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Session 1: Word List

aqueduct

n. a structure constructed to carry water over a long distance, typically consisting of a series of arches or elevated channels supported by pillars or towers

synonym : conduit, canal, channel

(1) **aqueduct** system, (2) mountain **aqueduct**

The ancient Romans built an **aqueduct** to transport water to the city.

overlook

v. to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

synonym : disregard, look down, supervise

(1) **overlook** a street, (2) **overlook** that fact

We cannot **overlook** an opportunity for great success.

monsoon

n. a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas

synonym : rainy season, deluge, downpour

(1) **monsoon** season, (2) **monsoon** current

The **monsoon** rains often bring relief to areas suffering from drought.

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.

scaffold

n. a temporary platform or structure used to support workers and materials during construction or maintenance work

synonym : platform, staging, framework

(1) **scaffold** construction, (2) go to the **scaffold**

The construction workers set up the **scaffold** to reach the top of the building.

confluence

n. the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment

synonym : merging, convergence, meeting

(1) arterial **confluence**, (2) **confluence** of ideas

A **confluence** of two smaller streams formed the river.

human-made

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

synonym : artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst **human-made** disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

biodegrade

v. to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi

(1) **biodegrade** by the microorganism, (2) bioplastic designed to **biodegrade**

The company's plastic products are easily **biodegraded** thanks to a unique manufacturing process.

buoyant

adj. lighthearted and cheerful; tending to float; having a positive attitude or outlook

synonym :

optimistic, lighthearted, floating

(1) **buoyant** force, (2) **buoyant** market

His **buoyant** personality helped lift the spirits of everyone in the room.

cathedral

n. the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area

synonym : church, basilica, temple

(1) **cathedral** school, (2) **cathedral** choir

The **cathedral's** stained glass windows depicted scenes from the Bible.

marsh

n. a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog

synonym : bog, swamp, fen

(1) **marsh** bird, (2) river-delta **marsh**

Environmentalists are concerned about the harm to the **marsh**.

afloat

adj. floating or staying on the surface of a liquid or body of water; having enough money or resources to stay out of debt or financial trouble

synonym : floating, drifting, buoyant

(1) **afloat** in debt, (2) cargo **afloat**

Despite facing financial difficulties, the small business managed to stay **afloat** thanks to its loyal customers.

pandemic

n. an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area

synonym : outbreak

(1) flu **pandemic**, (2) global **pandemic**

They fear a **pandemic** of a new type of virus.

contaminate

v. to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture

synonym : defile, pollute, adulterate

(1) **contaminate** with a disease, (2) **contaminate** his ego
We strive not to **contaminate** the environment when demolishing petroleum plants.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym: stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

flank

n. the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something

synonym: side, edge, rim

(1) **flank** pain, (2) attack the left **flank**

The **flank** of the mountain was difficult to climb.

escarpment

n. a long, steep slope or cliff, typically separating two relatively level or more gently sloping areas, often formed by erosion or faulting

synonym: cliff, precipice, scarp

(1) **escarpment** trail, (2) narrow **escarpment**

The hikers trekked up the steep **escarpment** and reached the summit.

symbiosis

n. a close, prolonged association between two or more different species of organisms, typically to the advantage of all

synonym: cooperation, interdependence, mutualism

(1) industrial **symbiosis**, (2) **symbiosis** establishment

The **symbiosis** between the coral and the algae is an important example of mutualism.

algae

n. A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots

(1) **algae** biofuel, (2) blue **algae**

Algae has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.

displace

v. to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation

synonym : evict, exile, remove

(1) **displace** workers, (2) **displace** the explosive power

The construction of the new dam will **displace** hundreds of families living downstream.

stilted

adj. awkwardly formal or pompous; not natural or sincere

synonym : formal, stiff, artificial

(1) **stilted** dialogue, (2) avoid **stilted** phrases

The conversation was **stilted** and awkward as if they didn't know each other very well.

dugout

n. a partially enclosed area or shelter often dug into the ground or located at ground level behind the benches, used for players or coaches in sports such as baseball, cricket, or field hockey

synonym : bench, shelter, dugout seat

(1) baseball **dugout**, (2) construction **dugout**

The baseball players retreated to the **dugout** after the inning was over.

