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Session 1: Word List

whale

 a very large sea mammal that has a streamlined body and breathes through a blowhole on the head; a very large person; impressive in size or qualities

synonym: porpoise, giant

(1) a bull whale, (2) whale watching

Some countries have a culture of eating the flesh of a **whale**.

clan

 a group of families united by actual or perceived kinship and descent, especially in Scotland

synonym: family, kin, tribe

(1) clan society, (2) tribal clan

This **clan** saved people from a world full of violence.

acknowledge

v. to accept or admit the existence, reality, or truth of something; to accept that someone or something has a particular authority or quality; to express obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

synonym: accept, agree, declare

(1) **acknowledge** the deed, (2) **acknowledge** his help He never **acknowledged** his fault.

tradition

 a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society

synonym: custom, practice, ritual

(1) a **tradition** of a culture, (2) against **tradition** It is a **tradition** in many families to have a big Thanksgiving dinner with all their relatives.

grandparent

- n. a parent of one's father or mother
- (1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

territory

- n. an area under the control of a ruler or state
- synonym: domain, region, realm
- (1) acquire **territory**, (2) **territory** in charge They incorporated the conquered **territory** into their nation.

nation

 a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture

synonym: country, state, sovereign entity

(1) **nation-state**, (2) a seafaring **nation**The **nation** of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.

honor

 n. high regard or great respect for someone; the quality of having and doing based on a keen sense of morality; (verb) to show respect towards someone

synonym: integrity, virtue, acclaim

(1) womanly honor,(2) honor our ancestorsI claim on my honor that it is true.

matrilineal

adj. tracing familial descent through the mother's side of the family, meaning that the family heritage and inheritance are passed down from mother to daughter rather than from father to son synonym: maternal, motherly, matriarchal

(1) **matrilineal** inheritance, (2) **matrilineal** descent In **matrilineal** societies, lineages are traced through the mother's side of the family.

traditionally

adv. in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way

synonym: conventionally, commonly, generally

(1) **traditionally** accepted concept, (2) **traditionally** sung at a banquet

Traditionally, the ceremony was held outdoors.

matriarch

 a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group

synonym: leader, head, founder

(1) ruled by a **matriarch**, (2) **matriarch** figure

The **matriarch** of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.

chief

adj. most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge

synonym: essential, primary, leading

(1) **chief** accountant, (2) **chief** events of the year Mining is a **chief** source of income for the country.

forge

 to fashion or shape metal by heating it and hammering it into shape; to create or develop something new or original; to form strong bonds or relationships with others

synonym: create, build, establish

(1) forge an alliance, (2) forge iron

She had to **forge** her father's signature on the permission slip because he was out of town.

relation

n. the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another

synonym: association, linkage, connection

(1) **relation** between cause and effect, (2) **relation** of inclusion

The industrial **relations** laws were passed with little to no alteration.

communal

adj. belonging to or used by a group rather than individuals; for common use

synonym: collaborative, combined, collective

(1) **communal** swimming pool, (2) **communal** combination of funds

Communal elections were held in several European countries.

definitely

adv. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly *synonym*: absolutely, certainly, indeed

(1) **definitely** become a problem, (2) say **definitely** The paper is **definitely** worth reading thoroughly.

align

v. to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line

synonym: coordinate, regulate, adjust

(1) **align** the economic interest of each other, (2) **align** with a historical trend

Both parties are now entirely ideologically aligned.

misogyny

 a dislike of, contempt for, or ingrained prejudice against women

synonym: sexism, chauvinism

(1) **misogyny** issue, (2) the **misogyny** of medieval Christianity

His speech was filled with **misogyny** and caused widespread outrage.

patriarchy

n. a social system in which men hold primary power and predominate in roles of political leadership, moral

authority, and control of a property

synonym: male-dominated society, male domination

(1) patriarchy system, (2) ancient patriarchy

The feminist movement aims to challenge and dismantle **patriarchy** society and promote gender equality.

structure

 the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts

synonym: construction, architecture, establishment

(1) the **structure** of a machine, (2) **structure** and function of the brain

The organizational **structure** of start-ups is often flat and straightforward.

decision-maker

- a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
- (1) policy **decision-maker**, (2) act as a **decision-maker** A wealth of information does not always have a positive impact on **decision-makers**.

gap

 a conspicuous disparity or difference separates something such as a figure, people, their opinions, situation, etc.

synonym: opening, lacuna, spread

(1) the **gap** between ideal and reality, (2) distance **gap** Many people are working together to close the gender **gap**.

vulnerable

adj. capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally

synonym: susceptible, exposed, weak

(1) a **vulnerable** bridge, (2) **vulnerable** parts of the body Infants and pregnant women are particularly **vulnerable**.

submit

v. to give or offer a document, proposal, etc. to a decision-maker for examination or consideration

synonym:

hand in, present, propose

(1) agree to **submit** the bill, (2) **submit** an application Please **submit** the assignment to me.

uphold

v. to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.

synonym: defend, maintain, sustain

(1) **uphold** the law, (2) **uphold** tradition

The judge may **uphold** the decision of the lower court.

