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Session 1: Word List

plum

n. a small, sweet fruit with juicy flesh and a hard stone in the middle; a desirable or highly valued object, person, or position

(1) **plum** pudding, (2) **plum** harvest

The farmer proudly displayed his basket of freshly picked **plums** at the market.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

domesticate

v. to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company

synonym: tame, naturalize, cultivate

(1) easy to **domesticate**, (2) **domesticate** the plant

We **domesticate** cows to gain milk and meat.

kale

n. a type of leafy green vegetable that belongs to the cabbage family, often eaten raw in salads or cooked as a side dish

synonym: collard greens, cabbage, broccoli

(1) **kale** salad, (2) baked **kale** chips

I like to add chopped **kale** to my smoothies for an extra boost of nutrition.

cauliflower

n. a vegetable that belongs to the same family as broccoli and cabbage, characterized by a compact head of central florets surrounded by green leaves, commonly used in cooking and preparation of various cuisines

(1) **cauliflower** cheese, (2) **cauliflower** curry

I love to roast **cauliflower** with garlic and olive oil for a healthy side dish.

amaze

v. to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration

synonym: astound, surprise, stagger

(1) **amaze** and entertain visitors, (2) **amaze** everyone

The magician's tricks **amazed** the audience.

blight

v. to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting

synonym: devastate, ruin, decimate

(1) **blight** his life, (2) **blight** a crop

The abandoned factory was **blighted** by vandalism and graffiti.

emigrate

v. to leave one's country or region to settle in another

synonym: migrate, relocate, move

(1) **emigrate** to a new country, (2) **emigrate** for better opportunities

Many people **emigrated** from Ireland to America during the Great Famine.

monoculture

n. the cultivation of a single crop or type of animal over a wide area

synonym: single crop, uniform, homogenous

(1) **monoculture** strategy, (2) corn **monoculture**

Monoculture farming can also increase the risk of pests and diseases, as the lack of diversity makes it easier for these organisms to spread and cause harm to the crop.

millionaire

n. a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.

(1) **millionaire** capitalist, (2) become a **millionaire**

The Internet **millionaire** was captivated by the artist's paintings.

diversify

v. to make something include more different types or things; to spread out activities or investments

synonym: branch out, expand, broaden

(1) **diversify** my portfolio, (2) **diversify** energy sources

This inclusive environment has allowed the plant species to **diversify**.

funnel

n. a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

synonym: filter, chimney

(1) separatory **funnel**, (2) a **funnel-shaped** device

We have to use a **funnel** to pour petrol into the tank.

industrialize

v. to organize the production of something into an industry

synonym: motorize

(1) **industrialize** service, (2) **industrialized** textile production

The nations of South East Asia will quickly **industrialize** and catch up with the West.

regrow

v. to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation

synonym: regenerate

(1) **regrow** hair, (2) **regrow** vegetation

Lizards can **regrow** their tails if they are cut off.

trait

n. a particular feature of your nature

synonym : attribute, feature, quality

(1) chemical **trait**, (2) personality **traits**

Multiple genes may influence behavioral **traits** concurrently.

sow

v. to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion

synonym : plant, scatter, seed

(1) **sow** wheat in a field, (2) **sow** discord

She carefully **sowed** the seeds in the garden.

rinse

v. to wash off soap or remaining dirt with clean water; to gargle your mouth and throat with mouthwash

synonym : wash out, flush, irrigate

(1) **rinse** out your mouth, (2) **rinse** the shampoo

Please **rinse** the soap off of those dishes well.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. re___w hair | v. | to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation |
| 2. become a mil_____re | n. | a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc. |
| 3. easy to dom_____te | v. | to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company |
| 4. cau_____er cheese | n. | a vegetable that belongs to the same family as broccoli and cabbage, characterized by a compact head of central florets surrounded by green leaves, commonly used in cooking and preparation of various cuisines |
| 5. am___e and entertain visitors | v. | to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration |
| 6. ri___e out your mouth | v. | to wash off soap or remaining dirt with clean water; to gargle your mouth and throat with mouthwash |
| 7. bl___t a crop | v. | to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting |
| 8. personality tr___ts | n. | a particular feature of your nature |
| 9. re___w vegetation | v. | to grow back or regenerate after being cut or removed, such as cells or tissues in the body, or plants and vegetation |

ANSWERS: 1. regrow, 2. millionaire, 3. domesticate, 4. cauliflower, 5. amaze, 6. rinse, 7. blight, 8. trait, 9. regrow

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| 10. bl___t his life | v. | to have a detrimental effect on something, typically causing it to deteriorate or fail; (noun) any plant disease resulting in withering without rotting |
| 11. p__m pudding | n. | a small, sweet fruit with juicy flesh and a hard stone in the middle; a desirable or highly valued object, person, or position |
| 12. ind_____ize service | v. | to organize the production of something into an industry |
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| 17. baked k__e chips | n. | a type of leafy green vegetable that belongs to the cabbage family, often eaten raw in salads or cooked as a side dish |
| 18. corn mon_____re | n. | the cultivation of a single crop or type of animal over a wide area |

ANSWERS: 10. blight, 11. plum, 12. industrialize, 13. diversify, 14. diversify, 15. cauliflower, 16. emigrate, 17. kale, 18. monoculture

19. dom_____te the plant *v.* to take control of animals or plants to provide food, power, or company
20. k__e salad *n.* a type of leafy green vegetable that belongs to the cabbage family, often eaten raw in salads or cooked as a side dish
21. s_w wheat in a field *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
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24. mil_____re capitalist *n.* a person who has material wealth that is valued at more than a million dollars, pounds, euros, etc.
25. am__e everyone *v.* to fill with wonder, surprise, or admiration
26. s_w discord *v.* to plant seeds in the ground to grow crops or plants; to establish or set in motion
27. chemical tr__t *n.* a particular feature of your nature
28. mon_____re strategy *n.* the cultivation of a single crop or type of animal over a wide area
29. earliest human an____or *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
30. separatory fu___l *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine

ANSWERS: 19. domesticate, 20. kale, 21. sow, 22. emigrate, 23. plum, 24. millionaire, 25. amaze, 26. sow, 27. trait, 28. monoculture, 29. ancestor, 30. funnel

31. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
32. ind_____ized textile production *v.* to organize the production of something into an industry
33. a fu___l-shaped device *n.* a tube or pipe that is wide at the top, sloping sides, narrow at the bottom, used for pouring liquids or powders into a small opening; a smokestack on a ship or steam engine
34. ri__e the shampoo *v.* to wash off soap or remaining dirt with clean water; to gargle your mouth and throat with mouthwash

ANSWERS: 31. ancestor, 32. industrialize, 33. funnel, 34. rinse

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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ANSWERS: 17. blighted