canoe

n. a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle

(1) **canoe** race, (2) make a **canoe** trip

After the accident, the police found an empty **canoe**.

mosque

n. a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)

(1) domed **mosque**, (2) the sacred **mosque**

Jumeirah **Mosque** is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United Arab Emirates.

paddock

n. a small enclosed field or pasture, especially one used for grazing or exercising horses

synonym: enclosure, pen, corral

(1) **paddock** fencing, (2) grazing **paddock**

The horses were kept in the **paddock** while their stalls were being cleaned.

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.

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

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

insignificant

adj. of little importance, influence, or power

synonym: unimportant, trivial, irrelevant

(1) **insignificant** amount, (2) an **insignificant** mistake

He made me feel small and **insignificant**.

aquaculture

n. the cultivation of aquatic organisms such as fish, seaweed, and shellfish for human consumption, as well as for environmental conservation and research purposes

synonym: fish farming, mariculture, hydroponics

(1) **aquaculture** industry, (2) sustainable **aquaculture**

Fish farming is a form of **aquaculture** that has recently gained popularity.

bushfire

n. a large outdoor fire that burns out of control, typically in a wildland area, and is often caused by drought, heat, lightning, or human activities

synonym : wildfire, forest fire

(1) **bushfire** season, (2) **bushfire** emergency

The hot and dry weather conditions are making it difficult to fight the **bushfire**.

choke

v. to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

synonym : strangle, suffocate, clog

(1) **choke** with anger, (2) **choke** off the blood supply

The baby started to **choke** on a piece of apple.

plume

n. a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat

synonym : feather, honor, token

(1) **plume** of smoke, (2) **plume** of feathers

The bird had a beautiful **plume** on its head.

wildfire

n. a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

synonym : blaze, bonfire, flame

(1) **wildfire** spread, (2) arson-caused **wildfire**

The **wildfire** destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

ancestral

adj. related to or connected with members of your family from the past

synonym : hereditary, inherited, patrimonial

(1) an **ancestral** graveyard, (2) **ancestral** roots

The **ancestral** home has been in the family for generations.

aboriginal

adj. relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous

synonym : native, indigenous, autochthonous

(1) **aboriginal** art, (2) **aboriginal** land

Many **aboriginal** cultures have deep spiritual connections to the land and its natural resources.

attune

v. to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment

synonym : align, harmonize, acclimate

(1) **attune** to nature, (2) **attune** myself to the rhythm

It is important to **attune** yourself to your customers' needs to provide the best service possible.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym : robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

permanence

n. the quality of being permanent, lasting, or enduring; the state or condition of being permanent

synonym : durability, continuity, stability

(1) **permanence** factor, (2) long-term **permanence**

The **permanence** of a tattoo is something to consider before getting one.

fortress

n. a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers

synonym : castle, citadel, stronghold

(1) **fortress** wall, (2) military **fortress**

The ancient **fortress** was built on a hill to give the defenders a strategic advantage.

symbiotic

adj. involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist

(1) **symbiotic** economy, (2) **symbiotic** bacteria

We have a mutually **symbiotic** connection with them.

endanger

v. to put someone or something in a risky situation

synonym: threaten, imperil, jeopardize

(1) **endanger** my health, (2) **endanger** a close relationship

Their actions **endangered** the lives of innocent people.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ca__e race *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
2. bioplastic designed to bio_____de *v.* to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi
3. long-term per_____ce *n.* the quality of being permanent, lasting, or enduring; the state or condition of being permanent
4. at___e myself to the rhythm *v.* to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
5. am___e and entertain visitors *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
6. sy_____ic bacteria *adj.* involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist
7. con_____te with a disease *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
8. st_____d dialogue *adj.* awkwardly formal or pompous; not natural or sincere
9. fl__k pain *n.* the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something
10. ma_____ve swamp *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

