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Session 1: Word List

cyclone

n. a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs

synonym : tornado, twister, hurricane

(1) **cyclone** warning, (2) devastating **cyclone**

The **cyclone's** strong winds and rough seas severely impacted the fishing industry.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym : evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

unmapped

adj. not yet charted, surveyed, or explored; not known, understood, or accounted for

synonym : unexplored, uncharted, undiscovered

(1) **unmapped** knowledge, (2) **unmapped** regions

The explorers came across an **unmapped** jungle area that had never been charted.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

proprietor

n. a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company

synonym: owner, keeper, possessor

(1) **proprietor** of a business, (2) copyright **proprietor**

The **proprietor** of the small bakery was always friendly and welcoming.

rudimentary

adj. relating to basic facts or principles; fundamental

synonym: essential, fundamental, elementary

(1) a **rudimentary** plant, (2) **rudimentary** understanding

He has only a **rudimentary** knowledge of this topic.

contraption

n. a machine or device that is made up of a combination of interconnected parts and often appears complicated or unusual

synonym: device, gadget, machinery

(1) farming **contraption**, (2) complicated **contraption**

The inventor created a **contraption** that could turn salt water into drinking water.

retrace

v. to trace again, reexamine, or follow the path or course of something; to go back over something or retrace one's steps

synonym: backtrack, follow back

(1) **retrace** my life, (2) **retrace** a journey

I need to **retrace** my steps to find the lost keys.

footprint

n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface

synonym: footmark, imprint, impression

(1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier

civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon **footprint**.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

patchwork

n. a fabric made by stitching together small pieces of different colored and patterned fabrics; a mixture or grouping of diverse elements or components

synonym: assortment, jumble, mishmash

(1) the **patchwork** of legislation, (2) **patchwork** design

The **patchwork** approach to funding led to an uneven distribution of resources.

illuminating

adj. making something clear or easy to understand; providing light

synonym: enlightening, informative, clarifying

(1) **illuminating** light, (2) an **illuminating** answer

The lecture was **illuminating** and gave me a new perspective on the topic.

cape

n. 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.

cartographer

v. a person who creates or produces maps, typically by gathering or analyzing geographic data and using specialized software or tools

synonym: mapmaker

(1) expert **cartographer**, (2) **cartographer's** tool

A **cartographer's** job requires a strong eye for detail and a deep understanding of geographic principles.

iconography

n. the visual images or symbols used in a particular field of study, worship, or art; a system or language of imagery used to represent ideas or concepts

synonym: symbolism, iconology, representation

(1) religious **iconography**, (2) digital **iconography**

The **iconography** of the logo was immediately recognizable as belonging to the famous brand.

tundra

n. a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen

synonym: arctic plain, permafrost, polar desert

(1) the Siberian **tundra**, (2) **tundra** biome

The Arctic **tundra** is a vast and desolate landscape with few signs of life.

Session 2: Spelling

1. cy_____e warning *n.* a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs

2. tu____a biome *n.* a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen

3. re_____e my life *v.* to trace again, reexamine, or follow the path or course of something; to go back over something or retrace one's steps

4. di_____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

5. red c__e *n.* 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

6. an ill_____ing answer *adj.* making something clear or easy to understand; providing light

7. a rud_____ry plant *adj.* relating to basic facts or principles; fundamental

8. pa_____rk design *n.* a fabric made by stitching together small pieces of different colored and patterned fabrics; a mixture or grouping of diverse elements or components

ANSWERS: 1. cyclone, 2. tundra, 3. retrace, 4. displace, 5. cape, 6. illuminating, 7. rudimentary, 8. patchwork

9. the pa_____rk of legislation *n.* a fabric made by stitching together small pieces of different colored and patterned fabrics; a mixture or grouping of diverse elements or components
10. c__e cod *n.* 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
11. re_____e a journey *v.* to trace again, reexamine, or follow the path or course of something; to go back over something or retrace one's steps
12. copyright pro_____or *n.* a person who owns and runs a business, especially a hotel, a shop, or a company
13. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
14. un_____ed knowledge *adj.* not yet charted, surveyed, or explored; not known, understood, or accounted for
15. di_____ce workers *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
16. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
17. farming con_____on *n.* a machine or device that is made up of a combination of interconnected parts and often appears complicated or unusual

ANSWERS: 9. patchwork, 10. cape, 11. retrace, 12. proprietor, 13. storytelling, 14. unmapped, 15. displace, 16. improvisation, 17. contraption

18. ill_____ing light *adj.* making something clear or easy to understand; providing light
19. fo_____nts in the snow *n.* a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
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24. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
25. digital ico_____hy *n.* the visual images or symbols used in a particular field of study, worship, or art; a system or language of imagery used to represent ideas or concepts
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ANSWERS: 18. illuminating, 19. footprint, 20. rudimentary, 21. cyclone, 22. proprietor, 23. cartographer, 24. storytelling, 25. iconography, 26. iconography

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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- v.* to trace again, reexamine, or follow the path or course of something; to go back over something or retrace one's steps

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- n.* a vast, treeless, and typically frozen plain in the Arctic regions, where the subsoil is permanently frozen

ANSWERS: 15. retrace, 16. tundra