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Session 1: Word List

rainforest

n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

(1) **rainforest** destruction, (2) tropical **rainforest**

The destruction of the **rainforest** is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

villager

n. a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community

synonym: resident, inhabitant, countryperson

(1) **villager** community, (2) local **villager**

The rural **villagers** were saddened by the destruction of their homes in the natural disaster.

revelry

n. lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment

synonym: festivity, merrymaking, celebration

(1) **revelry** in the streets, (2) festival **revelry**

The street was filled with **revelry** on New Year's Eve.

bounty

n. a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task

synonym : reward, premium, recompense

(1) cash **bounty**, (2) a **bounty** on exports

The **bounty** hunter was hired to capture the notorious criminal and bring him to justice.

upriver

adv. in the direction of the source or origin of a river or stream; moving in the opposite direction of the flow of water in a river or stream; (adjective) related to or situated in the upper or inland areas of a river

synonym : upstream, against

(1) **upriver** village, (2) navigate **upriver**

I paddled **upriver** to reach the fishing spot.

lagoon

n. a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean

synonym : pond, pool, bayou

(1) **lagoon** island, (2) **lagoon** paradise

The mangroves around the **lagoon** provide a habitat for a unique ecosystem

barbasco

n. a plant known scientifically as *Dioscorea composita* or *Dioscorea Mexicana*, which is a species of yam that is native to Mexico and Central America

(1) **barbasco** root, (2) **barbasco** extract

The **barbasco** powder can be a natural insecticide against pests like termites or ants.

stun

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

synonym : shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

sham

n. something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who

pretends to be something they are not
synonym : bogus, counterfeit, fraudulent

(1) a **sham** battle, (2) turn out to be all **sham**
The data he prepared was completely **sham**.

humming

adj. producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee

synonym : buzzing, droning, vibrating

(1) **humming** sound, (2) **humming** bird

The **humming** of the bees filled the air as she walked through the garden.

weaver

n. the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth

(1) the textile **weavers**, (2) tapestry **weavers**

The **weaver** fringed the scarf.

ripen

v. to cause something to be fully developed; to become ripe

synonym : mature, grow, age

(1) **ripen** the fruit, (2) **ripen** naturally

His tireless efforts **ripen** into success.

weave

v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

synonym : braid, unite, contrive

(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story

The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.

juridical

adj. relating to law or legal systems; authorized or regulated by law

synonym : legal, juridic, forensic

(1) **juridical** principle, (2) **juridical** process

The **juridical** system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing laws in a country.

goblin

n. a creature in folklore, typically depicted as small and mischievous, characterized by its pointed ears, small size, and supernatural abilities

synonym : hobgoblin, imp

(1) **goblin** folklore, (2) wicked **goblin**

The **goblin** in the story is mischievous and causes trouble for the main character.

whisper

v. to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you

synonym : murmur, rumor, mutter

(1) answer in a **whisper**, (2) the **whisper** of the leaves

He took me aside and **whispered** in my ear.

cryptic

adj. having a hidden or obscure meaning or message; mysterious or puzzling in nature

synonym : enigmatic, mysterious, obscure

(1) **cryptic** language, (2) **cryptic** crossword

The message was so **cryptic** that I had no idea what it meant.

pineapple

n. tropical fruit with a rough, spiky exterior and sweet, juicy flesh inside, often used in cooking, baking, or as a snack

synonym : ananas, tropical fruit, bromeliad

(1) ripe **pineapple**, (2) canned **pineapple**

I love to eat fresh **pineapple** in my fruit salad.

yell

v. to shout in a sudden and loud way

synonym : shout, scream, cry

(1) **yell** for help, (2) **yell** as loud as we can

When I asked my father for more money, he became furious and **yelled** at me.

sprout

v. to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly

synonym : germinate, grow, bud

(1) **sprout** seeds, (2) **sprout** wings

The flowers in the garden began to **sprout** after the first rain of the season.

boa

n. a type of large, nonvenomous snake that is often found in tropical regions, which kills its prey by suffocation, wrapping its body tightly around the animal until it can no longer breathe; a type of scarf or neckwear that is made from feathers, fur, or a combination of both

(1) red tail **boa**, (2) **boa** coat

The **boa** constrictor wrapped itself tightly around its prey.

