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Session 1: Word List

expatriate

n. a person who lives outside their native country

synonym: emigrant, immigrant, exile

(1) short-term **expatriate**, (2) tax **expatriate**

The **expatriate** community in this city is quite large, with people from all over the world living here.

blackout

n. a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness

synonym: outage, failure, knockout

(1) media **blackout**, (2) memory **blackout**

The nationwide **blackout** caused widespread power outages and disrupted daily 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.

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.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym: detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

hackathon

n. an event in which computer programmers and others involved in software development collaborate intensively on software projects

synonym: coding marathon, software sprint

(1) **hackathon** event, (2) **hackathon** competition

The annual **hackathon** attracted a lot of talented programmers from around the world.

wily

adj. characterized by slyness, deviousness, or cunning; using trickery or stratagems to achieve one's goals

synonym: cunning, sly, crafty

(1) **wily** politician, (2) **wily** tactics

The **wily** fox was able to outsmart the hunters and escape unscathed.

firsthand

adv. from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source

synonym: direct

(1) hear customer's voices **firsthand**, (2) conduct **firsthand** research

The manager tried to hear customers' voices **firsthand**.

lumbar

adj. of or relating to the lower part of the spine, between the ribcage and the pelvis

synonym : lower back

(1) **lumbar** pain, (2) **lumbar** anesthesia

The **lumbar** region of the spine is susceptible to pain and injury.

puncture

n. a small hole or wound made by piercing, such as with a needle, nail, or pointed object

synonym : piercing, prick, hole

(1) bicycle **puncture**, (2) needle **puncture**

The tire had a **puncture** and needed to be replaced.

bakery

n. a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

synonym : bakeshop, bakehouse

(1) run a **bakery**, (2) **bakery** industry

He worked at the **bakery** as a baker.

remission

n. a period of time when a disease or condition is no longer present or active; a lessening or reduction of symptoms or intensity; forgiveness or pardon for sins or debts

synonym : forgiveness, amnesty, absolution

(1) complete **remission**, (2) clinical **remission**

The cancer patient was delighted to hear that their disease was in **remission**.

hashtag

n. a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

(1) marked with a **hashtag**, (2) trending **hashtag**

Our brand's campaign uses a unique **hashtag** to track engagement and reach.

leftover

adj. not consumed or used at the end of something

synonym : extra, residual, unused

(1) **leftover** from a party, (2) **leftover** goods

The chef will make soup with the **leftover** ham bone.

visualize

v. to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible

synonym : imagine, picture, envision

(1) **visualize** data, (2) **visualize** flying through space

She tried to **visualize** the layout of the new house in her mind.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym : wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym : peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

silo

n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others

synonym : storage, warehouse, barn

(1) nuclear **silo**, (2) **silo** organization

The farmer used a **silo** to store feed for the animals.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. jazz imp_____ion | <i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation |
| 2. tax exp_____te | <i>n.</i> a person who lives outside their native country |
| 3. run a ba____y | <i>n.</i> a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold |
| 4. needle pu_____re | <i>n.</i> a small hole or wound made by piercing, such as with a needle, nail, or pointed object |
| 5. le_____er goods | <i>adj.</i> not consumed or used at the end of something |
| 6. ex_____e in anger | <i>v.</i> to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open |
| 7. short-term exp_____te | <i>n.</i> a person who lives outside their native country |
| 8. bicycle pu_____re | <i>n.</i> a small hole or wound made by piercing, such as with a needle, nail, or pointed object |
| 9. me_____al chemistry | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease |
| 10. his latest tw__ts | <i>n.</i> a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application |
| 11. traditional me_____al | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease |

ANSWERS: 1. improvisation, 2. expatriate, 3. bakery, 4. puncture, 5. leftover, 6. explode, 7. expatriate, 8. puncture, 9. medicinal, 10. tweet, 11. medicinal

12. s__o organization *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
13. le_____er from a party *adj.* not consumed or used at the end of something
14. ha_____on event *n.* an event in which computer programmers and others involved in software development collaborate intensively on software projects
15. lu___r pain *adj.* of or relating to the lower part of the spine, between the ribcage and the pelvis
16. media bl_____ut *n.* a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness
17. w___y tactics *adj.* characterized by slyness, deviousness, or cunning; using trickery or stratagems to achieve one's goals
18. clinical re_____on *n.* a period of time when a disease or condition is no longer present or active; a lessening or reduction of symptoms or intensity; forgiveness or pardon for sins or debts
19. marked with a ha_____g *n.* a word or phrase preceded by the symbol #, used on social media websites and applications to identify messages on a specific topic

ANSWERS: 12. silo, 13. leftover, 14. hackathon, 15. lumbar, 16. blackout, 17. wily, 18. remission, 19. hashtag

20. nuclear s__o *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
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29. el_____fy a manufacturing process *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
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31. lu____r anesthesia *adj.* of or relating to the lower part of the spine, between the ribcage and the pelvis
32. vi_____ze flying through space *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
33. conduct fi_____nd research *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
34. memory bl_____ut *n.* a loss of electric power for a general region; a suspension of radio or TV broadcasting; a momentary loss of consciousness
35. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
36. hear customer's voices fi_____nd *adv.* from the source; directly; (adjective) received directly from a source
37. vi_____ze data *v.* to form a mental image or concept of something; to make something visible
38. ba____y industry *n.* a place where bread and other baked goods are made and sold

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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9. She tried to _____ the layout of the new house in her mind.
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10. He worked at the _____ as a baker.
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