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Session 1: Word List

moth

n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light

(1) **moth** larva, (2) **moth** attracted to the light

The **moth** is a serious threat to the farm's output.

larva

n. the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose

synonym : caterpillar, grub, maggot

(1) **larva** of a butterfly, (2) a moth **larva**

The butterfly emerged from its **larva** stage.

disbelief

n. the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real

synonym : doubt, mistrust, incredulity

(1) **disbelief** in the authority, (2) ask in **disbelief**

His reaction was one of complete **disbelief**.

broach

v. to introduce a sensitive or difficult subject for discussion; to bring up a topic for consideration or debate; to open or tap a cask, barrel, or container, especially one that contains alcohol or a beverage

synonym : raise, introduce, bring up

(1) **broach** a cask, (2) **broach** the subject

I need to **broach** the topic of restructuring with my boss.

touchy

adj. easily offended or upset, or sensitive

synonym: sensitive, easily offended

(1) **touchy** subject, (2) a little **touchy** personality

The **touchy** situation required careful handling to avoid further conflict.

vouch

v. to assert or guarantee the truth or accuracy of something; to provide a personal recommendation or endorsement

synonym: confirm, validate, attest

(1) **vouch** for the authenticity, (2) **vouch** for the accuracy of the data

I can **vouch** for her honesty and integrity.

nod

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

synonym: respond, acknowledge, greet

(1) **nod** at each other, (2) **nod** courteously

She **noded** quietly in response to the question.

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**.

subhuman

adj. less than human in nature, quality, or dignity; regarded as inferior to or unworthy of being fully human

synonym: inferior, substandard, primitive

(1) **subhuman** conditions, (2) **subhuman** species

The **subhuman** treatment of prisoners at the detention center

was shocking and inhumane.

out-of-the-way

adj. situated far from the main sources of activity or population; remote or secluded

synonym : remote, secluded, isolated

(1) **out-of-the-way** location, (2) **out-of-the-way** store

The little cafe was **out-of-the-way** but finding it was worth the extra effort because the food was delicious.

icky

adj. unpleasant or uncomfortable; causing a feeling of disgust or revulsion

synonym : disgusting, revolting, unpleasant

(1) **icky** feeling, (2) **icky** situation

The food left in the fridge for too long had an **icky** smell.

mushroom

n. a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

synonym : fungus, toadstool

(1) **mushroom** spores, (2) **mushroom** cultivation

The **mushroom** risotto was delicious, but I couldn't identify all the mushrooms in it.

omnipresent

adj. present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places

synonym : ubiquitous, pervasive, everywhere

(1) **omnipresent** influence, (2) **omnipresent** threat

The internet has made information access **omnipresent**.

caste

n. a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society

synonym : class, social group, status group

(1) military **caste**, (2) **caste-based** discrimination

He was born into a lower **caste** and faced discrimination throughout his life.

schoolmaster

n. a male teacher, especially one who teaches in a school; a person who is seen as an authority in a particular field

synonym: teacher, instructor, educator

(1) **schoolmaster's** duties, (2) strict **schoolmaster**

The **schoolmaster's** detailed lesson plans ensured his students were well-prepared for their exams.

fluffy

adj. soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur

synonym: soft, feathery, puffy

(1) **fluffy** clouds, (2) **fluffy** blanket

The kitten had **fluffy** fur that was soft to the touch.

millet

n. a tiny seed of any of several annual cereal types of grass used as food, mainly to manufacture flour and to feed birds and animals

(1) increasing **millet** harvests, (2) cooking **millet**

The primary crop harvested during autumn is **millet**.

staple

adj. essential, crucial, or regularly used

synonym: essential, fundamental, pivotal

(1) **staple** commodities, (2) **staple** crop

Rice and beans are a **staple** food in many cultures.

sorghum

n. a type of grain grown in tropical countries

(1) **sorghum** grain, (2) seeds of **sorghum**

Sorghum is an important food grain in this country.