jaguar

n. a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America

synonym : cat, feline, panther

(1) a wild **jaguar**, (2) a female **jaguar**

Humans have developed the **jaguar's** habitat over several decades.

roar

v. to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

synonym : bellow, yell, shout

(1) **roar** with laughter, (2) **roar** for more

The lion **roared** loudly, signaling its dominance over the other animals.

devour

v. to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly

synonym : consume, swallow, destroy

(1) **devour** a meal, (2) **devour** my way

She **devoured** the mystery novel in one sitting.

peccary

n. a mammal of the pig family, found in Central and South America, also known as javelina, which is typically smaller and has shorter legs than a domestic pig and can be found in a range of habitats from deserts to

forests

synonym : wild pig, hog

(1) **peccary** herd, (2) dwarf **peccary**

The spotted **peccary** is a social animal that lives in groups of up to a dozen individuals.

chili

n. a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers

synonym : capsicum, pepper

(1) **chili** sauce, (2) red **chili** powder

I love making a big pot of **chili** on a cold winter day.

peep

v. to take a quick and often furtive or cautious look at something; to emit a small sound or noise, typically a high-pitched chirp or squeak; (noun) a small, high-pitched sound

synonym : glance, peek, spy

(1) make a **peep**, (2) **peep** into the room

I could only **peep** through the keyhole to see what was happening in the room.

victor

n. one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc.

synonym : winner, conqueror, champion

(1) **victor** country, (2) the outright **victor**

The **victor** of the race was the favorite to win.

opportune

adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose

synonym : suitable, timely, practical

(1) **opportune** occasion, (2) an **opportune** remark

The phone rang at the most **opportune** time.

Session 2: Spelling

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|-------------------------|---|
| 1. vi___r country | <i>n.</i> one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc. |
| 2. answer in a wh_____r | <i>v.</i> to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you |
| 3. dwarf pe_____y | <i>n.</i> a mammal of the pig family, found in Central and South America, also known as javelina, which is typically smaller and has shorter legs than a domestic pig and can be found in a range of habitats from deserts to forests |
| 4. ch__i sauce | <i>n.</i> a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers |
| 5. ripe pi_____le | <i>n.</i> tropical fruit with a rough, spiky exterior and sweet, juicy flesh inside, often used in cooking, baking, or as a snack |
| 6. the outright vi___r | <i>n.</i> one who wins a game, competition, election, war, etc. |
| 7. ba_____co root | <i>n.</i> a plant known scientifically as <i>Dioscorea composita</i> or <i>Dioscorea Mexicana</i> , which is a species of yam that is native to Mexico and Central America |
| 8. hu_____g bird | <i>adj.</i> producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee |

ANSWERS: 1. victor, 2. whisper, 3. peccary, 4. chili, 5. pineapple, 6. victor, 7. barbasco, 8. humming

9. the wh____r of the leaves *v.* to speak very quietly to somebody using the breath rather than the voice so that only those close to you can hear you
10. ri__n the fruit *v.* to cause something to be fully developed; to become ripe
11. tropical rai_____st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
12. pe_____y herd *n.* a mammal of the pig family, found in Central and South America, also known as javelina, which is typically smaller and has shorter legs than a domestic pig and can be found in a range of habitats from deserts to forests
13. a s__m battle *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
14. ri__n naturally *v.* to cause something to be fully developed; to become ripe
15. hu_____g sound *adj.* producing a continuous, low, vibrating sound like that of the bee
16. r__r for more *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine
17. rai_____st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
18. ju_____al process *adj.* relating to law or legal systems; authorized or regulated by law

ANSWERS: 9. whisper, 10. ripen, 11. rainforest, 12. peccary, 13. sham, 14. ripen, 15. humming, 16. roar, 17. rainforest, 18. juridical

19. up____r village *adv.* in the direction of the source or origin of a river or stream; moving in the opposite direction of the flow of water in a river or stream; (adjective) related to or situated in the upper or inland areas of a river
20. we__e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
21. go____n folklore *n.* a creature in folklore, typically depicted as small and mischievous, characterized by its pointed ears, small size, and supernatural abilities
22. a female ja____r *n.* a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America
23. cr____c language *adj.* having a hidden or obscure meaning or message; mysterious or puzzling in nature
24. make a p__p *v.* to take a quick and often furtive or cautious look at something; to emit a small sound or noise, typically a high-pitched chirp or squeak; (noun) a small, high-pitched sound
25. la____n paradise *n.* a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean

ANSWERS: 19. upriver, 20. weave, 21. goblin, 22. jaguar, 23. cryptic, 24. peep, 25. lagoon

26. re____y in the streets *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
27. cash bo____y *n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
28. red ch__i powder *n.* a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers
29. de____r my way *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
30. la____n island *n.* a shallow stretch of water separated from a larger body of water by sandbanks or coral reefs; a small saltwater lake near a sea or an ocean
31. de____r a meal *v.* to eat or consume something eagerly or ravenously; or to destroy something rapidly
32. sp____t wings *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
33. s__n an audience *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

ANSWERS: 26. revelry, 27. bounty, 28. chili, 29. devour, 30. lagoon, 31. devour, 32. sprout, 33. stun

34. red tail b_a *n.* a type of large, nonvenomous snake that is often found in tropical regions, which kills its prey by suffocation, wrapping its body tightly around the animal until it can no longer breathe; a type of scarf or neckwear that is made from feathers, fur, or a combination of both
35. a wild ja___r *n.* a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America
36. y__l as loud as we can *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way
37. wicked go___n *n.* a creature in folklore, typically depicted as small and mischievous, characterized by its pointed ears, small size, and supernatural abilities
38. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
39. navigate up_____r *adv.* in the direction of the source or origin of a river or stream; moving in the opposite direction of the flow of water in a river or stream; (adjective) related to or situated in the upper or inland areas of a river
40. ba_____co extract *n.* a plant known scientifically as *Dioscorea composita* or *Dioscorea Mexicana*, which is a species of yam that is native to Mexico and Central America

ANSWERS: 34. boa, 35. jaguar, 36. yell, 37. goblin, 38. opportune, 39. upriver, 40. barbasco

41. p__p into the room *v.* to take a quick and often furtive or cautious look at something; to emit a small sound or noise, typically a high-pitched chirp or squeak; (noun) a small, high-pitched sound
42. local vi_____er *n.* a person who lives in a village or small rural community; a person who is part of a close-knit and traditional community
43. tapestry we___rs *n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
44. s__n fish *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
45. cr_____c crossword *adj.* having a hidden or obscure meaning or message; mysterious or puzzling in nature
46. turn out to be all s__m *n.* something that is not as good or true as it seems to be and is intended to deceive people; a person who pretends to be something they are not
47. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
48. we__e on a loom *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
49. r__r with laughter *v.* to make a loud, deep sound, like a lion or a car engine

ANSWERS: 41. peep, 42. villager, 43. weaver, 44. stun, 45. cryptic, 46. sham, 47. opportune, 48. weave, 49. roar

50. b_a coat *n.* a type of large, nonvenomous snake that is often found in tropical regions, which kills its prey by suffocation, wrapping its body tightly around the animal until it can no longer breathe; a type of scarf or neckwear that is made from feathers, fur, or a combination of both
51. ju_____al principle *adj.* relating to law or legal systems; authorized or regulated by law
52. a bo___y on exports *n.* a reward offered for capturing or killing someone or for accomplishing a specific task
53. canned pi_____le *n.* tropical fruit with a rough, spiky exterior and sweet, juicy flesh inside, often used in cooking, baking, or as a snack
54. the textile we___rs *n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
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56. festival re_____y *n.* lively and noisy festivities, typically involving drinking, dancing, and general merrymaking; a celebration marked by indulgence and enjoyment
57. sp___t seeds *v.* to grow or develop new parts typically leaves or shoots, from a plant; to emerge, develop, or arise gradually or suddenly
58. y__l for help *v.* to shout in a sudden and loud way

ANSWERS: 50. boa, 51. juridical, 52. bounty, 53. pineapple, 54. weaver, 55. villager, 56. revelry, 57. sprout, 58. yell

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Humans have developed the _____ habitat over several decades.
 - n.* a large animal of the cat family that has a yellowish-brown coat with black spots, mainly found in parts of Central and South America

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4. The _____ system is responsible for interpreting and enforcing laws in a country.
 - adj.* relating to law or legal systems; authorized or regulated by law

5. The _____ fringed the scarf.
 - n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth

6. The mangroves around the _____ provide a habitat for a unique ecosystem
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