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Session 1: Word List

geyser

n. a natural hot spring that periodically ejects a column of boiling water and steam into the air; a device that produces a similar effect for decorative or practical purposes

synonym : hot spring, fumarole

(1) erupting **geyser**, (2) Yellowstone **geyser**

The **geyser's** hot water generates electricity for nearby towns and cities.

foresight

n. the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come

synonym : prescience, prediction, clairvoyance

(1) strategic **foresight**, (2) **foresight** planning

With **foresight**, she made a plan to avoid any potential obstacles.

prescient

adj. having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic

synonym : prophetic, foresighted, intuitive

(1) **prescient** dream, (2) **prescient** vision

The **prescient** investor predicted the market crash and sold his stocks before it happened.

naturalism

n. a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws

(1) **naturalism** in literature, (2) philosophical **naturalism**

The scientific method is often seen as an embodiment of **naturalism**, as it seeks to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation.

visionary

adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative

synonym: prophetic, far-sighted, imaginative

(1) **visionary** business, (2) **visionary** ideas

The **visionary** leader had a clear plan for the company's future.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym: peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

hatch

v. to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage

synonym: incubate, breed, produce

(1) **hatch** a plan, (2) **hatch** a baby chick

The eggs began to **hatch**, and the small chicks emerged.

enlist

v. to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization

synonym: join, sign up, appoint

(1) **enlist** in a cause, (2) **enlist** for a soldier

He decided to **enlist** in the military after graduating from high school.

tireless

adj. characterized by a persistent and energetic effort; not easily fatigued or discouraged

synonym : indefatigable, persistent, unflagging

(1) **tireless** dedication, (2) **tireless** charity work

The politician was known for his **tireless** efforts to improve healthcare.

bleach

v. to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach

synonym : whiten, lighten, blanch

(1) **bleach** stains, (2) **bleach** hair

I need to **bleach** this shirt to remove the stains.

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.

mourn

v. to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone

synonym : grieve, lament, weep

(1) **mourn** with deep grief, (2) **mourn** death

We **mourned** the loss of our dear friend at the memorial service.

spawn

v. to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop

synonym : beget, breed, generate

(1) **spawn** in spring, (2) **spawn** a new concept

The salmon swims upstream to **spawn** in the place they were released.

playbook

n. a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of

action

synonym: strategy, game plan, manual

(1) **playbook** strategy, (2) political **playbook**

The coach's **playbook** helped the team win the championship.

insightful

adj. having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject

synonym: perceptive, astute, perspicacious

(1) acutely **insightful**, (2) **insightful** analysis

His **insightful** comments added a new perspective to the discussion.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

redwood

n. a type of large evergreen tree native to North America that can grow up to 360 feet in height and have a reddish-colored bark and durable wood used for construction and furniture-making

synonym: sequoia

(1) **redwood** forest, (2) old-growth **redwood**

The tall **redwood** trees towered over us as we hiked through the forest.

trident

n. a three-pronged spear or fork-like instrument, often used as a symbol of power or authority in classical mythology

synonym: three-pronged spear, pitchfork, fork

(1) **trident** weapon, (2) **trident** seafood

The police officer carried a **trident-shaped** baton for crowd control.

drone

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

synonym : hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

diver

n. a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey

synonym : plunger, frogman, loon

(1) professional **diver**, (2) deep-sea **diver**

The search and rescue team sent a team of **divers** to search for the missing plane wreckage.

frontline

adj. in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy

synonym : battlefield, cutting edge

(1) **frontline** health workers, (2) at the **frontline** of the war

Within days, the new aircraft was in **frontline** service.

spur

n. a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something

synonym : encouragement, motivation, stimulus

(1) **spur** of the moment, (2) **spur** a momentum of economic growth

The threat of losing his job was the **spur** he needed to work harder.

transect

v. to cut or divide something by means of a transverse line, typically for surveying or scientific study

synonym : intersect, divide, bisect

(1) **transect** a forest, (2) **transect** the area

The new highway will **transect** the wilderness, potentially disrupting local wildlife.

grandkid

n. the grandchildren of a particular person

synonym: grandchildren, grandnieces, grandnephews

(1) spend the weekend with their **grandkids**, (2) cute

grandkids

She was so proud of her **grandkids**, who were all doing well in school and had great personalities.

astonished

adj. extremely surprised and upset

synonym: amazed, dumbfounded, flabbergasted

(1) **astonished** at the success, (2) cast **astonished** eyes

She was **astonished** by the news and could hardly believe it.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. bl___h stains
v. to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach
2. dr__e flight
n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
3. s__r of the moment
n. a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something
4. fr_____ne health workers
adj. in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy
5. spend the weekend with their gr_____ids
n. the grandchildren of a particular person
6. vi_____ry ideas
adj. having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
7. a chick's tw__t
n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
8. pr_____nt vision
adj. having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic
9. tr_____t seafood
n. a three-pronged spear or fork-like instrument, often used as a symbol of power or authority in classical mythology