legume

n. a plant of the pea family, whose seed is often edible and used as a source of protein

synonym: bean, pea, lentil

(1) **legume** protein, (2) tropical **legume** tree

Dried **legumes** are an important source of protein and fiber for an adventurer.

colossal

adj. extremely large and impressive

synonym: gigantic, huge, enormous

(1) **colossal** statue, (2) a **colossal** success

The new building is truly **colossal**, towering over the surrounding buildings.

sap

v. to gradually weaken or drain strength, energy, or resources; to undermine or impair someone's confidence or morale

synonym: weaken, exhaust, drain

(1) **sap** flow, (2) **sap** strength

The disease has **sapped** all his energy, and he can barely get out of bed.

shellfish

n. water creatures that live in shells, especially one of the types that can be eaten

synonym: clam, mollusk

(1) **shellfish** allergy, (2) edible **shellfish**

Shellfish can cause allergic reactions in certain people.

mollusk

n. a soft-bodied invertebrate with no internal skeleton, such as a snail, clam, or octopus

synonym: oyster, clam, snail

(1) **mollusk** shell, (2) edible **mollusk**

As a child, I loved collecting seashells and had many **mollusks**.

dissonance

n. a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds

synonym: conflict, disharmony, disagreement

(1) cognitive **dissonance**, (2) musical **dissonance**

The **dissonance** between the two melodies created a sense of tension in the music.

distort

v. to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear

synonym: fudge, deform, contort

(1) **distort** the facts, (2) **distort** the economy

Economists contend that taxes **distort** consumer behavior in general.

abundantly

adv. in large quantities; plentifully

synonym : plentifully, copiously, lavishly

(1) **abundantly** clear, (2) **abundantly** available

The policy change resulted in an **abundantly** positive outcome for the company.

starve

v. to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance

synonym : famish, hunger

(1) **starve** for a victory, (2) **starve** to death

If you don't eat soon, you're going to **starve**.

heartrending

adj. causing intense sorrow, grief, or anguish; deeply moving or distressing; capable of eliciting or arousing strong emotional responses

synonym : sad, grievous, poignant

(1) **heartrending** melody, (2) a **heartrending** story

The movie's **heartrending** ending left the audience in tears.

famine

n. a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons

synonym : hunger, starvation, drought

(1) **famine** relief, (2) coal **famine**

The severe **famine** caused by the drought has left many people without food.

starvation

n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

synonym : hunger, malnutrition, emaciation

(1) die of **starvation**, (2) **starvation** wages

The drought led to widespread **starvation** in the region.

edible

adj. fit or safe to be eaten; able to be consumed as food
synonym : esculent, comestible, digestible

(1) non- **edible** ingredients, (2) **edible** vegetables

I made sure to pick only **edible** mushrooms for our dinner.

snail

n. a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body

synonym : escargot, slug, whelk

(1) **snail** mail, (2) **snail** pace

The gardener found a **snail** slowly making its way through the lettuce patch.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

synonym : forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

reclaim

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

synonym : recoup, regain, retake

(1) **reclaim** a competitive position, (2) **reclaim** land from the sea

You may be entitled to **reclaim** some tax.

lovingly

adv. in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love

synonym : fondly, affectionately

(1) **lovingly** crafted, (2) **lovingly** prepared

She looked at him **lovingly** and knew he was the one for her.

forebear

n. an ancestor or a precursor

synonym : ancestor, predecessor, forefather

(1) a **forebear** of one of the tribes, (2) **forebear** predecessor

His **forebear** was one of the first settlers in the area.

nourishment

n. food or other substances necessary for growth and health

synonym: sustenance, nutrition, food

(1) take in **nourishment**, (2) source of **nourishment**

Proper **nourishment** is essential for a healthy body and mind.

redefine

v. to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way

synonym: reconsider, reformulate, alter

(1) **redefine** customer experience, (2) **redefine** our role

The video telephony application has **redefined** the way we work.

