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Session 1: Word List

swamp

n. an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation

synonym : marsh, mire, bog

(1) muddy **swamp**, (2) **swamp** tour

The lowland **swamp** was full of dangerous animals and poisonous plants.

kidnapping

n. the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive

synonym : abduction, snatch, kidnap

(1) **kidnapping** attempt, (2) mass **kidnapping**

She received a year's imprisonment for aggravated **kidnapping**.

captivity

n. the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

synonym : confinement, detention, imprisonment

(1) escape from **captivity**, (2) animals in **captivity** in the zoo

Pandas rarely breed in **captivity**.

menace

n. a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat

synonym : threat, danger, hazard

(1) invisible **menace**, (2) potential **menace**

The reckless driver was a **menace** to other drivers on the road.

lob

v. to throw or hit a ball or object high into the air in a high, slow arc; to propel an object in a high, arcing trajectory
synonym: toss, throw, heave

(1) **lob** the bait into the water, (2) **lob** a grenade

I learned how to **lob** a tennis ball over the net during my first lesson.

scald

v. to burn or painfully affect with hot liquid or steam
synonym: burn, scold, sear

(1) **scald** the milk, (2) **scald** my tongue

Be careful not to **scald** yourself with the hot water.

plop

n. a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water

synonym: drop, flop, plunk

(1) loud **plop**, (2) **plop** of water

The ball fell into the water with a **plop**.

bask

v. to expose oneself to warmth, sunlight, or enjoyment with a pleasant feeling of relaxation and contentment

synonym: sunbathe, lounge, relax

(1) **bask** in the sun, (2) **bask** in the attention

The lizard **basked** on the warm rock for hours.

balmy

adj. pleasantly warm, mild, or soothing; having a calming or soothing effect on the senses or emotions

synonym: warm, mild, pleasant

(1) **balmy** days and nights, (2) **balmy** evening

The **balmy** weather was perfect for a picnic in the park.

parable

n. a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson

synonym : allegory, fable, tale

(1) **parable** story, (2) biblical **parable**

Jesus quoted **parables** to teach important lessons to his disciples.

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.

arctic

adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

synonym : cold, frozen, polar

(1) **arctic** ice, (2) high **arctic**

Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the **arctic** climate.

emit

v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.

synonym : give off, radiate, expel

(1) **emit** a gamma ray, (2) **emit** air pollution

During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.

methane

n. a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

(1) atmospheric **methane**, (2) reduce **methane** emissions

The ignition of **methane** gas in the plant killed five employees.

sequester

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

synonym : isolate, set apart, segregate

- (1) **sequester** ten percent of the annual carbon emissions,
(2) **sequester** myself from the world

He approved their requests to **sequester** the jury.

prohibitively

adv. in a manner that discourages or prevents something from happening or being done, especially by making it too expensive

synonym : excessively

- (1) **prohibitively** long time, (2) **prohibitively** difficult

The cost of the project was **prohibitively** high for the company to consider.

proverb

n. a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

synonym : adage, saying, maxim

- (1) a hackneyed **proverb**, (2) ancient **proverb**

The famous **proverb** "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ar___c ice | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold |
| 2. a hackneyed pr____b | <i>n.</i> a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience |
| 3. invisible me___e | <i>n.</i> a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat |
| 4. loud p__p | <i>n.</i> a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water |
| 5. sc__d the milk | <i>v.</i> to burn or painfully affect with hot liquid or steam |
| 6. ancient pr____b | <i>n.</i> a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience |
| 7. e__t air pollution | <i>v.</i> to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc. |
| 8. se_____er myself from the world | <i>v.</i> to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid. |
| 9. e__t a gamma ray | <i>v.</i> to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc. |
| 10. biblical pa____e | <i>n.</i> a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson |

ANSWERS: 1. arctic, 2. proverb, 3. menace, 4. plop, 5. scald, 6. proverb, 7. emit, 8. sequester, 9. emit, 10. parable

