* the state or condition of being of the utmost importance or significance, to the exclusion of all other considerations
30. n_d at each other *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

ANSWERS: 21. deforest, 22. roustabout, 23. immutable, 24. distort, 25. devastation, 26. lactation, 27. capita, 28. munition, 29. paramountcy, 30. nod

31. the agricultural yield per ca___a *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
32. in an unp_____ive manner *adj.* not producing or able to produce very much or desired results
33. celebrity t__t *n.* a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating
34. co_____ze for cultivation *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
35. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
36. pro_____us of a company *n.* a formal document outlining the plans, objectives, and details of a business venture, investment opportunity, academic course, or similar project, often used to solicit funding or attract investors or students
37. pr_____e innocence *v.* to suppose or assume something to be true, often without sufficient evidence or proof; to take liberties, behave impolitely, or overstep one's bounds, often due to arrogance or ignorance
38. ve_____t trees *adj.* lush and green, often used to describe plant life; denoting youthfulness or inexperience

ANSWERS: 31. capita, 32. unproductive, 33. twit, 34. colonize, 35. rev, 36. prospectus, 37. presume, 38. verdant

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| 39. co_____e fantasy with reality | <i>v.</i> | to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 40. environmental sta_____ian | <i>n.</i> | a person who studies or is an expert in statistics |
| 41. detailed pro_____us | <i>n.</i> | a formal document outlining the plans, objectives, and details of a business venture, investment opportunity, academic course, or similar project, often used to solicit funding or attract investors or students |
| 42. la_____on support | <i>n.</i> | the secretion of milk by the mammary glands of a female mammal, typically the following pregnancy |
| 43. neighborhood t__t | <i>n.</i> | a silly or foolish person; someone regarded as annoying or irritating |
| 44. ar_____nt race | <i>n.</i> | weapons and other military equipment that a country or organization possesses or maintains for defense or offense |
| 45. professional sta_____ians | <i>n.</i> | a person who studies or is an expert in statistics |
| 46. sh_____rd boy | <i>n.</i> | a person who tends and guards sheep, especially in a rural area |
| 47. im_____le characteristics | <i>adj.</i> | unchanging; permanent or unalterable |
| 48. po_____te fruit trees | <i>v.</i> | to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others |

ANSWERS: 39. confuse, 40. statistician, 41. prospectus, 42. lactation, 43. twit, 44. armament, 45. statistician, 46. shepherd, 47. immutable, 48. pollinate

49. si___n jet *n.* a tube or conduit used to transfer liquids, usually from a higher to a lower level, by means of atmospheric pressure, gravity, or vacuum; a device used to extract a liquid from a container
50. military mu_____ons *n.* weapons and ammunition used by soldiers or military forces; the tools, materials, or equipment used in the preparation or use of weapons and ammunition
51. ve_____t fields *adj.* lush and green, often used to describe plant life; denoting youthfulness or inexperience
52. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
53. co_____ze planets *v.* to establish a colony in or on a specific place; to settle or occupy in large numbers
54. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

ANSWERS: 49. siphon, 50. munition, 51. verdant, 52. rev, 53. colonize, 54. nod

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The negotiations between labor and management were _____.
adj. not producing or able to produce very much or desired results
2. GDP per _____ shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.
n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
3. The government is poised to increase its _____ budget for the coming fiscal year.
n. weapons and other military equipment that a country or organization possesses or maintains for defense or offense
4. The firm employs several _____ to develop a recommendation engine.
n. a person who studies or is an expert in statistics
5. I _____ you've already made plans for the weekend since you didn't respond to my invitation.
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6. New, innovative competitors challenged the company's _____ in the industry.
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7. The _____ meadow was a peaceful spot for a picnic.
adj. lush and green, often used to describe plant life; denoting youthfulness or inexperience

ANSWERS: 1. unproductive, 2. capita, 3. armament, 4. statisticians, 5. presume, 6. paramouncy, 7. verdant

8. The economic recession caused _____ in the housing market, with many people losing their homes.
- n.* the act of causing great destruction or damage, often on a large scale
9. The _____ dog helped keep the sheep in line and protect them from predators.
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10. The _____ for the new investment opportunity was filled with promising information.
- n.* a formal document outlining the plans, objectives, and details of a business venture, investment opportunity, academic course, or similar project, often used to solicit funding or attract investors or students
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ANSWERS: 8. devastation, 9. shepherd's, 10. prospectus, 11. colonized, 12. confused, 13. lactation, 14. immutable;, 15. roustabouts

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17. She _____ quietly in response to the question.
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18. The company planned to _____ a large rainforest area to make way for a new plantation.
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19. The government is encouraging farmers to expand their _____ to increase food production.
- n.* land used for farming or agricultural purposes
20. Without bees to _____ the flowers, many crops would not exist.
- v.* to transfer pollen from the male part of a flower to the female part, thereby fertilizing the plant and allowing it to produce fruit or seeds; to spread or disseminate an idea or influence to others
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- n.* the act of feeding a baby with milk produced by the mother's breasts
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- n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

ANSWERS: 16. trade-off, 17. nodded, 18. deforest, 19. farmland, 20. pollinate, 21. breastfeeding, 22. rev

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24. Please ignore that _____ on social media; their opinions are irrelevant.

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ANSWERS: 23. afterward, 24. twit, 25. distort, 26. munitions, 27. siphon