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Session 1: Word List

outskirt

n. the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something.

synonym: suburb, periphery, edge

(1) the **outskirt** of the forest, (2) on the western **outskirts**
The **outskirt** of the city was quieter and more peaceful than the busy downtown area.

preoccupied

adj. having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy

synonym: absorbed, engrossed, occupied

(1) **preoccupied** idea, (2) **preoccupied** with other things
He was **preoccupied** with work and didn't notice me.

distracted

adj. having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried

synonym: preoccupied, inattentive, absent-minded

(1) get **distracted** by an urgent matter, (2) **distracted** by a conversation
I was so **distracted** by my phone that I nearly walked into a lamppost.

mourning

n. the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving

synonym: grieving, sorrow, lamentation

(1) **mourning** period, (2) **mourning** ritual

She wore black clothing as a symbol of **mourning** for her grandmother.

landslide

n. a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope

synonym: avalanche, mudslide, rockfall

(1) **landslide** victory, (2) prevent a **landslide**

The massive **landslide** buried the small village under a thick layer of rock and dirt.

seedling

n. a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots

synonym: sapling, sprout, shoot

(1) a green **seedling**, (2) **seedling** tray

The **seedlings** in the garden needed to be thinned out to have enough space to grow.

hillside

n. the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline

synonym: slope, incline

(1) **hillside** landscape, (2) **hillside** vineyard

The hikers were stunned by the beautiful wildflowers on the **hillside**.

mangrove

n. a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

(1) **mangrove** forest, (2) **mangrove** swamp

The **mangrove** trees are known for their ability to survive in saltwater and sandy soil.

steward

n. a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc.

synonym: caretaker, manager, custodian

(1) **steward** duties, (2) **steward** service

The **steward** on the flight was very helpful in assisting passengers with their needs.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

reintroduce

v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

synonym: bring back, restore, reestablish

(1) **reintroduce** species, (2) **reintroduce** capital punishment

The government is planning to **reintroduce** wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. la_____de victory | <i>n.</i> a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope |
| 2. ma_____ve forest | <i>n.</i> a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it |
| 3. on the western ou_____rts | <i>n.</i> the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something. |
| 4. cannot log in to the a_p | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |
| 5. pre_____ed idea | <i>adj.</i> having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy |
| 6. the ou_____rt of the forest | <i>n.</i> the part of a town or city away from the center, typically the suburbs; the fringe or border of something. |
| 7. get dis_____ed by an urgent matter | <i>adj.</i> having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried |
| 8. mo_____ng period | <i>n.</i> the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving |
| 9. mo_____ng ritual | <i>n.</i> the act or expression of sorrow or grief for someone who has died; a period of time set aside for such grieving |

ANSWERS: 1. landslide, 2. mangrove, 3. outskirts, 4. app, 5. preoccupied, 6. outskirts, 7. distracted, 8. mourning, 9. mourning

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| 10. pre_____ed with other things | <i>adj.</i> having one's thoughts or attention absorbed by something; busy |
| 11. hi_____de vineyard | <i>n.</i> the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline |
| 12. a green se_____ng | <i>n.</i> a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots |
| 13. prevent a la_____de | <i>n.</i> a large, sudden movement of a mass of rock, earth, or other material down a slope |
| 14. st_____d service | <i>n.</i> a person responsible for the management and care of another's property or for the supervision of the domestic staff of a large household or organization; a person in charge of arranging for the supply of food to a college, club, etc. |
| 15. hi_____de landscape | <i>n.</i> the sloping side of a hill or mountain; a landscape feature characterized by a natural gradient or incline |
| 16. killer a_p | <i>n.</i> (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |
| 17. dis_____ed by a conversation | <i>adj.</i> having one's attention diverted or divided; being unable to concentrate because of being preoccupied or worried |
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ANSWERS: 10. preoccupied, 11. hillside, 12. seedling, 13. landslide, 14. steward, 15.

hillside, 16. app, 17. distracted, 18. steward

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| 19. rei_____ce species | <i>v.</i> | to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued |
| 20. ma_____ve swamp | <i>n.</i> | a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it |
| 21. se_____ng tray | <i>n.</i> | a young plant that has just germinated and has not yet developed leaves or true roots |
| 22. rei_____ce capital punishment | <i>v.</i> | to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued |

ANSWERS: 19. reintroduce, 20. mangrove, 21. seedling, 22. reintroduce

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was _____ with work and didn't notice me.
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7. The government is planning to _____ wolves to the national park to restore the balance of the ecosystem.
v. to bring back something that has been previously abolished or discontinued

ANSWERS: 1. preoccupied, 2. landslide, 3. seedlings, 4. outskirts, 5. mangrove, 6. distracted, 7. reintroduce

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ANSWERS: 8. hillside, 9. mourning, 10. steward, 11. app's