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Session 1: Word List

cavern

n. a large, natural underground space

synonym: grotto, cave, cavity

(1) a yawning cavern, (2) cavern tour

The explorer discovered a large cavern deep underground.

slump

v. to fall or sink suddenly, often due to loss of support or stability; to decline or decrease abruptly, as in business or economic conditions; to become despondent or dispirited; (noun) a sudden or prolonged decline or drop in value, price, or quality

synonym: drop, sink, sag

(1) **slump** against pillows, (2) economic **slump**Sales of the product **slumped** after the negative reviews were published.

doze

v. to sleep lightly or for a short period of time synonym: nap, snooze, slumber

(1) **doze** over a book, (2) **doze** in the sun

He **dozed** off in his chair while watching TV.

baptize

v. to make someone officially a member of the Christian Church by baptism (= a form of Christian ritual

purification)

synonym: purify, immerse

(1) **baptize** a baby, (2) **baptize** with water

The priest **baptized** my father on his deathbed.

doe

 a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) doe rabbit, (2) buck and doe

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

thermometer

n. a device used to measure temperature, typically consisting of a glass or plastic tube containing a column of liquid, such as mercury, that rises and falls with changes in temperature

synonym: thermos, gauge, climate gauge

- (1) digital **thermometer**, (2) clinical **thermometer**My mother always used a mercury **thermometer** to check our temperature when we were sick.
- wean v. to

 to gradually stop feeding a baby or young animal with its mother's milk and to start or accustom to eating other food

synonym: ablactate

(1) **wean** a person from a bad habit, (2) **wean** my baby from the breast

It's difficult to wean an addict off drugs once they're hooked.

disrupt

 to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

synonym: interrupt, disturb, break into

(1) **disrupt** a well-ordered condition, (2) **disrupt** sleep I'm so sorry to **disrupt** you when you're pretty busy.

pundit

 an expert, authority, or knowledgeable commentator who frequently expresses opinions or gives analysis on a particular subject or issue

synonym: expert, commentator, punditry

(1) conservative pundit, (2) sports pundit

The political **pundit** provided analysis and commentary on the latest election results.

doom

 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.

radiate

v. to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions

synonym: give off, scatter, beam

(1) radiate an aura, (2) radiate in all directions

Roads **radiate** from the famous building in the center of the city.

parameterize

- v. to describe or represent something as a parameter (= a numerical or measurable factor that defines a system and determines its performance) or parameters
- (1) **parameterize** the utility function, (2) **parameterize** the complex system

All climate models apply the same physical laws, but the outcomes vary because they **parameterize** phenomena like cloud formation differently.

trench

 a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water

synonym: aqueduct, ditch, channel

(1) deep-sea **trench**, (2) **trench** excavator

A **trench** was being dug alongside the road by workers.

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- ν . to do better than someone; to surpass
- synonym: excel, surpass, outshine
- (1) outdo him in trickery, (2) outdo the competition

He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

Christ

 the man that Christians believe is the prophet and the son of God, and whose life and sermons form the basis for Christianity

synonym: Savior, Jesus Christ, Jesus

(1) teaching of Christ, (2) before Christ

Christmas is the day to celebrate the birth of Christ.

exacerbate

 ν . to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse

synonym: worsen, aggravate, escalate

(1) **exacerbate** the situation, (2) **exacerbate** symptoms

The heat wave **exacerbated** the drought conditions.

rot

v. to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually

synonym: perish, decay, corrode

(1) begin to **rot**, (2) **rot** with age

Please refrigerate the meat, or it will **rot**.

rotary

adj. relating to, revolving around, or characterized by rotation or a revolving motion

synonym: circular, revolving, spinning

(1) rotary motion, (2) rotary tool

The **rotary** engine is known for its smooth and efficient operation.

brunt

 the force or impact of something, often used to describe the full force of an attack or criticism

synonym: force, pressure, impact

(1) bear the **brunt**, (2) the **brunt** of criticism

The **brunt** of the storm hit the coastal towns the hardest.

