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Session 1: Word List

skyline

n. the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance

synonym : silhouette, cityscape, horizon

(1) **skyline** view, (2) downtown **skyline**

The **skyline** of the city was dotted with tall buildings.

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.

curvature

n. the degree to which a line or surface deviates from being straight or flat; a measure of the amount of bending of a curve

synonym : bend, arch, bow

(1) the degree of **curvature**, (2) spinal **curvature**

The **curvature** of the earth can be seen from space.

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.

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.

coexist

v. to live or exist together at the same time in the same place

synonym: cohabit, accompany, synchronize

(1) **coexist** with nature, (2) **coexist** with diversity

The different species can **coexist** in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.

rooftop

n. the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes

synonym: roof, terrace, deck

(1) **rooftop** live, (2) **rooftop** deck

They held the dinner party on the **rooftop** terrace, enjoying the beautiful view of the city.

amphitheater

n. an open-air theater, usually circular or oval, with tiers of seats surrounding a central performance area

synonym: arena, stadium, coliseum

(1) outdoor **amphitheater**, (2) ancient **amphitheater**

The performers took to the stage in the **amphitheater's** center, surrounded by cheering fans.

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.

volcano

n. a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.

synonym : mount, peak, crater

(1) **volcano** alert level, (2) active **volcano**

The island was formed by a **volcano** millions of years ago.

blur

n. a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision

synonym : smudge, smear, fuzz

(1) **blur** image, (2) motion **blur**

The camera's focus was off, and the image was a **blur** of colors and shapes.

soulless

adj. having no attractive or exciting character that makes people happy; lacking sensitivity or the capacity for deep feeling

synonym : heartless, affectless, cold-blooded

(1) he is **soulless** and mechanical, (2) in a **soulless** manner

She is sitting in a tree with a **soulless** look after hearing the news.

Session 2: Spelling

1. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
2. su_____l number *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
3. hum_____de climate change *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
4. co_____t with diversity *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
5. active vo_____o *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
6. ancient amp_____ter *n.* an open-air theater, usually circular or oval, with tiers of seats surrounding a central performance area
7. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
8. the degree of cu_____re *n.* the degree to which a line or surface deviates from being straight or flat; a measure of the amount of bending of a curve
9. outdoor amp_____ter *n.* an open-air theater, usually circular or oval, with tiers of seats surrounding a central performance area

ANSWERS: 1. situ, 2. surreal, 3. human-made, 4. coexist, 5. volcano, 6. amphitheater, 7. situ, 8. curvature, 9. amphitheater

10. b__r image *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
11. ro____p deck *n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes
12. co____t with nature *v.* to live or exist together at the same time in the same place
13. spinal cu_____re *n.* the degree to which a line or surface deviates from being straight or flat; a measure of the amount of bending of a curve
14. motion b__r *n.* a faint or indistinct image or sound; something that is not clear or distinct; (verb) to become unclear; to lose clear vision
15. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
16. in a so____ss manner *adj.* having no attractive or exciting character that makes people happy; lacking sensitivity or the capacity for deep feeling
17. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
18. downtown sk____e *n.* the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance

ANSWERS: 10. blur, 11. rooftop, 12. coexist, 13. curvature, 14. blur, 15. opportune, 16. soulless, 17. opportune, 18. skyline

19. the worst hum_____de disaster *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
20. su_____l art *adj.* strange and unreal; having an oddly dreamlike quality
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22. ro_____p live *n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes
23. vo_____o alert level *n.* a mountain or hill, typically conical, having a crater or vent through which lava, rock fragments, hot vapor, and gas are or have been erupted from the earth's crust.
24. sk_____e view *n.* the outline of buildings and other structures against the sky, especially when viewed from a distance

ANSWERS: 19. human-made, 20. surreal, 21. soulless, 22. rooftop, 23. volcano, 24. skyline

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The different species can _____ in the same ecosystem by filling different niches and using different resources.
 - v. to live or exist together at the same time in the same place

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 - n. an open-air theater, usually circular or oval, with tiers of seats surrounding a central performance area

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ANSWERS: 1. coexist, 2. amphitheater's, 3. skyline, 4. situ, 5. soulless, 6. human-made, 7. rooftop

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ANSWERS: 8. curvature, 9. surreal, 10. volcano, 11. blur, 12. opportune