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Session 1: Word List

environmentalist

n. a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment

synonym: conservationist

(1) dedicated **environmentalist**, (2) an **environmentalist** political party

The **environmentalist** lobby changed the mindset of many conservative politicians.

commendable

adj. worthy of praise or approval; deserving of admiration or respect

synonym: applaudable, praiseworthy, laudable

(1) **commendable** effort, (2) **commendable** achievement

His **commendable** actions earned him recognition and praise from his colleagues.

surreal

adj. strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality

synonym: dreamlike, fantastical, unreal

(1) **surreal** number, (2) **surreal** art

The dreamlike quality of the painting gave it a **surreal** feel.

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.

endow

v. to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution

synonym: finance, subsidize, support

(1) **endow** him with the power, (2) **endow** the scholarship
Some people believe that human is **endowed** with reason and capable of distinguishing good from evil.

hydro

n. a prefix denoting water or relating to water, usually used in scientific or technical terminology

synonym: water, aqua, liquid

(1) **hydro** power, (2) **hydro** turbine

The **hydro** plant generates electricity by harnessing the power of water.

unrest

n. a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
synonym: disturbance, agitation, turmoil

(1) **unrest** in the city, (2) cause **unrest**

The recent political **unrest** in the country has led to widespread protests and civil disobedience.

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.

surpass

v. to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something

synonym: excel, outdo, outperform

(1) **surpass** imagination, (2) **surpass** \$20 billion in sales

The athlete's record-breaking performance **surpassed** all expectations.

- situ** *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
synonym : situational, contextual, circumstantial
(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control
Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.
- pollute** *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
synonym : contaminate, corrupt, degrade
(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread
We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.
- emblem** *n.* a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea
synonym : symbol, sign, badge
(1) a national **emblem**, (2) family **emblem**
The eagle is an **emblem** of strength and courage.
- cobalt** *n.* a lustrous, hard, silver-white element with the symbol Co that is often used in alloys, batteries, and pigments and is essential for certain biological processes in humans and other organisms
synonym : Co
(1) **cobalt** steel, (2) **cobalt** blue
The blades of gas turbine engines are often coated with a **cobalt** layer to improve their durability.
- lithium** *n.* a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder
synonym : lithy, Li, salt
(1) **lithium** carbonate, (2) **lithium** mining
Lithium-ion batteries are commonly used in laptops, smartphones, and electric vehicles.

pivot

n. a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

synonym : center point, fulcrum, heart

(1) center- **pivot** irrigation, (2) **pivot** point

The team needed to come up with a **pivot** strategy to turn things around.

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.

devastate

v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage

synonym : demolish, destroy, crush

(1) **devastate** an area, (2) **devastate** the economy

Earthquakes can also trigger tsunamis, which **devastate** coastal areas.

quarantine

n. a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease

synonym : isolation, confinement, restriction

(1) out of **quarantine**, (2) mandatory **quarantine**

Due to the outbreak, the government imposed a two-week **quarantine** for all travelers.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym : head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

polluted

adj. contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances

synonym : contaminated, poisoned, unclean

(1) **polluted** air, (2) cadmium- **polluted** area

The river was **polluted** with chemicals, causing harm to the wildlife.

coronavirus

n. a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

synonym: covid

(1) **coronavirus** antibody test kit, (2) **coronavirus** bankruptcy

Considering the situation of **coronavirus**, organized stopped this year's beer festival.

suffocate

v. to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression

synonym: choke, smother, stifle

(1) **suffocate** to death, (2) **suffocate** fire

People can **suffocate** from a lack of oxygen in confined spaces.

hinder

v. to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something

synonym: frustrate, hamper, interfere

(1) **hinder** athletic performance, (2) **hinder** international exchanges

The pandemic **hindered** the growth of the airline industry.

groundwork

n. the basic or preparatory work or steps that provide a foundation for something

synonym: foundation, base, cornerstone

(1) **groundwork** foundation, (2) **groundwork** study

They laid the **groundwork** for the new project by conducting thorough research.

barbecue

n. a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

synonym: grill, cookout, outdoor cooking

(1) **barbecue** sauce, (2) **barbecue** grill

The **barbecue** at the park was a hit with all the families who attended.

annihilate

v. to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist

synonym: destroy, obliterate, eradicate

(1) **annihilate** the enemy, (2) **annihilate** all doubts

The virus had the potential to **annihilate** entire populations if left unchecked.

