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Session 1: Word List

sub-Saharan

adj. of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert

(1) **sub-Saharan** Africa, (2) **sub-Saharan** countries

The coffee producers in **sub-Saharan** countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.

hopeless

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

synonym: despairing, helpless, futile

(1) **hopeless** situation, (2) **hopeless** at everything

After months of job searching, he felt **hopeless** and unsure of his future.

narrate

v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

synonym: tell, recount, describe

(1) **narrate** a news article, (2) **narrate** an event

The audiobook hired a professional actor to **narrate** the story, making it more engaging for listeners.

doom

n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided

synonym: judgment, destiny, fate

(1) economic **doom**, (2) prophet of **doom**

Everyone was aware of the impending **doom** but was unable to prevent it.

gloom

n. a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty

synonym: darkness, depression, melancholy

(1) a sense of **gloom**, (2) **gloom-filled** room

The **gloom** of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.

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.

uplift

n. the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits

synonym: upthrust, upheaval, (verb) raise

(1) **uplift** mountains, (2) **uplift** my spirit

The **uplift** in the stock market has been a relief to investors.

supercharge

v. to increase the power or energy of something

synonym: boost, enhance, power up

(1) **supercharge** economic growth, (2) **supercharge** the battery

They **supercharged** the engine to get more power.

sibling

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

synonym: brother, sister, relative

(1) have a **sibling** quarrel, (2) play with my **siblings**

Children often copy their parents or elder **siblings**.

daunting

adj. looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

synonym: intimidating, stunning, disheartening

(1) face the **daunting** reality, (2) seem like a **daunting** task
My homework was **daunting** and complex, but it was also intriguing.

corrugated

adj. having ridges, grooves, or folds that run parallel to one another, often used to describe materials like cardboard or metal

synonym: ridged, grooved, wrinkled

(1) **corrugated** panel, (2) **corrugated** metal roofing
The **corrugated** cardboard was sturdy enough to support the weight of the heavy items being shipped.

unbanked

adj. not having a bank account or access to any financial services

(1) **unbanked** customers, (2) those who are **unbanked**
2.5 billion people in the world remain **unbanked**.

well-being

n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
synonym: health, welfare, happiness

(1) the **well-being** of a nation, (2) a sense of **well-being**
We are responsible for the care and **well-being** of all our employees.

livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym: occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance
I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

niece

n. a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

(1) a bouncing **niece**, (2) play with her **niece**

My **niece** is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.

nephew

n. a son of your brother or sister

(1) three-year-old **nephew**, (2) nieces and **nephews**

My **nephew** is eight months old and still being breastfed.

mentee

n. a person who is being mentored; someone who is receiving guidance or advice from a mentor (= a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person) to learn and develop professional or personal skills

synonym: protégé, apprentice, learner

(1) guide a **mentee**, (2) **mentee** feedback

The mentor- **mentee** relationship is built on mutual trust and respect.

annul

v. to make something legally or officially invalid

synonym: cancel, void, rescind

(1) **annul** his orders, (2) **annul** a judgment

The court **annulled** the marriage due to fraud.

pumpkin

n. large, round, yellow or orange fruit with a thick rind and pulpy interior, often carved into a Halloween decoration or used as a base for pies, soups, or other dishes

synonym: gourd, squash, vegetable

(1) **pumpkin** soup, (2) **pumpkin** pie

The **pumpkin** festival was filled with giant carved pumpkins on display and pumpkin-themed food stalls.

nurture

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

synonym: boost, cultivate, enable

(1) **nurture** love, (2) **nurture** his talents

Schools should **nurture** children's mutual interest spirit.

motto

n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

synonym: slogan, catchphrase, phrase

(1) the **motto** for safe traffic, (2) company **motto**

The company's **motto** is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.

Session 2: Spelling

1. gl__m-filled room *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
2. a bouncing ni__e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law
3. prophet of d__m *n.* death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
4. pu____n soup *n.* large, round, yellow or orange fruit with a thick rind and pulpy interior, often carved into a Halloween decoration or used as a base for pies, soups, or other dishes
5. up__t mountains *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
6. na____e a news article *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
7. an__l a judgment *v.* to make something legally or officially invalid
8. seem like a da____ng task *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
9. play with her ni__e *n.* a daughter of one's sibling, brother-in-law, or sister-in-law

ANSWERS: 1. gloom, 2. niece, 3. doom, 4. pumpkin, 5. uplift, 6. narrate, 7. annul, 8. daunting, 9. niece

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| 10. have a si_____g quarrel | <i>n.</i> a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents |
| 11. un_____ed customers | <i>adj.</i> not having a bank account or access to any financial services |
| 12. the wel_____ng of a nation | <i>n.</i> the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous |
| 13. nu_____e love | <i>v.</i> to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing |
| 14. three-year-old ne____w | <i>n.</i> a son of your brother or sister |
| 15. those who are un_____ed | <i>adj.</i> not having a bank account or access to any financial services |
| 16. ho_____ss at everything | <i>adj.</i> having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success |
| 17. a means of liv_____od | <i>n.</i> a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc. |
| 18. nieces and ne____ws | <i>n.</i> a son of your brother or sister |
| 19. an__l his orders | <i>v.</i> to make something legally or officially invalid |
| 20. op_____ne occasion | <i>adj.</i> suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose |
| 21. economic d__m | <i>n.</i> death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided |
| 22. the mo__o for safe traffic | <i>n.</i> a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal |

ANSWERS: 10. sibling, 11. unbanked, 12. well-being, 13. nurture, 14. nephew, 15. unbanked, 16. hopeless, 17. livelihood, 18. nephew, 19. annul, 20. opportune, 21. doom, 22. motto

23. na_____e an event *v.* to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media
24. pu_____n pie *n.* large, round, yellow or orange fruit with a thick rind and pulpy interior, often carved into a Halloween decoration or used as a base for pies, soups, or other dishes
25. a sense of wel_____ng *n.* the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
26. liv_____od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
27. sub_____an Africa *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
28. ho_____ss situation *adj.* having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success
29. sup_____ge economic growth *v.* to increase the power or energy of something
30. cor_____ed metal roofing *adj.* having ridges, grooves, or folds that run parallel to one another, often used to describe materials like cardboard or metal
31. sup_____ge the battery *v.* to increase the power or energy of something
32. play with my si_____gs *n.* a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents
33. company mo__o *n.* a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal

ANSWERS: 23. narrate, 24. pumpkin, 25. well-being, 26. livelihood, 27. sub-Saharan, 28. hopeless, 29. supercharge, 30. corrugated, 31. supercharge, 32. sibling, 33. motto

34. sub_____an countries *adj.* of or relating to or situated in the area south of the Sahara Desert
35. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
36. a sense of gl___m *n.* a state of darkness, sadness, or melancholy; a feeling of depression or lack of hope; a state of obscurity or uncertainty
37. cor_____ed panel *adj.* having ridges, grooves, or folds that run parallel to one another, often used to describe materials like cardboard or metal
38. guide a me___e *n.* a person who is being mentored; someone who is receiving guidance or advice from a mentor (= a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person) to learn and develop professional or personal skills
39. up___t my spirit *n.* the process of raising land to a higher elevation, or the result of this process; (verb) fill with high spirits
40. me___e feedback *n.* a person who is being mentored; someone who is receiving guidance or advice from a mentor (= a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person) to learn and develop professional or personal skills
41. face the da_____ng reality *adj.* looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something

ANSWERS: 34. sub-Saharan, 35. opportune, 36. gloom, 37. corrugated, 38. mentee, 39. uplift, 40. mentee, 41. daunting

42. nu____e his talents

v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing

ANSWERS: 42. nurture

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. My homework was _____ and complex, but it was also intriguing.
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2. The company's _____ is "Innovation and Service," which is reflected in its products and customer support.
n. a phrase or slogan that expresses a guiding principle or goal
3. The phone rang at the most _____ time.
adj. suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
4. Schools should _____ children's mutual interest spirit.
v. to take care of, feed, and protect someone or something while they are growing and developing
5. Everyone was aware of the impending _____ but was unable to prevent it.
n. death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
6. 2.5 billion people in the world remain _____.
adj. not having a bank account or access to any financial services
7. The _____ cardboard was sturdy enough to support the weight of the heavy items being shipped.
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8. My _____ is eight months old and still being breastfed.
n. a son of your brother or sister
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v. to increase the power or energy of something
10. My _____ is a talented artist who has won several awards for her drawings.
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11. The coffee producers in _____ countries are at the sharp end of fluctuations in price.
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n. the state of being happy and healthy and prosperous
13. The _____ of the rainy weather was beginning to affect her mood.
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14. The _____ in the stock market has been a relief to investors.
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15. The audiobook hired a professional actor to _____ the story, making it more engaging for listeners.
v. to tell a story or give an account of events, often in a chronological or logical sequence; to provide a voiceover or commentary for a film or other media

ANSWERS: 8. nephew, 9. supercharged, 10. niece, 11. sub-Saharan, 12. well-being, 13. gloom, 14. uplift, 15. narrate

16. The court _____ the marriage due to fraud.

v. to make something legally or officially invalid

17. I could no longer earn my own _____.

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

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n. a person who is being mentored; someone who is receiving guidance or advice from a mentor (= a person who helps and advises a younger or less experienced person) to learn and develop professional or personal skills

19. After months of job searching, he felt _____ and unsure of his future.

adj. having no hope; despairing; having no chance of success

20. The _____ festival was filled with giant carved pumpkins on display and pumpkin-themed food stalls.

n. large, round, yellow or orange fruit with a thick rind and pulpy interior, often carved into a Halloween decoration or used as a base for pies, soups, or other dishes

21. Children often copy their parents or elder _____.

n. a brother or sister; member of a family born to the same parents

ANSWERS: 16. annulled, 17. livelihood, 18. mentee, 19. hopeless, 20. pumpkin, 21. siblings