decision

 the act or process of making up someone's mind about something; a choice or judgment reached after considering options

synonym: choice, determination, judgment

(1) decision authority, (2) a selfish decision

She was struggling to make a **decision** between two job offers.

identify

v. to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are

synonym: determine, specify, recognize

(1) **identify** handwriting, (2) **identify** gene sequences I will introduce you to how to **identify** the leading causes of the malfunction.

permit

v. to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

synonym: allow, authorize, concede

(1) permit application, (2) work permit

The teacher will not **permit** any students to leave the classroom early.

prerequisite

 adj. required as a necessary condition or qualification for something else; essential or fundamental to the success or achievement of something

synonym: required, necessary, essential

(1) **prerequisite** course, (2) **prerequisite** skillset The ability to communicate effectively is a **prerequisite** for leadership positions.

specific

adj. clearly defined or particular to a certain thing or situation; distinct, explicit, and precise

synonym: particular, definite, distinct

(1) **specific** instructions, (2) industry- **specific** regulations The scientist conducted a study that provided **specific** details about the species' behavior.

leadership

n. the ability, act, or status of leading a group of people or an organization

synonym: captaincy, direction, initiative

(1) under his **leadership**, (2) **leadership** by politicians The country's **leadership** has decided to take large-scale measures against global warming.

authentic

adj. known to be real and what people say it is; not a fake or copy

synonym: genuine, bona fide, original

(1) an **authentic** signature, (2) the sets were meticulously **authentic**

The stages of the play were meticulously authentic

principle

 a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works

synonym: rule, creed, code

(1) **principle** of treatment, (2) **principle** in business Efficiency isn't an essential **principle** here; fairness is.

elect

v. to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something

synonym: select, choose, prefer

(1) **elect** the school board, (2) **elect** death Every five years, the provincial governors are **elected**.

irony

 the expression of one's meaning by using language that usually signifies the opposite, typically for humorous or rhetorical effect

synonym: sarcasm, cynicism, wit

(1) bitter **irony**, (2) **irony** humor

The **irony** of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.

contribution

n. the act of giving something, especially money, to a particular cause or organization; a voluntary gift as of money or service or ideas made to some worthwhile cause

synonym: donation, gift, offering

(1) make a positive **contribution**, (2) **contribution** to society

His **contribution** to the charity was a generous donation of money.

predominantly

adv. mainly, mostly, or primarily; having the greatest influence or power in a particular situation or groupsynonym: mostly, chiefly, largely

(1) **predominantly** rural, (2) **predominantly** Christian The neighborhood is **predominantly** made up of young families with children.

indigenous

adj. someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

synonym: domestic, endemic, primitive

(1) indigenous crop, (2) indigenous peoples

The **indigenous** plants need to be pollinated by local insects.

celebrate

v. to acknowledge a memorable or good day or event with a social gathering or enjoyable activity

synonym: praise, glorify, honor

(1) **celebrate** his election, (2) **celebrate** Christmas He **celebrated** the 10th anniversary of his tenure.

contribute

v. to give something, especially money or goods, to provide or achieve something together with other people synonym: donate, devote, commit

- (1) contribute a large sum of money to the fund,
- (2) **contribute** to society

Government workers cannot **contribute** to political campaigns.

insurmountable

adj. impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome

synonym: invincible, hopeless, overwhelming

(1) **insurmountable** odds, (2) **insurmountable** disadvantage

The challenge seemed **insurmountable**, but they overcame it with hard work and determination.

glacier

- a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
 synonym: iceberg, ice floe
- glacier retreat, (2) glaciers move tardily
 The glaciers of the ice age have shaped Fjord.

homeland

 a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs

synonym: motherland, native country, fatherland

(1) beloved **homeland**, (2) **homeland** pride I miss my **homeland** and the familiar sights, sounds, and smells.

survive

- v. to live or exist despite a dangerous event or period synonym: endure, persist, stay
- (1) **survive** a blizzard, (2) **survive** a plane crash These birds can only **survive** in temperate climates.

fearless

adj. having no fear; brave

synonym: brave, courageous, daring

(1) **fearless** attitude, (2) **fearless** bravery

The **fearless** firefighter rushed into the burning building to save a trapped child.

reciprocity

- n. a mutual exchange of help and advantages; privileges granted in return for similar privileges
 synonym: mutuality, interchange, exchange
- (1) **reciprocity** relationship, (2) **reciprocity** exchange The policy of **reciprocity** between the two countries allowed for visa-free travel.

importance

- n. the quality of being important and worthy of notesynonym: significance, primacy, matter
- (1) a man of **importance**, (2) high **importance** I stopped by the branch though I have no business of **importance**.

gratitude

- n. the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
- synonym: appreciation, thankfulness, indebtedness
- (1) a debt of **gratitude**, (2) feelings of **gratitude**She expressed her **gratitude** towards the kind stranger who helped her.

invest

- v. to put money, effort, time, etc. into something to make a profit or achieve a result
- synonym: fund, sponsor, support
- (1) **invest** in stocks, (2) **invest** capital

The government should view children as national assets and actively **invest** in them.

