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Session 1: Word List

equator

- an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
- (1) south of the **equator**, (2) above the **equator** Ecuador is on the **equator**.

euphemism

- a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing
- synonym: mild expression, implication, circumlocution
- (1) genteel **euphemism**, (2) a **euphemism** for death The company used the **euphemism** "downsizing" to describe the layoffs of hundreds of employees.

ready-made

- adj. (of a product) already made or prepared; (of an idea or solution) preconceived or complete and requiring no further development or work
- synonym: pre-made, off-the-shelf, prefab
- (1) **ready-made** templates, (2) **ready-made** curtains

 I prefer using **ready-made** meals when short on time and don't feel like cooking from scratch.

souk

n. a market or bazaar in the Middle East or North Africa, typically consisting of a maze of narrow streets and passageways filled with vendors selling goods such as textiles, spices, and crafts

synonym: bazaar, market

(1) traditional **souk**, (2) vibrant **souk**

My favorite part of traveling to Morocco is exploring the maze-like **souks**.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of diseasesynonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

clot

 a thick mass or lump of coagulated liquid, especially blood; a group of people or things that form an obstructive, unsympathetic, or resistant force

synonym: clump, coagulation, thrombus

(1) blood clot, (2) clot prevention

The **clot** in the blood vessel required immediate medical attention.

counterfeit

 adj. made in imitation of something else to deceive or defraud; not genuine or authentic

synonym: fake, false, imitation

(1) counterfeit document, (2) counterfeit money

The company hired a team of experts to identify **counterfeit** products in their supply chain.

knockoff

 an imitation or copy of a product or item, often made with lower-quality materials or in a way that violates the intellectual property rights of the original maker

synonym: imitation, copy, replica

(1) knockoff version, (2) designer knockoff

The street vendor was selling knockoff designer purses.

reassure

v. to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence

synonym: comfort, soothe, bolster

(1) **reassure** anxious patients, (2) **reassure** market The pilot tried to **reassure** the customers that the planes were safe.

glide

rift

to move smoothly and effortlessly

synonym: slide, skim, coast

- (1) **glide** through the water, (2) **glide** down the mountain The eagle gracefully **glided** on the thermals, soaring above the mountains.
- a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces

synonym: split, break, gap

rift between friends, (2) geological rift
 Their disagreement caused a rift in their friendship.

agro

 n. (short for agriculture) the science, business, and industry of cultivating crops and raising livestock for food, fuel, and other products

synonym: agriculture, farming, cultivation

(1) agro business, (2) agro technologyThe company specializes in producing high-quality agro

products for export.

reckon

- v. to think or believe something synonym: regard, imagine, suppose
- (1) hard to **reckon**, (2) **reckon** the company as a rival He **reckons** that corruption was rampant in the regime.

millet

- a tiny seed of any of several annual cereal types of grass used as food, mainly to manufacture flour and to feed birds and animals
- (1) increasing **millet** harvests, (2) cooking **millet**

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The primary crop harvested during autumn is **millet**.

sorghum

- n. a type of grain grown in tropical countries
- (1) **sorghum** grain, (2) seeds of **sorghum**

Sorghum is an important food grain in this country.

irrepressible

adj. impossible to control, restrain, or suppress; exuberant or overflowing with energy or enthusiasm

synonym: uncontainable, uncontrollable

(1) irrepressible joy, (2) irrepressible smile

The child's **irrepressible** laughter filled the room.

ingest

v. to take food or drink into the body, often through the mouth; to absorb or assimilate something, often used to describe the intake of information or knowledge

synonym: swallow, consume, devour

(1) ingest food, (2) ingest medication

People who compulsively **ingest** non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica.

dope

 a slang term for drugs, typically illegal ones; any thick liquid or paste-like substance; information or news, especially if thought to be confidential

synonym: narcotics, drugs, stimulants

(1) dope scandal, (2) smoking dope

He was arrested for possessing illegal dope.

alight

adj. lighted up by or as by fire or flame; (verb) to come down

synonym: burning, lighted up, (verb) land

(1) catch alight, (2) alight from a train

The witness stated that he set a house alight.

vaccinate

v. to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease

synonym: immunize, inject, inoculate

(1) **vaccinate** against scarlet fever, (2) **vaccinate** every year

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The nurse vaccinated the children in the school.

