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Session 1: Word List

titanic

adj. of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)

synonym : colossal, massive, immense

(1) **titanic** battle, (2) **titanic** compound

The **titanic** ship sank on its maiden voyage.

coastline

n. the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea

synonym : shoreline, seashore, beach

(1) **coastline** erosion, (2) deeply indented **coastline**

The new resort was built along the **coastline**, offering stunning ocean views from every room.

swell

v. to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important

synonym : expand, increase, inflate

(1) **swell** at room temperature, (2) **swell** a population

His arm was **swelling** from the insect bite.

resound

v. to make a loud, deep sound that echoes

synonym : echo, reverberate, ring

(1) **resound** with his fame, (2) **resound** in an enclosure

The sound of the drums **resounded** through the concert hall.

marvel

n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise

synonym: wonder, phenomenon, amazement

(1) a **marvel** of beauty, (2) technical **marvel**

The space shuttle is a modern engineering **marvel**.

interlocking

adj. fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole

synonym: connected, linked, joined

(1) **interlocking** braid, (2) **interlocking** mechanism

The **interlocking** puzzle pieces were difficult to separate.

lofty

adj. elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language

synonym: high, elevated, grand

(1) a **lofty** peak, (2) **lofty** ambitions

His **lofty** goals were admirable but unrealistic.

estuary

n. a place where a river meets the sea, typically where the fresh and saltwater mix

synonym: delta, mouth, inlet

(1) **estuary** port, (2) **estuary** delta

The mouth of the river formed an **estuary** where saltwater and freshwater met.

inlet

n. a small arm of the sea, a lake, or a river, usually leading inland

synonym: cove, bayou, estuary

(1) **inlet** valve, (2) **inlet** temperature

The boat sailed through the narrow **inlet** and into the harbor.

expansive

adj. large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk

synonym: large, extensive, vast

(1) with an **expansive** spirit, (2) **expansive** ocean views

The company has an **expansive** network of offices and locations around the world.

lifeblood

n. a vital or essential element or substance that is necessary for survival or success

synonym: essence, vitality, sustenance

(1) the **lifeblood** of every organization, (2) the **lifeblood** of the economy

The company's reputation is its **lifeblood**.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

(1) **industrious** worker, (2) **industrious** student

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

barricade

n. a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack

synonym: barrier, obstacle, blockade

(1) **barricade** fencing, (2) police **barricade**

The protestors built a **barricade** to prevent police from entering the area.

dike

n. a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion

synonym: levee, embankment, dam

(1) water **dike**, (2) coastal **dike**

The town council plans to repair the damaged **dike** along the riverbank.

seawall

n. a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline

synonym : embankment, breakwater

(1) strong **seawall**, (2) **seawall** construction

The beachfront property owners installed a **seawall** to protect their homes from the rising tides.

fortify

v. to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support

synonym : strengthen, reinforce, bolster

(1) **fortify** a building, (2) **fortify** an immune system

He drank a protein shake to **fortify** his muscles before the marathon.

relocate

v. to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there

synonym : emigrate, resettle, migrate

(1) **relocate** a company, (2) **relocate** with a new job

The university **relocated** to campuses several miles away.

floodplain

n. an area of flat land adjacent to a river or stream that is subject to periodic flooding

synonym : lowland, swamp, delta

(1) **floodplain** area, (2) **floodplain** management

The town was built on a **floodplain**, making it vulnerable to natural disasters.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym : represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

two-pronged

adj. having two prongs:

(1) **two-pronged** process, (2) **two-pronged** fork

A **two-pronged** attack with synchronized landings at both

camps was deemed the optimal strategy.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym: lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

rainwater

n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

synonym: precipitation, drizzle, showers

(1) **rainwater** acidity, (2) **rainwater** drainage

The company installed a **rainwater** harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.

plaza

n. a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries

synonym: park, square, center

(1) main **plaza**, (2) memorial **plaza**

Three young men were busking in the shopping **plaza**.

pavilion

n. a large, often ornate tent or booth, often used for entertainment or public events; a building or structure, often in a park or other public space, used for meetings, exhibitions, or social gatherings

synonym: gazebo, kiosk, pagoda

(1) garden **pavilion**, (2) beach **pavilion**

The outdoor wedding reception was held in a beautiful **pavilion** overlooking the lake.

amphibious

adj. able to function both on land and in water; able to live in or move between two different environments or settings

(1) **amphibious** creature, (2) **amphibious** warfare

The **amphibious** vehicle seamlessly transitioned from land to water.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. es____y delta *n.* a place where a river meets the sea, typically where the fresh and saltwater mix

2. garden pa____on *n.* a large, often ornate tent or booth, often used for entertainment or public events; a building or structure, often in a park or other public space, used for meetings, exhibitions, or social gatherings

3. ti____c battle *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)

4. el____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

5. re____d with his fame *v.* to make a loud, deep sound that echoes

6. re____te a company *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there

7. strong se____l *n.* a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline

8. the li____od of every organization *n.* a vital or essential element or substance that is necessary for survival or success