censure

n. strong criticism or disapproval; an official expression of disapproval or rebuke; (verb) to criticize or express disapproval of someone or something in a formal or official way

synonym: condemnation, criticism, disapproval

(1) **censure** him for his failure, (2) **censure** resolution

The athlete received a **censure** from her coaches for violating team rules.

fynbos

n. a vegetation type found in South Africa, characterized by small shrubs and tough, leathery leaves adapted to a Mediterranean climate

synonym: heathland, scrubland, shrubland

(1) **fynbos** ecosystem, (2) endangered **fynbos**

The **fynbos** region of South Africa is known for its unique and diverse plant life.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

reconnect

v. to connect again after a break or interruption

synonym: reopen, rejoin, link up

(1) **reconnect** a telephone, (2) **reconnect** with family

After a long period of estrangement, they **reconnected** with each other.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. die of sta_____on | <i>n.</i> a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death |
| 2. st___e to death | <i>v.</i> to suffer or die from lack of food; to cause someone or something to suffer or die from lack of food; to deprive something of necessary nourishment or sustenance |
| 3. sh_____sh allergy | <i>n.</i> water creatures that live in shells, especially one of the types that can be eaten |
| 4. re_____ct with family | <i>v.</i> to connect again after a break or interruption |
| 5. ask in di_____ef | <i>n.</i> the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real |
| 6. di_____ef in the authority | <i>n.</i> the feeling of not being able to believe or accept that something is true or real |
| 7. musical dis_____ce | <i>n.</i> a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds |
| 8. lo_____ly crafted | <i>adv.</i> in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love |
| 9. military ca___e | <i>n.</i> a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society |
| 10. m__h larva | <i>n.</i> an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light |

ANSWERS: 1. starvation, 2. starve, 3. shellfish, 4. reconnect, 5. disbelief, 6. disbelief, 7. dissonance, 8. lovingly, 9. caste, 10. moth

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| 11. non-ed___e ingredients | <i>adj.</i> fit or safe to be eaten; able to be consumed as food |
| 12. ed___e vegetables | <i>adj.</i> fit or safe to be eaten; able to be consumed as food |
| 13. me_____al chemistry | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease |
| 14. sn__l pace | <i>n.</i> a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body |
| 15. a little to___y personality | <i>adj.</i> easily offended or upset, or sensitive |
| 16. mu_____om spores | <i>n.</i> a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap |
| 17. so_____m grain | <i>n.</i> a type of grain grown in tropical countries |
| 18. br___h the subject | <i>v.</i> to introduce a sensitive or difficult subject for discussion; to bring up a topic for consideration or debate; to open or tap a cask, barrel, or container, especially one that contains alcohol or a beverage |
| 19. traditional me_____al | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease |
| 20. la__a of a butterfly | <i>n.</i> the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose |
| 21. cooking mi___t | <i>n.</i> a tiny seed of any of several annual cereal types of grass used as food, mainly to manufacture flour and to feed birds and animals |

ANSWERS: 11. edible, 12. edible, 13. medicinal, 14. snail, 15. touchy, 16. mushroom, 17. sorghum, 18. broach, 19. medicinal, 20. larva, 21. millet

22. strict sch_____ter *n.* a male teacher, especially one who teaches in a school; a person who is seen as an authority in a particular field
23. endangered fy____s *n.* a vegetation type found in South Africa, characterized by small shrubs and tough, leathery leaves adapted to a Mediterranean climate
24. sch_____ter's duties *n.* a male teacher, especially one who teaches in a school; a person who is seen as an authority in a particular field
25. fa____e relief *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
26. omn_____nt influence *adj.* present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places
27. fo_____ar predecessor *n.* an ancestor or a precursor
28. 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
29. m__h attracted to the light *n.* an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
30. edible sh_____sh *n.* water creatures that live in shells, especially one of the types that can be eaten
31. abu_____ly available *adv.* in large quantities; plentifully
32. cognitive dis_____ce *n.* a lack of harmony or agreement between people or things; a harsh or discordant combination of sounds