reorganize

v. to change to a more sufficient or suitable form of organization

synonym: rearrange, reconstruct, reshuffle

(1) **reorganize** a department, (2) **reorganize** his debts

The new CEO was appointed to **reorganize** their business.

bemused

adj. mildly puzzled or confused but also amused synonym: amused, puzzled, confused

(1) bemused audience, (2) bemused tone

He was **bemused** by the strange behavior of the clown.

denomination

 a religious group or branch, usually including many local churches; a value or size of a banknote, coin, or postage stamp

synonym: sect, faith, creed

(1) a religious **denomination**, (2) notes of small **denomination**

He flashed a fistful of large denomination bills.

atheist

a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities

synonym: nonbeliever, unbeliever, secularist

(1) atheist community, (2) atheist belief

She was an atheist without any belief in a higher power.

wildfire

 a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope

synonym: blaze, bonfire, flame

(1) **wildfire** spread, (2) arson-caused **wildfire**The **wildfire** destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.

gulf

 a large ocean inlet or deep bay that is partially enclosed by land

synonym: chasm, divide, abyss

(1) gulf war, (2) gulf stream

The **Gulf** of Mexico is a body of water in the southern United States.

typhoon

a tropical storm with strong winds and heavy rain,
 typically occurring in the western Pacific Ocean

synonym: cyclone, hurricane, storm

(1) super **typhoon**, (2) **typhoon** season

Many families were forced to evacuate their homes due to the **typhoon's** severity.

cyclone

n. a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs

synonym: tornado, twister, hurricane

(1) cyclone warning, (2) devastating cycloneThe cyclone's strong winds and rough seas severely

impacted the fishing industry.

footprint

- n. a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surfacesynonym: footmark, imprint, impression
- (1) **footprints** in the snow, (2) the **footprints** of an earlier civilization

We choose transportation that has a smaller carbon footprint.

shingle

 a thin piece of wood, slate, or other material used as a roof covering or siding

synonym: tile, slate, clapboard

(1) asphalt shingle, (2) wooden shingle

The roofer installed new **shingles** on the roof to replace the old and worn-out ones.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effortsynonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work

late into the night.

electrify

v. to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something

synonym: wire, amaze, astonish

(1) **electrify** the audience, (2) **electrify** a manufacturing process

The product developed through years of research continues to **electrify** the market.

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.

kerosene

 a flammable, colorless, or pale yellow liquid derived from the distillation of petroleum, used as a fuel for lamps, stoves, and heaters

synonym: fuel oil, lamp oil, coal oil

(1) kerosene stove, (2) burning keroseneThe lamp in the cabin burned kerosene for light.

incandescent

adj. emitting light as a result of being heated; shining brightly; passionate or enthusiastic

synonym: glowing, radiant, brilliant

(1) **incandescent** emotion, (2) **incandescent** personality The **incandescent** lights in the room created a warm and inviting atmosphere.

decarbonize

v. to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy

synonym: decoke, decarburise, decarburize

- (1) **decarbonize** their manufacturing process,
- (2) **decarbonize** its energy system

We have to seek methods to **decarbonize** its fossil fuel economy.

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.

boulder

 a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion

synonym: rock, stone, clump

(1) boulder field, (2) lava boulder

The hikers had to climb over a **boulder** that was blocking their path.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1.	asphalt she	n.	a thin piece of wood, slate, or other material used as a roof covering or siding
2.	digital theer	n.	a device used to measure temperature, typically consisting of a glass or plastic tube containing a column of liquid, such as mercury, that rises and falls with changes in temperature
3.	a yawning can	n.	a large, natural underground space
4.	wooden she	n.	a thin piece of wood, slate, or other material used as a roof covering or siding
5.	att community	n.	a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
6.	elfy the audience	<i>v</i> .	to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
7.	bed audience	adj.	mildly puzzled or confused but also amused
8.	dit sleep	ν.	to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
9.	arson-caused wire	n.	a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads

ANSWERS: 1. shingle, 2. thermometer, 3. cavern, 4. shingle, 5. atheist, 6. electrify, 7. bemused, 8. disrupt, 9. wildfire

quickly through a natural area such as a

forest, grassland, or mountain slope

10.	fonts in the snow	n.	a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
11.	the fonts of an earlier civilization	n.	a mark of a foot, shoe, or animal's foot left on a surface
12.	prophet of dm	n.	death, destruction, or some other terrible situation that cannot be avoided
13.	seem like a dang task	adj.	looking challenging to manage in prospect; making someone anxious and less confident about carrying out something
14.	incent emotion	adj.	emitting light as a result of being heated; shining brightly; passionate or enthusiastic
15.	dit a well-ordered condition	<i>v</i> .	to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
16.	decze its energy system	ν.	to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
17.	bor field	n.	a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
18.	deep-sea trh	n.	a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
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19. bae a baby	v.	to make someone officially a member of the Christian Church by baptism (= a form of Christian ritual purification)
20. begin to r_t	ν.	to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
21. r_t with age	v.	to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
22. trh excavator	n.	a long, deep ditch made in the ground, usually parallel to a plate boundary and marking a subduction zone; a long ditch built in the ground for carrying away water
23. indize service	ν.	to organize the production of something into an industry
24. decze their manufacturing process	<i>v</i> .	to stop or reduce emitting carbon gases, especially carbon dioxide, by replacing energy made from fossil fuels with renewable energy
25. wn a person from a bad habit	ν.	to gradually stop feeding a baby or young animal with its mother's milk and to start or accustom to eating other food
26. rae an aura	v.	to spread out or emit something, such as light or heat, in all directions
27. a religious denion	n.	a religious group or branch, usually including many local churches; a value or size of a banknote, coin, or postage stamp
28. ouo him in trickery	ν.	to do better than someone; to surpass
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ANSWERS: 19. baptize, 20. rot, 21. rot, 2 25. wean, 26. radiate, 27. denomination, 2		

- 30. sub____an Africa
- 31. economic d__m
- 32. g__f war
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ANSWERS: 30. sub-Saharan, 31. doom, 32. gulf, 33. Christ, 34. brunt, 35. bemused, 36. rotary, 37. Christ, 38. slump

39.	parize the complex system	ν.	to describe or represent something as a parameter (= a numerical or measurable factor that defines a system and determines its performance) or parameters
40.	indized textile production	v.	to organize the production of something into an industry
41.	bae with water	v.	to make someone officially a member of the Christian Church by baptism (= a form of Christian ritual purification)
42.	lava bor	n.	a large, smooth rock, typically one that has been worn away from a cliff or mountain by erosion
43.	de in the sun	<i>v</i> .	to sleep lightly or for a short period of time
44.	notes of small denion	n.	a religious group or branch, usually including many local churches; a value or size of a banknote, coin, or postage stamp
45.	can tour	n.	a large, natural underground space
46.	d_e rabbit	n.	a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
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,	53. exate the situation	v.	to make a situation, problem, or feeling worse
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ANSWERS: 67. wean, 68. gulf, 69. typhoon, 70. kerosene, 71. industrious, 72. doze, 73. sub-Saharan, 74. wildfire, 75. exacerbate, 76. kerosene

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	She was an without any belief in a higher power.
n.	a person who denies or disbelieves the existence of a deity or deities
2.	Many families were forced to evacuate their homes due to the severity.
n.	a tropical storm with strong winds and heavy rain, typically occurring in the western Pacific Ocean
3.	Please refrigerate the meat, or it will
ν.	to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
4.	It's difficult to an addict off drugs once they're hooked.
v.	to gradually stop feeding a baby or young animal with its mother's milk and to start or accustom to eating other food
5.	The strong winds and rough seas severely impacted the fishing industry.
n.	a violent, rotating windstorm that forms over tropical waters and can cause extensive damage to coastal regions, also known as a hurricane or typhoon, depending on the region in which it occurs
6.	The destroyed hundreds of homes and forced thousands of people to evacuate.
n.	a large, uncontrolled fire that spreads quickly through a natural area such as a forest, grassland, or mountain slope
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38.	The explorer discovered a large deep underground.
n.	a large, natural underground space
AN	SWERS: 31. footprint, 32. parameterize, 33. exacerbated, 34. industrialize, 35.
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