perpetuate

v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time

synonym: eternalize, preserve, maintain

(1) **perpetuate** a myth, (2) **perpetuate** chronic pain

That work **perpetuates** his fame.

prioritize

v. to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things

synonym: rank, order, arrange

(1) **prioritize** tasks, (2) **prioritize** people over cars

The organization **prioritized** the needs of the community in its decision-making.

overfish

v. to deplete fish populations beyond sustainable levels through excessive or unregulated fishing practices, leading to environmental and economic consequences

synonym: deplete, exhaust, drain

(1) **overfish** the coral reefs, (2) **overfish** certain areas

Scientists warn that many species could face extinction if we continue to **overfish** our oceans.

twofold

adj. consisting of two parts or aspects; doubled in size, quantity, or degree

synonym: doubled, dual, twinned

(1) **twofold** approach, (2) **twofold** difference

The **twofold** increase in sales was unexpected but welcomed by the company.

conserve

v. to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction

synonym: preserve, save, maintain

(1) means to **conserve** energy, (2) **conserve** coal resources

Children must be taught to **conserve** our natural environment.

mammal

n. any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body

(1) a primitive **mammal**, (2) a sort of **mammal**

Marine **mammal** populations are declining worldwide due to ocean pollution.

zoonotic

adj. relating to a zoonosis, which is a disease or infection that can be transmitted from animals to humans

synonym: infectious, contagious, transmissible

(1) **zoonotic** diseases, (2) **zoonotic** transmission

The spread of the disease was due to its **zoonotic** nature, able to infect both humans and animals.

reap

v. to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done

synonym: collect, harvest, derive

(1) **reap** the benefits, (2) **reap** crops

He **reaped** a significant profit from the listing of his company's stock.

bellicose

adj. demonstrating aggression or a willingness to fight; combative; belligerent

synonym: aggressive, pugnacious, combative

(1) **bellicose** leader, (2) **bellicose** behavior

The **bellicose** tone of his speech suggested that war was inevitable.

fiduciary

adj. relating to the responsibility to act in the best interests of others, especially when it comes to managing money, property, or legal affairs; involving trust, loyalty, and confidence between the parties involved

synonym: trust, responsible, accountable

(1) **fiduciary** responsibility, (2) **fiduciary** capitalism

Investment managers have a **fiduciary** duty to clients to make informed, prudent investment decisions.

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

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| 1. ex-s__u conservation | <i>adj.</i> short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance |
| 2. su_____l number | <i>adj.</i> strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality |
| 3. ov_____sh certain areas | <i>v.</i> to deplete fish populations beyond sustainable levels through excessive or unregulated fishing practices, leading to environmental and economic consequences |
| 4. pri_____ze people over cars | <i>v.</i> to assign a higher level of importance to something compared to other things |
| 5. per_____te chronic pain | <i>v.</i> to make something continue or prevail for a long time |
| 6. a primitive ma___l | <i>n.</i> any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body |
| 7. per_____te a myth | <i>v.</i> to make something continue or prevail for a long time |
| 8. su_____s imagination | <i>v.</i> to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something |
| 9. li_____m carbonate | <i>n.</i> a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder |

ANSWERS: 1. situ, 2. surreal, 3. overfish, 4. prioritize, 5. perpetuate, 6. mammal, 7. perpetuate, 8. surpass, 9. lithium

10. r__p the benefits v. to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
11. hi___r international exchanges v. to make it difficult for someone to do something; to limit the development of something
12. su_____te fire v. to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
13. de_____te an area v. to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
14. ov_____sh the coral reefs v. to deplete fish populations beyond sustainable levels through excessive or unregulated fishing practices, leading to environmental and economic consequences
15. be_____se behavior *adj.* demonstrating aggression or a willingness to fight; combative; belligerent
16. ba_____ue grill *n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food
17. cor_____us antibody test kit *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2

ANSWERS: 10. reap, 11. hinder, 12. suffocate, 13. devastate, 14. overfish, 15. bellicose, 16. barbecue, 17. coronavirus

18. global pa____ic *n.* an outbreak of a disease that affects many people over a very wide area
19. zo____ic transmission *adj.* relating to a zoonosis, which is a disease or infection that can be transmitted from animals to humans
20. po____e the thread *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
21. cadmium-po____ed area *adj.* contaminated with harmful or poisonous substances
22. en__w him with the power *v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution
23. per ca____a sales *n.* a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone
24. re____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
25. su____te to death *v.* to die or cause someone to die from lack of air or inability to breathe; to be overwhelmed or constricted by a feeling or situation, such as anxiety or oppression
26. ba____ue sauce *n.* a cooking method or apparatus that uses open flames or heated coals to grill or smoke meat, fish, or vegetables; a social gathering or meal characterized by outdoor grilling or barbecuing of food