ANSWERS: 1. estuary, 2. pavilion, 3. titanic, 4. elevate, 5. resound, 6. relocate, 7. seawall, 8. lifeblood

9. se____l construction *n.* a barrier or structure made of concrete, stone, or other materials that are built along the coastline or riverbanks to protect against erosion, flooding, or waves; a structure that separates the water from the land and helps to preserve the shoreline
10. in__t temperature *n.* a small arm of the sea, a lake, or a river, usually leading inland
11. int_____ing mechanism *adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole
12. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
13. fo_____y a building *v.* to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support
14. a lo__y peak *adj.* elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language
15. em___y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
16. amp_____us creature *adj.* able to function both on land and in water; able to live in or move between two different environments or settings
17. ba_____de fencing *n.* a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack
18. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

ANSWERS: 9. seawall, 10. inlet, 11. interlocking, 12. industrious, 13. fortify, 14. lofty, 15. embody, 16. amphibious, 17. barricade, 18. resilient

19. two_____ed process *adj.* having two prongs:
20. ex_____ve ocean views *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
21. beach pa_____on *n.* a large, often ornate tent or booth, often used for entertainment or public events; a building or structure, often in a park or other public space, used for meetings, exhibitions, or social gatherings
22. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
23. ra_____er acidity *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
24. int_____ing braid *adj.* fitting or locking together in a way that makes a continuous and secure whole
25. deeply indented co_____ne *n.* the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea
26. with an ex_____ve spirit *adj.* large or wide in extent or scope; friendly and open and willing to talk
27. es_____y port *n.* a place where a river meets the sea, typically where the fresh and saltwater mix
28. re_____te with a new job *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there
29. re_____d in an enclosure *v.* to make a loud, deep sound that echoes
30. in__t valve *n.* a small arm of the sea, a lake, or a river, usually leading inland

ANSWERS: 19. two-pronged, 20. expansive, 21. pavilion, 22. industrious, 23. rainwater, 24. interlocking, 25. coastline, 26. expansive, 27. estuary, 28. relocate, 29. resound, 30. inlet

31. ra_____er drainage *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
32. a ma___l of beauty *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
33. sw___l a population *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
34. two_____ed fork *adj.* having two prongs:
35. coastal d___e *n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
36. police ba_____de *n.* a barrier, often improvised or temporary, used to block passage or protect against danger or attack
37. memorial pl___a *n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
38. fo_____y an immune system *v.* to make something stronger or more resistant to attack or damage; to give someone or something more strength or support
39. flo_____in management *n.* an area of flat land adjacent to a river or stream that is subject to periodic flooding
40. the li_____od of the economy *n.* a vital or essential element or substance that is necessary for survival or success
41. lo___y ambitions *adj.* elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language

ANSWERS: 31. rainwater, 32. marvel, 33. swell, 34. two-pronged, 35. dike, 36. barricade, 37. plaza, 38. fortify, 39. floodplain, 40. lifeblood, 41. lofty

42. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
43. amp_____us warfare *adj.* able to function both on land and in water; able to live in or move between two different environments or settings
44. technical ma____l *n.* someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
45. ti_____c compound *adj.* of or having a great size, power, or influence; of or relating to Titanium (= a light, strong grey, lustrous, corrosion-resistant metallic element)
46. co_____ne erosion *n.* the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea
47. sw__l at room temperature *v.* to become larger or more inflated; to become more intense or important
48. main pl__a *n.* a public square, marketplace, or similar open area in a town, especially in Spanish-speaking countries
49. water d__e *n.* a wall or embankment built to hold back water and prevent flooding; a barrier made of earth, stone, or concrete; a narrow channel cut into rock or soil by erosion
50. flo_____in area *n.* an area of flat land adjacent to a river or stream that is subject to periodic flooding
51. em___y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

ANSWERS: 42. resilient, 43. amphibious, 44. marvel, 45. titanic, 46. coastline, 47. swell, 48. plaza, 49. dike, 50. floodplain, 51. embody

52. el____e educational standards

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

ANSWERS: 52. elevate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The mouth of the river formed an _____ where saltwater and freshwater met.
n. a place where a river meets the sea, typically where the fresh and saltwater mix
2. Eating food in a hurry _____ blood glucose levels.
v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
3. The new resort was built along the _____ offering stunning ocean views from every room.
n. the particular shape of the coast (= the shore of a sea or ocean) as seen from the sea
4. The space shuttle is a modern engineering _____.
n. someone something that causes feelings of wonder or surprise
5. His _____ goals were admirable but unrealistic.
adj. elevated in position, rank, or status; grand; elevated in style or language
6. She is a _____ person and has always bounced back from setbacks.
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
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ANSWERS: 1. estuary, 2. elevates, 3. coastline, 4. marvel, 5. lofty, 6. resilient, 7. two-pronged, 8. seawall

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23. The boat sailed through the narrow _____ and into the harbor.

n. a small arm of the sea, a lake, or a river, usually leading inland

24. The company's new products _____ the values of innovation and sustainability.

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

ANSWERS: 17. interlocking, 18. pavilion, 19. expansive, 20. plaza, 21. industrious, 22. relocated, 23. inlet, 24. embody

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