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Session 1: Word List

curable

adj. describing an illness or condition that can be treated or remedied to restore health; having the potential to be alleviated or resolved

synonym : healable, treatable, remediable

(1) **curable** disease, (2) **curable** condition

Most cases of the common cold are **curable** with rest and over-the-counter medications.

cataract

n. a clouding of the lens in the eye that affects vision; a large waterfall

synonym : clouding, blurriness, waterfall

(1) the thunder of a **cataract**, (2) **cataract** lens

The older man had a **cataract** removed from his eye, which improved his vision significantly.

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.

curative

adj. having the power to cure or heal; relating to or intended for medical treatment or healing

synonym : healing, therapeutic, medicinal

(1) **curative** treatment, (2) **curative** effect

The natural hot springs were said to have **curative** properties for those with sore muscles and joints.

pterygium

n. growth of tissue on the cornea (= the clear outer layer of the eye), often caused by prolonged exposure to the sun and wind

synonym : wing of the eye, conjunctival growth

(1) **pterygium** surgery, (2) **pterygium** removal

Long-term exposure to sunlight can increase the risk of developing **pterygium**.

ostracize

v. to exclude someone from a group or society by general consent; to avoid speaking to or dealing with intentionally

synonym : exclude, shun, isolate

(1) **ostracize** individual, (2) **ostracize** group

His peers **ostracized** him for his controversial beliefs.

earmark

v. to designate or set aside a particular amount of money, resources, or time for a specific purpose or project; to identify or distinguish a particular characteristic or quality of something

synonym : designate, allocate, assign

(1) **earmark** a plot of land, (2) **earmark** legislation

The government needs to **earmark** funds for infrastructure improvements.

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**.

optometrist

n. a healthcare professional who specializes in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of vision and eye-related disorders and who may prescribe and fit corrective lenses or other optical aids

synonym : eye doctor, optician, oculist

(1) **optometrist** appointment, (2) licensed **optometrist**

I visited an **optometrist** to have my eyes checked for a new prescription for glasses.

trajectory

n. the curved path followed by an object moving through space

synonym : course, curve, orbit

(1) career **trajectory**, (2) a **trajectory** missile

The company has shown an excellent growth **trajectory** over the years.

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.

rift

n. a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces

synonym : split, break, gap

(1) **rift** between friends, (2) geological **rift**

Their disagreement caused a **rift** in their friendship.

peek

n. a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something

synonym : glimpse, look, glance

(1) sneak **peek**, (2) **peek** at others' misfortune

She took a quick **peek** inside the box before closing it again.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict
Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

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.

disrupt

v. 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.

industrious

adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort

synonym: diligent, hardworking, assiduous

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

He was known to be very **industrious** and would often work late into the night.

financier

n. a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes

synonym: banker, investor, capitalist

(1) **financier** scandals, (2) powerful **financier**

The wealthy **financier** made a generous donation to the charity.

straightaway

adv. immediately or without any delay or hesitation; without any deviation or detour

synonym: directly, immediately, straight

(1) turn **straightaway**, (2) go **straightaway**

I accelerated **straightaway** to catch up to the car ahead of me on the highway.

perpetuate

v. to make something continue or prevail for a long time

synonym: eternalize, preserve, maintain

(1) **perpetuate** a myth, (2) **perpetuate** chronic pain

That work **perpetuates** his fame.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. career tra_____ry | <i>n.</i> the curved path followed by an object moving through space |
| 2. per_____te chronic pain | <i>v.</i> to make something continue or prevail for a long time |
| 3. pt_____um surgery | <i>n.</i> growth of tissue on the cornea (= the clear outer layer of the eye), often caused by prolonged exposure to the sun and wind |
| 4. vi_____ry business | <i>adj.</i> having or showing exceptional foresight and imagination; not practical or realizable; speculative |
| 5. r__t between friends | <i>n.</i> a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces |
| 6. p__k at others' misfortune | <i>n.</i> a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something |
| 7. geological r__t | <i>n.</i> a break or fissure in a relationship, organization, or physical structure; a large crack in the ground, rock, or other surfaces |
| 8. pt_____um removal | <i>n.</i> growth of tissue on the cornea (= the clear outer layer of the eye), often caused by prolonged exposure to the sun and wind |
| 9. go str_____way | <i>adv.</i> immediately or without any delay or hesitation; without any deviation or detour |

ANSWERS: 1. trajectory, 2. perpetuate, 3. pterygium, 4. visionary, 5. rift, 6. peek, 7. rift, 8. pterygium, 9. straightaway

10. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
11. os_____ze group *v.* to exclude someone from a group or society by general consent; to avoid speaking to or dealing with intentionally
12. cu_____e condition *adj.* describing an illness or condition that can be treated or remedied to restore health; having the potential to be alleviated or resolved
13. ca_____ct lens *n.* a clouding of the lens in the eye that affects vision; a large waterfall
14. ea_____k a plot of land *v.* to designate or set aside a particular amount of money, resources, or time for a specific purpose or project; to identify or distinguish a particular characteristic or quality of something
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16. turn str_____way *adv.* immediately or without any delay or hesitation; without any deviation or detour
17. ea_____k legislation *v.* to designate or set aside a particular amount of money, resources, or time for a specific purpose or project; to identify or distinguish a particular characteristic or quality of something
18. di_____t a well-ordered condition *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance

ANSWERS: 10. smartphone, 11. ostracize, 12. curable, 13. cataract, 14. earmark, 15. curable, 16. straightaway, 17. earmark, 18. disrupt

19. sneak p__k *n.* a quick or furtive look; (verb) to take a quick and secret look at something
20. powerful fi_____er *n.* a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes
21. di_____t sleep *v.* to prevent or stop something, especially an event, activity, or process, from continuing in the usual way by causing a problem or disturbance
22. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
23. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
24. opt_____st appointment *n.* a healthcare professional who specializes in the examination, diagnosis, and treatment of vision and eye-related disorders and who may prescribe and fit corrective lenses or other optical aids
25. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
26. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
27. os_____ze individual *v.* to exclude someone from a group or society by general consent; to avoid speaking to or dealing with intentionally
28. cu_____ve treatment *adj.* having the power to cure or heal; relating to or intended for medical treatment or healing

ANSWERS: 19. peek, 20. financier, 21. disrupt, 22. grandchild, 23. industrious, 24. optometrist, 25. philanthropy, 26. opportune, 27. ostracize, 28. curative

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| 34. private phi_____opy | <i>n.</i> the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money |
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| 36. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship | <i>n.</i> a child of someone's son or daughter |
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n. a person or organization that deals with or manages large sums of money, particularly for investment or financial trading purposes

ANSWERS: 40. financier

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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