ANSWERS: 22. schoolmaster, 23. fynbos, 24. schoolmaster, 25. famine, 26. omnipresent, 27. forebear, 28. sham, 29. moth, 30. shellfish, 31. abundantly, 32. dissonance

33. st___e commodities *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
34. su_____an species *adj.* less than human in nature, quality, or dignity; regarded as inferior to or unworthy of being fully human
35. abu_____ly clear *adv.* in large quantities; plentifully
36. vo__h for the accuracy of the data *v.* to assert or guarantee the truth or accuracy of something; to provide a personal recommendation or endorsement
37. fl___y blanket *adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur
38. increasing mi___t harvests *n.* a tiny seed of any of several annual cereal types of grass used as food, mainly to manufacture flour and to feed birds and animals
39. su_____an conditions *adj.* less than human in nature, quality, or dignity; regarded as inferior to or unworthy of being fully human
40. i__y situation *adj.* unpleasant or uncomfortable; causing a feeling of disgust or revulsion
41. earliest human an_____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
42. out_____way store *adj.* situated far from the main sources of activity or population; remote or secluded
43. mu_____om cultivation *n.* a type of fungus that grows on dead or decaying organic matter and typically has a stalk and an umbrella-shaped cap

ANSWERS: 33. staple, 34. subhuman, 35. abundantly, 36. vouch, 37. fluffy, 38. millet, 39. subhuman, 40. icky, 41. ancestor, 42. out-of-the-way, 43. mushroom

44. mo____k shell *n.* a soft-bodied invertebrate with no internal skeleton, such as a snail, clam, or octopus
45. coal fa___e *n.* a severe shortage of food, often caused by drought, war, or economic reasons
46. re____ne our role *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
47. re_____ct a telephone *v.* to connect again after a break or interruption
48. source of nou_____nt *n.* food or other substances necessary for growth and health
49. to___y subject *adj.* easily offended or upset, or sensitive
50. seeds of so____m *n.* a type of grain grown in tropical countries
51. a co____al success *adj.* extremely large and impressive
52. omn_____nt threat *adj.* present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places
53. fy___s ecosystem *n.* a vegetation type found in South Africa, characterized by small shrubs and tough, leathery leaves adapted to a Mediterranean climate
54. fl___y clouds *adj.* soft and light, often with a texture that resembles feathers or fur
55. tropical le___e tree *n.* a plant of the pea family, whose seed is often edible and used as a source of protein

ANSWERS: 44. mollusk, 45. famine, 46. redefine, 47. reconnect, 48. nourishment, 49. touchy, 50. sorghum, 51. colossal, 52. omnipresent, 53. fynbos, 54. fluffy, 55. legume

56. i__y feeling *adj.* unpleasant or uncomfortable; causing a feeling of disgust or revulsion
57. di____t the facts *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
58. re____ne customer experience *v.* to change the meaning or interpretation of something; to make people think about something in a new or different way
59. hea____ing melody *adj.* causing intense sorrow, grief, or anguish; deeply moving or distressing; capable of eliciting or arousing strong emotional responses
60. sta____on wages *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
61. ca__e-based discrimination *n.* a social class or group, typically determined by birth or occupation, that has a particular status in a society
62. s_p strength *v.* to gradually weaken or drain strength, energy, or resources; to undermine or impair someone's confidence or morale
63. co____al statue *adj.* extremely large and impressive
64. a moth la__a *n.* the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
65. lo____ly prepared *adv.* in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love

ANSWERS: 56. icky, 57. distort, 58. redefine, 59. heartrending, 60. starvation, 61. caste, 62. sap, 63. colossal, 64. larva, 65. lovingly