ANSWERS: 1. canoe, 2. biodegrade, 3. permanence, 4. attune, 5. amaze, 6. symbiotic, 7. contaminate, 8. stilted, 9. flank, 10. mangrove

11. pl__e of smoke *n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
12. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
13. sustainable aqu_____re *n.* the cultivation of aquatic organisms such as fish, seaweed, and shellfish for human consumption, as well as for environmental conservation and research purposes
14. ca_____al choir *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
15. 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
16. 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
17. ca_____al school *n.* the main Christian church of a bishop's diocese, which is often the largest and most important church in the area
18. go to the sc_____ld *n.* a temporary platform or structure used to support workers and materials during construction or maintenance work
19. cargo af___t *adj.* floating or staying on the surface of a liquid or body of water; having enough money or resources to stay out of debt or financial trouble

ANSWERS: 11. plume, 12. resilient, 13. aquaculture, 14. cathedral, 15. weave, 16. lagoon, 17. cathedral, 18. scaffold, 19. afloat

20. mo____n season *n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas
21. arson-caused wi____re *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
22. ch__e off the blood supply *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
23. abo____al land *adj.* relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous
24. grazing pa____k *n.* a small enclosed field or pasture, especially one used for grazing or exercising horses
25. hum____de climate change *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
26. di____ce the explosive power *v.* to force someone or something to leave their home or place of origin, especially as a result of conflict, natural disaster, or manipulation
27. the sacred mo____e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
28. construction du____t *n.* a partially enclosed area or shelter often dug into the ground or located at ground level behind the benches, used for players or coaches in sports such as baseball, cricket, or field hockey

ANSWERS: 20. monsoon, 21. wildfire, 22. choke, 23. aboriginal, 24. paddock, 25. human-made, 26. displace, 27. mosque, 28. dugout

29. sc____ld construction *n.* a temporary platform or structure used to support workers and materials during construction or maintenance work
30. mountain aq____ct *n.* a structure constructed to carry water over a long distance, typically consisting of a series of arches or elevated channels supported by pillars or towers
31. s_w a button *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
32. ov____ok a street *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above
33. blue al__e *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
34. abo____al art *adj.* relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous
35. 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
36. baseball du____t *n.* a partially enclosed area or shelter often dug into the ground or located at ground level behind the benches, used for players or coaches in sports such as baseball, cricket, or field hockey
37. ma____ve forest *n.* a tropical coastal tree or shrub that grows in saline soil and has prop roots that help to stabilize it

ANSWERS: 29. scaffold, 30. aqueduct, 31. sew, 32. overlook, 33. algae, 34. aboriginal, 35. weave, 36. dugout, 37. mangrove

38. attack the left fl__k *n.* the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something
39. bio____de by the microorganism *v.* to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi
40. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
41. fo____ss wall *n.* a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers
42. flu pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
43. make a ca__e trip *n.* a narrow, light boat with pointy ends and no keel that is propelled by a paddle
44. pl__e of feathers *n.* a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
45. per____ce factor *n.* the quality of being permanent, lasting, or enduring; the state or condition of being permanent
46. 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

ANSWERS: 38. flank, 39. biodegrade, 40. amaze, 41. fortress, 42. pandemic, 43. canoe, 44. plume, 45. permanence, 46. lagoon

47. bu____re season *n.* a large outdoor fire that burns out of control, typically in a wildland area, and is often caused by drought, heat, lightning, or human activities
48. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
49. ins_____ant amount *adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
50. aqu_____re industry *n.* the cultivation of aquatic organisms such as fish, seaweed, and shellfish for human consumption, as well as for environmental conservation and research purposes
51. con_____ce of ideas *n.* the point at which two or more streams or rivers come together; a gathering of people or things at a particular location or moment
52. bu____t market *adj.* lighthearted and cheerful; tending to float; having a positive attitude or outlook
53. at___e to nature *v.* to make receptive or aware; to bring into harmony or alignment
54. an ins_____ant mistake *adj.* of little importance, influence, or power
55. aq____ct system *n.* a structure constructed to carry water over a long distance, typically consisting of a series of arches or elevated channels supported by pillars or towers
56. ov____ok that fact *v.* to fail to notice something; to watch over someone; to provide a view from above