bloodstream

- n. the blood flowing through the body
- (1) **bloodstream** in an artery, (2) **bloodstream** to the brain Cancer cells are often carried throughout the body by the **bloodstream**.

cripple

v. to cause severe damage or injury that greatly impairs someone's ability to function or move; to weaken or undermine

synonym: disable, impair, paralyze

(1) **cripple** economy, (2) **cripple** opposition

The injury was severe enough to **cripple** the athlete's chances of playing again this season.

confer

- v. to have a meeting or discussion to come to a decision or agreement or exchange ideas; to bestow something
 synonym: consult, meet, discuss
- (1) confer degree, (2) confer honor

The leaders of the two countries met to **confer** on the issue.

vial

 a small glass container, especially one containing liquid medicine or perfume

synonym: container, bottle, flask

(1) glass vials, (2) insulin vial

This medication is sealed in a vial.

thermometer

n. a device used to measure temperature, typically consisting of a glass or plastic tube containing a column of liquid, such as mercury, that rises and falls with changes in temperature

synonym: thermos, gauge, climate gauge

(1) digital **thermometer**, (2) clinical **thermometer**My mother always used a mercury **thermometer** to check our temperature when we were sick.

redeem

v. to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of something; to regain possession or assume ownership of something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless situation

synonym: rescue, save, recover

(1) **redeem** a coupon, (2) **redeem** a government bond He tried to **redeem** himself by volunteering at the local charity after his mistakes.

recap

v. to repeat or summarize what has been said, decided, etc.

synonym: outline, summarize, abstract

(1) **recap** key points, (2) **recap** briefly Let me quickly **recap** these results.

interdependent

adj. depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected

synonym: interconnected, interrelated, mutual

(1) **interdependent** systems, (2) develop **interdependent** skills

In nature, all living things are **interdependent** and rely on each other for survival.

decentralize

v. to move the power, control, or authority of an organization, government, or system from a single place to several smaller ones

synonym: deconcentrate, disperse, distribute

(1) **decentralize** authority, (2) **decentralize** organizational structure

We need to **decentralize** our data to recover quickly from a disaster.

blockchain

- n. a system in which a growing list of payment records, called blocks, made in cryptocurrency is maintained across several computers that are securely linked
- (1) blockchain platform, (2) the scalability of blockchain

Cryptocurrencies are only one form of implementation of **blockchain** technology.

enthusiast

- n. a person having a strong liking for somethingsynonym: buff, aficionado, devotee
- (1) classic car **enthusiasts**, (2) an **enthusiastic** response The country's economic situation has improved markedly due to reform **enthusiasts**.

imp

- n. a mischievous or misbehaving child; a small and mischievous demon or sprite in folklore
 synonym: demon, sprite, mischievous child
- (1) a little **imp**, (2) behave like an **imp**

The mischievous **imp** caused trouble wherever it went.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

tuna

- a large fish of the mackerel family, found in warm seas;
 commonly used for commercial and sport fishing and as a food source for humans and other animals
- (1) tuna steak, (2) canned tunaI made a tuna sandwich for lunch today.

masquerade

 a party, dance, or other festive gatherings of persons wearing masks and other disguises, or a costume worn on such an occasion; making a false outward show

synonym: disguise, pretense, facade

(1) show up in a **masquerade**, (2) absurd **masquerade**The **masquerade** party was lavish, with guests in elaborate costumes and masks.

contaminate

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

synonym: defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

cadmium

- n. a soft, bluish-white metallic element with the atomic number 48 and the symbol Cd that is used in batteries, pigments, and other products and can be toxic if ingested or inhaled
- (1) **cadmium** poisoning, (2) **cadmium** coatings **Cadmium** batteries have a longer lifespan and higher energy density than other types of batteries.

intrude

v. to enter or to be present in a place or situation where one is not wanted or allowed; to interrupt or disturb someone or something

synonym: impose, obtrude, interlope

(1) **intrude** on his personal space, (2) **intrude** on other people's conversations

The loud music from the party next door **intruded** into my peaceful evening at home.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

aeronautics

n. the science or art of designing, building, and flying aircraft

synonym: aviation, aerospace, flying

(1) **aeronautics** industry, (2) **aeronautics** research He studied **aeronautics** in college and worked as an aerospace engineer.

marginalize

 to treat a person or group as insignificant or unimportant; to push to the edge or margin of society or a group; to exclude from power or influence

synonym: exclude, isolate, sideline

(1) **marginalize** minorities, (2) **marginalize** dissenting voices

It's important not to **marginalize** certain groups of people based on their race, religion, or ethnicity.

intellect

 the ability to think logically and comprehend information, especially at an advanced level

synonym: mind, brightness, cleverness

(1) enrich my **intellect**, (2) human **intellect**Your **intellect** is capable of distinguishing among similar objects.