Session 2: Spelling

1.	say defly	adv.	without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
2.	preite course	adj.	required as a necessary condition or qualification for something else; essential or fundamental to the success or achievement of something
3.	defly become a problem	adv.	without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
4.	beloved hond	n.	a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs
5.	preite skillset	adj.	required as a necessary condition or qualification for something else; essential or fundamental to the success or achievement of something
6.	act as a decker	n.	a person who makes important decisions, especially at a high level in an organization
7.	elt the school board	ν.	to choose someone for a specific position by voting for them; to decide or choose to do something
8.	stre and function of the brain	n.	the way of construction of something and the arrangement of its parts, or a complex thing constructed of many parts
9.	indus peoples	adj.	someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place

ANSWERS: 1. definitely, 2. prerequisite, 3. definitely, 4. homeland, 5. prerequisite, 6. decision-maker, 7. elect, 8. structure, 9. indigenous

ANSWERS: 10. identify, 11. matrilineal, 12. structure, 13. traditionally, 14. fearless, 15. align, 16. reciprocity, 17. decision, 18. fearless, 19. leadership, 20. clan

21.	a vulle bridge	adj.	capable of being hurt or influenced physically or mentally
22.	nan-state	n.	a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
23.	upd tradition	<i>v</i> .	to support or defend something, such as a law, idea, decision, etc.
24.	ruled by a mach	n.	a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
25.	prle in business	n.	a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
26.	a debt of grde	n.	the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness
27.	aln with a historical trend	v.	to put or arrange two or more things in a straight line or to form a straight line
28.	against tron	n.	a belief, custom, or way of doing something that has been passed down from generation to generation within a group or society
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ANSWERS: 21. vulnerable, 22. nation, 23. uphold, 24. matriarch, 25. principle, 26. gratitude, 27. align, 28. tradition, 29. contribution, 30. decision

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ANSWERS: 31. nation, 32. permit, 33. contribution, 34. chief, 35. contribute, 36. glacier, 37. forge, 38. whale, 39. acknowledge

obligation, thanks, or gratitude for someone's help, commitment, etc.;

ANSWERS: 40. celebrate, 41. survive, 42. traditionally, 43. acknowledge, 44. predominantly, 45. specific, 46. relation, 47. matriarch, 48. irony, 49. grandparent

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49. person of gra nt age

a parent of one's father or mother

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ANSWERS: 59. invest, 60. matrilineal, 61. misogyny, 62. elect, 63. honor, 64. celebrate, 65. clan, 66. communal, 67. uphold, 68. submit

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ANSWERS: 69. communal, 70. contribute, 71. territory, 72. survive, 73. patriarchy, 74. leadership, 75. submit, 76. invest, 77. specific, 78. misogyny, 79. forge

80.	insble odds	adj.	impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
81.	pretly rural	adv.	mainly, mostly, or primarily; having the greatest influence or power in a particular situation or group
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ANSWERS: 80. insurmountable, 81. predominantly, 82. principle, 83. grandparent, 84. importance, 85. authentic, 86. reciprocity, 87. importance, 88. gap, 89. territory, 90. patriarchy, 91. gratitude

92.	ins_	ble disadvantage	adj.	impossible to overcome or conquer; too difficult or daunting to overcome
93.	ho	nd pride	n.	a place regarded as one's native country or where one belongs
94.	ch	_f accountant	adj.	most important or primary; (noun) a person who is in charge
95.	re	on between cause and effect	n.	the way two persons or groups of people feel and act toward one another
96.	id	fy gene sequences	<i>v</i> .	to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
97.	ind	us crop	adj.	someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
98.	work	pet	ν.	to allow for something to happen or be done; (noun) the act of giving a formal, usually written, authorization

ANSWERS: 92. insurmountable, 93. homeland, 94. chief, 95. relation, 96. identify, 97. indigenous, 98. permit

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	The of the situation is that he won the lottery on the day he lost his job.
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2.	Efficiency isn't an essential here; fairness is.
n.	a fundamental law or truth that explains or controls how something happens or works
3.	The paper is worth reading thoroughly.
adı	v. without any question and beyond doubt; clearly
4.	The of Japan is known for its unique culture and advanced technology.
n.	a large organized community of people living in a particular country or region and having a particular culture
5.	I stopped by the branch though I have no business of
n.	the quality of being important and worthy of note
6.	The plants need to be pollinated by local insects.
adj	 someone or something that is native to or occurring naturally in a particular place
7.	I will introduce you to how to the leading causes of the malfunction.
v.	to recognize someone or something and say or prove who or what they are
8.	The neighborhood is made up of young families with children.
adı	v. mainly, mostly, or primarily; having the greatest influence or power in a particular situation or group
	SWERS: 1. irony, 2. principle, 3. definitely, 4. nation, 5. importance, 6. indigenous, dentify, 8. predominantly

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ANSWERS: 17. clan, 18. aligned, 19. relations, 20. submit, 21. celebrated, 22. fearless, 23. whale, 24. structure

ANSWERS: 25. decision-makers, 26. Communal, 27. territory, 28. invest, 29. tradition, 30. chief, 31. gratitude, 32. Traditionally,

adv. in accordance with tradition; typically or commonly done in a particular way

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