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| 11. escape from ca_____ty | <i>n.</i> the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from |
| 12. pro_____ely long time | <i>adv.</i> in a manner that discourages or prevents something from happening or being done, especially by making it too expensive |
| 13. muddy sw__p | <i>n.</i> an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation |
| 14. mass kid_____ng | <i>n.</i> the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive |
| 15. pa_____e story | <i>n.</i> a short allegorical story designed to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson |
| 16. animals in ca_____ty in the zoo | <i>n.</i> the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from |
| 17. atmospheric me_____e | <i>n.</i> a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH ₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel |
| 18. high ar____c | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold |
| 19. se_____er ten percent of the annual carbon emissions | <i>v.</i> to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid. |
| 20. clinical the_____er | <i>n.</i> 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 |

ANSWERS: 11. captivity, 12. prohibitively, 13. swamp, 14. kidnapping, 15. parable, 16. captivity, 17. methane, 18. arctic, 19. sequester, 20. thermometer

21. ba__y evening *adj.* pleasantly warm, mild, or soothing; having a calming or calming effect on the senses or emotions
22. sw__p tour *n.* an area of low-lying land that is flooded or saturated with water, often having a growth of natural vegetation
23. kid_____ng attempt *n.* the act of taking somebody away illegally and holding them captive
24. p__p of water *n.* a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water
25. pro_____ely difficult *adv.* in a manner that discourages or prevents something from happening or being done, especially by making it too expensive
26. l_b a grenade *v.* to throw or hit a ball or object high into the air in a high, slow arc; to propel an object in a high, arcing trajectory
27. l_b the bait into the water *v.* to throw or hit a ball or object high into the air in a high, slow arc; to propel an object in a high, arcing trajectory
28. reduce me_____e emissions *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
29. b__k in the sun *v.* to expose oneself to warmth, sunlight, or enjoyment with a pleasant feeling of relaxation and contentment
30. digital the_____er *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

ANSWERS: 21. balmy, 22. swamp, 23. kidnapping, 24. plop, 25. prohibitively, 26. lob, 27. lob, 28. methane, 29. bask, 30. thermometer

31. ba__y days and nights *adj.* pleasantly warm, mild, or soothing; having a calming or calming effect on the senses or emotions
32. potential me___e *n.* a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat
33. b__k in the attention *v.* to expose oneself to warmth, sunlight, or enjoyment with a pleasant feeling of relaxation and contentment
34. sc__d my tongue *v.* to burn or painfully affect with hot liquid or steam

ANSWERS: 31. balmy, 32. menace, 33. bask, 34. scald

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Pandas rarely breed in _____.
 - n.* the situation in which a person or animal is kept in prison or a space that they cannot escape from

2. The famous _____ "actions speak louder than words" reminds us to focus on deeds instead of words.
 - n.* a short saying that expresses a truth or gives advice based on practical experience

3. The lizard _____ on the warm rock for hours.
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 - n.* a short and soft sound like that of a small object dropping into water without a splash; (verb) drop with the sound of something falling into water

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6. I learned how to ___ a tennis ball over the net during my first lesson.
 - v.* to throw or hit a ball or object high into the air in a high, slow arc; to propel an object in a high, arcing trajectory

7. Be careful not to _____ yourself with the hot water.
 - v.* to burn or painfully affect with hot liquid or steam

ANSWERS: 1. captivity, 2. proverb, 3. basked, 4. plop, 5. prohibitively, 6. lob, 7. scald

8. Jesus quoted _____ to teach important lessons to his disciples.
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adj. pleasantly warm, mild, or soothing; having a calming or calming effect on the senses or emotions
15. The reckless driver was a _____ to other drivers on the road.
n. a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat

ANSWERS: 8. parables, 9. swamp, 10. emits, 11. thermometer, 12. kidnapping, 13. methane, 14. balmy, 15. menace

16. Cold temperatures and long, dark winters characterize the _____ climate.

adj. of or relating to the region around the North Pole or the Arctic Ocean; very cold

17. He approved their requests to _____ the jury.

v. to take temporary possession of someone's property until a debt is paid.

ANSWERS: 16. arctic, 17. sequester