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Session 1: Word List

inhabit

v. to live in a specific location; to reside

synonym: settle, occupy, populate

(1) **inhabit** a cave, (2) **inhabit** the stomach

I have no idea what sort of folks **inhabit** the neighborhood.

frigid

adj. extremely cold; lacking warmth or passion; emotionally detached or unresponsive

synonym: frosty, icy, glacial

(1) **frigid** climate, (2) **frigid** air

I had to wear multiple layers to survive the **frigid** temperatures outside.

matriarch

n. a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group

synonym: leader, head, founder

(1) ruled by a **matriarch**, (2) **matriarch** figure

The **matriarch** of the family was known for her wisdom and guidance.

elude

v. to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning

synonym: evade, avoid, dodge

(1) **elude** the law, (2) **elude** responsibility for the failure
The suspect **eluded** capture for weeks before being caught by the police.

matrilineal

adj. (the antonym of "patrilineal") tracing familial descent through the mother's side of the family, meaning that the family heritage and inheritance are passed down from mother to daughter rather than from father to son

synonym : maternal, motherly, matriarchal

(1) **matrilineal** inheritance, (2) **matrilineal** descent
In **matrilineal** societies, lineages are traced through the mother's side of the family.

dialect

n. a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics

synonym : accent, language, vernacular

(1) a local **dialect**, (2) minority **dialect**
The **dialect** spoken in the region differed from other parts of the country.

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.

menopause

n. the natural cessation of menstruation and fertility in women, typically occurring between the ages of 45 and 55

synonym : climacteric, midlife transition

(1) **menopause** symptoms, (2) before **menopause**
The onset of **menopause** can bring about various physical and emotional changes in women.

unheard

adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

synonym : unknown, obscure

(1) an **unheard** story, (2) previously **unheard-of** economic development

The **unheard** melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.

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.

fertile

adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive

synonym : fruitful, productive, rich

(1) **fertile** ground, (2) **fertile** market

Herbs require **fertile** soil in a sunny, sheltered location.

overfishing

n. the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem

synonym : overharvesting, over-exploitation, depletion

(1) **overfishing** crisis, (2) **overfishing** ban

The ocean's ecosystem is being threatened by **overfishing**, causing many species to become endangered.

decimate

v. to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number

synonym : devastate, destroy, annihilate

(1) **decimate** population, (2) **decimate** economy

The hurricane **decimated** the small town, leaving behind destruction and devastation.

starvation

n. a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

synonym: hunger, malnutrition, emaciation

(1) die of **starvation**, (2) **starvation** wages

The drought led to widespread **starvation** in the region.

advantageous

adj. providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial

synonym: beneficial, favorable, profitable

(1) **advantageous** conditions, (2) **advantageous** interest rate

The new job opportunity offered by the company is highly **advantageous**.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

disperse

v. to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so

synonym: dissipate, spread, scatter

(1) **disperse** false information, (2) **disperse** the protesters

Before authorities **dispersed** the protesters, they yelled slogans.

urgently

adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

synonym: promptly, immediately, swiftly

(1) tackle the problem **urgently**, (2) **urgently** required

I need to send this email **urgently**.

uncover

v. to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

synonym: disclose, reveal, unveil

(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth

He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.

startling

adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying

synonym: alarming, astonishing, shocking

(1) **startling** earthquake shocks, (2) **startling** discovery

He describes the story with **startling** reality.

Session 2: Spelling

1. de____te economy
v. to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number
2. fe____e market
adj. capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
3. fr____d climate
adj. extremely cold; lacking warmth or passion; emotionally detached or unresponsive
4. sp__n in spring
v. to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
5. sp__n a new concept
v. to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
6. an un____d story
adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
7. ove____ng crisis
n. the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem
8. ove____ng ban
n. the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem
9. de____te population
v. to destroy a significant portion of something or reduce by ten percent; to cause extensive destruction or severe damage; to drastically reduce in size or number

ANSWERS: 1. decimate, 2. fertile, 3. frigid, 4. spawn, 5. spawn, 6. unheard, 7. overfishing, 8. overfishing, 9. decimate

10. before me_____se *n.* the natural cessation of menstruation and fertility in women, typically occurring between the ages of 45 and 55
11. un_____r a potential problem *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
12. previously un_____d-of economic development *adj.* not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention
13. di_____se false information *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
14. el__e responsibility for the failure *v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
15. mat_____al inheritance *adj.* (the antonym of "patrilineal") tracing familial descent through the mother's side of the family, meaning that the family heritage and inheritance are passed down from mother to daughter rather than from father to son
16. un_____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
17. ur_____ly required *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
18. me_____se symptoms *n.* the natural cessation of menstruation and fertility in women, typically occurring between the ages of 45 and 55

ANSWERS: 10. menopause, 11. uncover, 12. unheard, 13. disperse, 14. elude, 15. matrilineal, 16. uncover, 17. urgently, 18. menopause

19. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
20. tackle the problem ur_____ly *adv.* in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important
21. ma_____ch figure *n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
22. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
23. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
24. di_____se the protesters *v.* to spread out or distribute over a broad region, or to cause something to do so
25. adv_____ous conditions *adj.* providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial
26. ruled by a ma_____ch *n.* a woman who is the head of a family or social group; a woman who is the founder or dominant member of a group
27. el__e the law *v.* to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
28. minority di_____t *n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
29. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
30. in_____t the stomach *v.* to live in a specific location; to reside

ANSWERS: 19. grandchild, 20. urgently, 21. matriarch, 22. grandchild, 23. opportune, 24. disperse, 25. advantageous, 26. matriarch, 27. elude, 28. dialect, 29. opportune, 30. inhabit

31. fe_____e ground *adj.* capable of producing abundant vegetation or crops; intellectually productive
32. st_____ng discovery *adj.* extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
33. adv_____ous interest rate *adj.* providing a benefit or advantage; favorable or beneficial
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38. sta_____on wages *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death
39. a local di_____t *n.* a form of a language that is spoken in a particular geographical area or by a particular group of people and has distinguishing characteristics
40. die of sta_____on *n.* a severe lack of food that leads to malnutrition and, ultimately, death

ANSWERS: 31. fertile, 32. startling, 33. advantageous, 34. inhabit, 35. frigid, 36. matrilineal, 37. startling, 38. starvation, 39. dialect, 40. starvation

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The suspect _____ capture for weeks before being caught by the police.
v. to escape or avoid capture or detection, often by being clever or cunning
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3. In _____ societies, lineages are traced through the mother's side of the family.
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adj. extremely surprising, astonishing, and sometimes worrying
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7. I had to wear multiple layers to survive the _____ temperatures outside.
adj. extremely cold; lacking warmth or passion; emotionally detached or unresponsive

ANSWERS: 1. eluded, 2. spawn, 3. matrilineal, 4. menopause, 5. startling, 6. starvation, 7. frigid

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adv. in a way that requires immediate action or attention, especially before anything else, because of being very important

20. The _____ melody was beautiful and touched everyone's hearts.

adj. not heard, listened to, or noticed; not having been brought to public attention

ANSWERS: 16. dispersed, 17. uncovered, 18. overfishing, 19. urgently, 20. unheard