Session 2: Spelling

| 1. | blood ct | n. | a thick mass or lump of coagulated liquid, especially blood; a group of people or things that form an obstructive, unsympathetic, or resistant force |
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| 2. | rere anxious patients | ν. | to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence |
| 3. | genteel eusm | n. | a mild or indirect word or expression used in place of one considered to be too harsh or blunt when referring to something unpleasant or embarrassing |
| 4. | r_t between friends | n. | a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces |
| 5. | rere market | <i>v</i> . | to cause someone to feel sure; to give or restore confidence |
| 6. | aercs industry | n. | the science or art of designing, building and flying aircraft |
| 7. | ine on other people's conversations | v. | to enter or to be present in a place or situation where one is not wanted or allowed; to interrupt or disturb someone or something |
| 8. | canned ta | n. | a large fish of the mackerel family, found in warm seas; commonly used fo commercial and sport fishing and as a food source for humans and other |

ANSWERS: 1. clot, 2. reassure, 3. euphemism, 4. rift, 5. reassure, 6. aeronautics, 7. intrude, 8. tuna

animals

ANSWERS: 9. enthusiast, 10. blockchain, 11. intrude, 12. confer, 13. institutionalize, 14. agro, 15. vaccinate, 16. ready-made, 17. decentralize

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situation

something by paying a sum of money or fulfilling a condition; to rescue or save someone from a difficult or hopeless

ANSWERS: 26. confer, 27. bloodstream, 28. masquerade, 29. cadmium, 30. medicinal, 31. glide, 32. alight, 33. knockoff, 34. sorghum, 35. imp

| 36. | meal chemistry | adj. | of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease | | |
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| 38. | clinical theer | n. | a device used to measure temperature, typically consisting of a glass or plastic tube containing a column of liquid, such as mercury, that rises and falls with changes in temperature | | |
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| 40. | show up in a masde | n. | a party, dance, or other festive gatherings of persons wearing masks and other disguises, or a costume worn on such an occasion; making a false outward show | | |
| 41. | irrble joy | adj. | impossible to control, restrain, or suppress; exuberant or overflowing with energy or enthusiasm | | |
| 42. | aercs research | n. | the science or art of designing, building and flying aircraft | | |
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contaminate, 50. cripple, 51. cadmium

ANSWERS: 52. interdependent, 53. marginalize, 54. vaccinate, 55. equator, 56. rift, 57. dope, 58. recap, 59. dope, 60. agro

ANSWERS: 61. irrepressible, 62. contaminate, 63. equator, 64. institutionalize, 65. vial, 66. uncover, 67. enthusiast, 68. intellect, 69. reckon, 70. souk

crafts

passageways filled with vendors selling

goods such as textiles, spices, and

ANSWERS: 71. imp, 72. tuna, 73. counterfeit, 74. uncover, 75. counterfeit, 76. millet, 77. ingest, 78. reckon, 79. decentralize

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

| 1. | People who compulsively non-food items, such as dirt or chalk, suffer from a condition called pica. | | | | |
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| adj | (of a product) already made or prepared; (of an idea or solution) preconceived or complete and requiring no further development or work | | | | |
| 3. | The nurse the children in the school. | | | | |
| v. | to treat with a vaccine, usually by injection, to produce immunity against a disease | | | | |
| 4. | Ecuador is on the | | | | |
| n. | an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles) | | | | |
| 5. | The company hired a team of experts to identify products in their supply chain. | | | | |
| adj | made in imitation of something else to deceive or defraud; not genuine or authentic | | | | |
| 6. | batteries have a longer lifespan and higher energy density than other types of batteries. | | | | |
| n. | a soft, bluish-white metallic element with the atomic number 48 and the symbol Cd that is used in batteries, pigments, and other products and can be toxic if ingested or inhaled | | | | |
| ANSWERS: 1. ingest, 2. ready-made, 3. vaccinated, 4. equator, 5. counterfeit, 6. Cadmium | | | | | |

| 7. | In nature, all living things aresurvival. | _ and rely on each other for | | | | |
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