75. 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
76. n_d courteously *v.* to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
77. sn__l mail *n.* a slow-moving mollusk with a spiral shell that it uses to protect its body
78. a fo____ar of one of the tribes *n.* an ancestor or a precursor
79. st___e crop *adj.* essential, crucial, or regularly used
80. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
81. di____t the economy *v.* to change something's shape, appearance, or sound so that it appears weird or unclear
82. ce____e him for his failure *n.* strong criticism or disapproval; an official expression of disapproval or rebuke; (verb) to criticize or express disapproval of someone or something in a formal or official way
83. br___h a cask *v.* to introduce a sensitive or difficult subject for discussion; to bring up a topic for consideration or debate; to open or tap a cask, barrel, or container, especially one that contains alcohol or a beverage
84. out_____way location *adj.* situated far from the main sources of activity or population; remote or secluded

ANSWERS: 75. sham, 76. nod, 77. snail, 78. forebear, 79. staple, 80. ancestor, 81. distort, 82. censure, 83. broach, 84. out-of-the-way

85. re____m land from the sea

v. to take back something previously lost, given, or paid, or ask to have it back

86. n_d at each other

v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation

ANSWERS: 85. reclaim, 86. nod

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The movie's _____ ending left the audience in tears.
adj. causing intense sorrow, grief, or anguish; deeply moving or distressing; capable of eliciting or arousing strong emotional responses
2. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
3. The internet has made information access _____.
adj. present everywhere at the same time; ubiquitous; pervading or encompassing all things or places
4. She looked at him _____ and knew he was the one for her.
adv. in a manner showing deep affection or care; with fondness and warmth; in a way that expresses or suggests love
5. The _____ region of South Africa is known for its unique and diverse plant life.
n. a vegetation type found in South Africa, characterized by small shrubs and tough, leathery leaves adapted to a Mediterranean climate
6. Rice and beans are a _____ food in many cultures.
adj. essential, crucial, or regularly used
7. The _____ is a serious threat to the farm's output.
n. an insect with wings similar to a butterfly that travels at night and is attracted to light
8. His _____ was one of the first settlers in the area.
n. an ancestor or a precursor

ANSWERS: 1. heartrending, 2. ancestor, 3. omnipresent, 4. lovingly, 5. fynbos, 6. staple, 7. moth, 8. forebear

9. The butterfly emerged from its _____ stage.
n. the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose
10. The _____ situation required careful handling to avoid further conflict.
adj. easily offended or upset, or sensitive
11. She _____ quietly in response to the question.
v. to lower and raise one's head, sometimes several times, as to show approval, agreement, greeting, or confirmation
12. I can _____ for her honesty and integrity.
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13. I need to _____ the topic of restructuring with my boss.
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ANSWERS: 9. larva, 10. touchy, 11. nodded, 12. vouch, 13. broach, 14. fluffy, 15. millet, 16. reclaim

17. _____ is an important food grain in this country.
n. a type of grain grown in tropical countries
18. His reaction was one of complete _____.
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19. I made sure to pick only _____ mushrooms for our dinner.
adj. fit or safe to be eaten; able to be consumed as food
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21. The little cafe was _____ but finding it was worth the extra effort because the food was delicious.
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22. After a long period of estrangement, they _____ with each other.
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ANSWERS: 17. Sorghum, 18. disbelief, 19. edible, 20. caste, 21. out-of-the-way, 22. reconnected, 23. snail, 24. sapped, 25. dissonance

26. Dried _____ are an important source of protein and fiber for an adventurer.
n. a plant of the pea family, whose seed is often edible and used as a source of protein
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adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 26. legumes, 27. Shellfish, 28. mollusks, 29. icky, 30. colossal, 31. schoolmaster's, 32. starve, 33. medicinal

34. The _____ treatment of prisoners at the detention center was shocking and inhumane.
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ANSWERS: 34. subhuman, 35. redefined, 36. mushroom, 37. starvation, 38. distort, 39. famine, 40. sham, 41. abundantly

42. The athlete received a _____ from her coaches for violating team rules.

- n.* strong criticism or disapproval; an official expression of disapproval or rebuke; (verb) to criticize or express disapproval of someone or something in a formal or official way

43. Proper _____ is essential for a healthy body and mind.

- n.* food or other substances necessary for growth and health

ANSWERS: 42. censure, 43. nourishment