ANSWERS: 1. bleach, 2. drone, 3. spur, 4. frontline, 5. grandkid, 6. visionary, 7. tweet, 8. prescient, 9. trident

10. cast ast_____ed eyes *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
11. 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
12. old-growth re_____d *n.* a type of large evergreen tree native to North America that can grow up to 360 feet in height and have a reddish-colored bark and durable wood used for construction and furniture-making
13. pr_____nt dream *adj.* having or showing knowledge of events or situations before they occur; foreknowing or prophetic
14. cute gr_____ids *n.* the grandchildren of a particular person
15. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
16. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
17. pl_____ok strategy *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
18. mo__n death *v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone

ANSWERS: 10. astonished, 11. overfish, 12. redwood, 13. prescient, 14. grandkid, 15. philanthropy, 16. opportune, 17. playbook, 18. mourn

19. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
20. mo__n with deep grief *v.* to feel or express sorrow, grief, or sadness, especially over the death of someone
21. private phi_____opy *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
22. vi_____ry business *adj.* having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative
23. en___t for a soldier *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
24. ti_____ss charity work *adj.* characterized by a persistent and energetic effort; not easily fatigued or discouraged
25. at the fr_____ne of the war *adj.* in the most critical or dangerous position; in the military line or part of an army closest to the enemy
26. bl___h hair *v.* to remove color or stains, whiten, or sterilize using a solution of chemicals or other substances, such as bleach
27. Yellowstone ge___r *n.* a natural hot spring that periodically ejects a column of boiling water and steam into the air; a device that produces a similar effect for decorative or practical purposes
28. acutely ins_____ul *adj.* having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject

ANSWERS: 19. opportune, 20. mourn, 21. philanthropy, 22. visionary, 23. enlist, 24. tireless, 25. frontline, 26. bleach, 27. geyser, 28. insightful

29. sp__n a new concept *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
30. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
31. erupting ge___r *n.* a natural hot spring that periodically ejects a column of boiling water and steam into the air; a device that produces a similar effect for decorative or practical purposes
32. ha__h a plan *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
33. ast_____ed at the success *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
34. the speaker's dr__e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
35. strategic fo_____ht *n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come
36. s__r a momentum of economic growth *n.* a thing that encourages someone to do something; any sharply pointed projection; (verb) to incite or stimulate someone or something
37. ti_____ss dedication *adj.* characterized by a persistent and energetic effort; not easily fatigued or discouraged

ANSWERS: 29. spawn, 30. tweet, 31. geyser, 32. hatch, 33. astonished, 34. drone, 35. foresight, 36. spur, 37. tireless

38. sp__n in spring *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
39. en___t in a cause *v.* to sign up to serve in the military or a particular organization
40. fo_____ht planning *n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come
41. political pl_____ok *n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action
42. tr_____t weapon *n.* a three-pronged spear or fork-like instrument, often used as a symbol of power or authority in classical mythology
43. ov_____sh certain areas *v.* to deplete fish populations beyond sustainable levels through excessive or unregulated fishing practices, leading to environmental and economic consequences
44. ha__h a baby chick *v.* to cause an egg to break to allow a young animal to come out; to produce and expand something that is in an early stage
45. philosophical nat_____sm *n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws

ANSWERS: 38. spawn, 39. enlist, 40. foresight, 41. playbook, 42. trident, 43. overfish, 44. hatch, 45. naturalism

46. nat_____sm in literature *n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws
47. tr_____ct a forest *v.* to cut or divide something by means of a transverse line, typically for surveying or scientific study
48. professional di__r *n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
49. re_____d forest *n.* a type of large evergreen tree native to North America that can grow up to 360 feet in height and have a reddish-colored bark and durable wood used for construction and furniture-making
50. deep-sea di__r *n.* a person who dives, especially one who does so professionally or as a sport; a bird that dives into the water to catch fish or other prey
51. ins_____ul analysis *adj.* having or showing a deep understanding and perception of a situation or subject
52. tr_____ct the area *v.* to cut or divide something by means of a transverse line, typically for surveying or scientific study

ANSWERS: 46. naturalism, 47. transect, 48. diver, 49. redwood, 50. diver, 51. insightful, 52. transect

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The scientific method is often seen as an embodiment of _____ as it seeks to understand the natural world through observation and experimentation.
 - n.* a philosophical belief that everything, including human behavior and cognition, can be explained solely by natural causes and laws

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 - n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

3. The coach's _____ helped the team win the championship.
 - n.* a set of strategies or tactics used in a particular situation, often in a business or political context; a guidebook or manual that outlines a specific plan of action

4. Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on _____.
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ANSWERS: 8. overfish, 9. mourned, 10. frontline, 11. bleach, 12. trident-shaped, 13. spawn, 14. prescient

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ANSWERS: 23. drone, 24. geyser's, 25. enlist, 26. spur