ANSWERS: 18. pandemic, 19. zoonotic, 20. pollute, 21. polluted, 22. endow, 23. capita, 24. resilient, 25. suffocate, 26. barbecue

27. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
28. mandatory qua_____ne *n.* a state of isolation imposed on people or animals to prevent the spread of disease
29. co_____ve coal resources *v.* to protect something, especially the natural environment or culture, from change, damage, or destruction
30. cor_____us bankruptcy *n.* a large family of viruses that can cause illness in humans and animals, which name comes from the crown-like spikes on the surface of the virus, which can be seen under a microscope, and COVID-19 is caused by a specific type of coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2
31. en__w the scholarship *v.* to give a quality, ability, or asset to a person or institution
32. center-pi__t irrigation *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances
33. cause un___t *n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
34. su_____s \$20 billion in sales *v.* to be or do better than someone or something; to excel or go beyond the limits or standards of something
35. fi_____ry responsibility *adj.* relating to the responsibility to act in the best interests of others, especially when it comes to managing money, property, or legal affairs; involving trust, loyalty, and confidence between the parties involved

ANSWERS: 27. situ, 28. quarantine, 29. conserve, 30. coronavirus, 31. endow, 32. pivot, 33. unrest, 34. surpass, 35. fiduciary

36. family em___m *n.* a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea
37. gro_____rk study *n.* the basic or preparatory work or steps that provide a foundation for something
38. un___t in the city *n.* a state of agitation or disturbance; lack of calm or peace
39. li_____m mining *n.* a soft, silvery-white metal that is highly reactive and used in batteries, alloy production, and medications for bipolar disorder
40. r__p crops *v.* to harvest a grain crop from a field; to obtain something beneficial as a consequence of something that you have done
41. a national em___m *n.* a design or symbol that represents a quality or idea
42. co___t blue *n.* a lustrous, hard, silver-white element with the symbol Co that is often used in alloys, batteries, and pigments and is essential for certain biological processes in humans and other organisms
43. po_____e the air *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
44. pi__t point *n.* a change in direction or focus, especially in a business or political strategy; a fixed point that supports something that turns or balances

ANSWERS: 36. emblem, 37. groundwork, 38. unrest, 39. lithium, 40. reap, 41. emblem, 42. cobalt, 43. pollute, 44. pivot

45. an env_____ist political party *n.* a person who is concerned with and advocates for the protection of the natural environment
46. a sort of ma____l *n.* any animal of which the female gives birth to live young, not eggs, and feeds her young on milk from her own body
47. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
48. a hard and re_____nt steel *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
49. de_____te the economy *v.* to wreck a place or an area or cause significant damage
50. zo_____ic diseases *adj.* relating to a zoonosis, which is a disease or infection that can be transmitted from animals to humans
51. hy__o power *n.* a prefix denoting water or relating to water, usually used in scientific or technical terminology
52. ann_____te the enemy *v.* to destroy completely; to cause something to cease to exist
53. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
54. su_____l art *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
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ANSWERS: 45. environmentalist, 46. mammal, 47. industrious, 48. resilient, 49. devastate, 50. zoonotic, 51. hydro, 52. annihilate, 53. opportune, 54. surreal, 55. cobalt

56. fi_____ry capitalism *adj.* relating to the responsibility to act in the best interests of others, especially when it comes to managing money, property, or legal affairs; involving trust, loyalty, and confidence between the parties involved
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ANSWERS: 56. fiduciary, 57. quarantine, 58. bellicose, 59. hinder, 60. pandemic, 61. industrious, 62. hydro, 63. groundwork, 64. annihilate, 65. opportune

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ANSWERS: 66. polluted, 67. conserve, 68. twofold, 69. environmentalist, 70. prioritize, 71. twofold, 72. commendable, 73. capita, 74. commendable

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Investment managers have a _____ duty to clients to make informed, prudent investment decisions.
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ANSWERS: 8. Lithium-ion, 9. pollute, 10. hydro, 11. emblem, 12. situ, 13. suffocate, 14. groundwork, 15. polluted

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