ANSWERS: 47. bushfire, 48. sew, 49. insignificant, 50. aquaculture, 51. confluence, 52. buoyant, 53. attune, 54. insignificant, 55. aqueduct, 56. overlook

57. pa____k fencing *n.* a small enclosed field or pasture, especially one used for grazing or exercising horses
58. narrow esc_____nt *n.* a long, steep slope or cliff, typically separating two relatively level or more gently sloping areas, often formed by erosion or faulting
59. an_____al roots *adj.* related to or connected with members of your family from the past
60. river-delta ma__h *n.* a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog
61. con_____te his ego *v.* to make something impure, unclean, or poisonous by contact or mixture
62. avoid st_____d phrases *adj.* awkwardly formal or pompous; not natural or sincere
63. ch__e with anger *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
64. sy_____ic economy *adj.* involving two varieties of animal or plant, each of which supplies the conditions for the other to exist
65. esc_____nt trail *n.* a long, steep slope or cliff, typically separating two relatively level or more gently sloping areas, often formed by erosion or faulting
66. af____t in debt *adj.* floating or staying on the surface of a liquid or body of water; having enough money or resources to stay out of debt or financial trouble

ANSWERS: 57. paddock, 58. escarpment, 59. ancestral, 60. marsh, 61. contaminate, 62. stilted, 63. choke, 64. symbiotic, 65. escarpment, 66. afloat

78. domed mo___e *n.* a Muslim place of worship that usually has a minaret (= slender tower with balconies)
79. wi_____re spread *n.* a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
80. sy_____is establishment *n.* a close, prolonged association between two or more different species of organisms, typically to the advantage of all
81. mo_____n current *n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas
82. bu_____t force *adj.* lighthearted and cheerful; tending to float; having a positive attitude or outlook
83. global pa_____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
84. bu_____re emergency *n.* a large outdoor fire that burns out of control, typically in a wildland area, and is often caused by drought, heat, lightning, or human activities

ANSWERS: 78. mosque, 79. wildfire, 80. symbiosis, 81. monsoon, 82. buoyant, 83. pandemic, 84. bushfire

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The baby started to _____ on a piece of apple.
 - v. to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
2. The _____ of the mountain was difficult to climb.
 - n. the side of an animal, especially the side between the last rib and the hip; the side of military or naval formation; (verb) to be located on either side of something
3. The magician's tricks _____ the audience.
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4. The bird had a beautiful _____ on its head.
 - n. a large feather or group of feathers worn as an ornament or a symbol of achievement or distinction, especially on a hat
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7. His _____ personality helped lift the spirits of everyone in the room.
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ANSWERS: 1. choke, 2. flank, 3. amazed, 4. plume, 5. monsoon, 6. dugout, 7. buoyant

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ANSWERS: 8. weaves, 9. cathedral's, 10. afloat, 11. displace, 12. paddock, 13. bushfire, 14. symbiosis

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

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18. The company's plastic products are easily _____ thanks to a unique manufacturing process.

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20. The _____ home has been in the family for generations.

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21. My mother taught me how to _____.

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22. Many _____ cultures have deep spiritual connections to the land and its natural resources.

adj. relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous

ANSWERS: 15. stilted, 16. attune, 17. lagoon, 18. biodegraded, 19. pandemic, 20. ancestral, 21. sew, 22. aboriginal

23. The _____ of a tattoo is something to consider before getting one.
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ANSWERS: 23. permanence, 24. insignificant, 25. Algae, 26. human-made, 27. Mosque, 28. scaffold, 29. confluence, 30. symbiotic

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38. The ancient _____ was built on a hill to give the defenders a strategic advantage.
n. a large and strongly built structure, typically with high walls and a moat, used as a military defense or for protection against attackers

ANSWERS: 31. overlook, 32. contaminate, 33. mangrove, 34. aquaculture, 35. endangered, 36. resilient, 37. canoe, 38. fortress

39. Environmentalists are concerned about the harm to the _____.
- n.* a type of land that is always wet and has soft soil; swamp or bog
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