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Session 1: Word List

- filth** *n.* dirt, grime, or other disgusting or offensive material; an act or state of being extremely dirty or foul
synonym: dirt, grime, pollution
(1) layer of **filth**, (2) accumulation of **filth**
The janitor had to clean up the **filth** left behind after the concert.
- 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.
- miner** *n.* a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth
synonym: digger, excavator, miner
(1) **miner** strike, (2) **miner** industry
The coal **miner** worked tirelessly to extract valuable minerals from deep underground.

teamwork

n. the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal

synonym: collaboration, cooperation, coordination

(1) poor **teamwork**, (2) **teamwork** in business

Harmonious **teamwork** is essential to the success of this project.

embody

v. to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea

synonym: represent, exemplify, personify

(1) **embody** my goal, (2) **embody** a spirit of charity

The company's new products **embody** the values of innovation and sustainability.

interdependent

adj. depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected

synonym: interconnected, interrelated, mutual

(1) **interdependent** systems, (2) develop **interdependent** skills

In nature, all living things are **interdependent** and rely on each other for survival.

playoff

n. a series of games or matches played among teams or individuals to determine the winner of a competition or championship, particularly in sports

synonym: elimination game, finals

(1) **playoff** game, (2) 18-hole **playoff**

The team made it to the **playoff** round and is one step closer to the championship.

hospitalize

v. to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment

synonym: admit, place in hospital

(1) **hospitalize** patient, (2) **hospitalize** child

She had to be **hospitalized** due to her injuries.

caregiving

n. the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly

synonym: nurturing, caring, assisting

(1) **caregiving** process, (2) **caregiving** responsibilities

She devoted her life to **caregiving**, looking after her aging parents.

animate

v. to make something full of interest and energy

synonym: invigorate, energize, enliven

(1) **animate** the body, (2) **animate** his soul

The positive attitude of the supervisor **animated** the discussion.

storytelling

n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

synonym: narrating, relating, recounting

(1) **storytelling** performance, (2) courtroom **storytelling**

She was skilled in **storytelling** techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.

humility

n. the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self

synonym: humbleness, modesty, unpretentiousness

(1) develop an attitude of **humility**, (2) lack of **humility**

We were filled with **humility** at the sight of the Queen.

scarcity

n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

synonym: lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

livable

adj. capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation

synonym: habitable, comfortable, pleasant

(1) **livable** city, (2) **livable** housing

Finding a safe and **livable** neighborhood is important when looking for a new place to live.

megatrend

n. a large-scale or long-term trend that has a significant impact on society or the economy, often influencing multiple sectors or industries

synonym : trend, movement, phenomenon

(1) global **megatrend**, (2) **megatrend** forecasting

The latest **megatrend** in the fashion industry is sustainable clothing.

urbanization

n. the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture

synonym : urban development, urban growth, urban expansion

(1) **urbanization** process, (2) non- **urbanization** area

Rapid **urbanization** has led to many environmental and social issues in cities.

inadvertently

adv. unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent

synonym : unknowingly, unintentionally, accidentally

(1) **inadvertently** deleted, (2) **inadvertently** omitted

I **inadvertently** left my phone at home this morning and felt lost.

jargon

n. specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify

synonym : lingo, vernacular, slang

(1) business **jargon**, (2) scientific **jargon**

The financial industry is notorious for using complicated **jargon** that confuses consumers.

aspire

v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

synonym : aim, desire, strive

(1) **aspire** to greatness, (2) **aspire** after perfection
She **aspired** to become a successful businesswoman.

unfold

v. to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown

synonym: open, spread out, expose

(1) **unfold** the story, (2) **unfold** the stroller

The mystery **unfolded** as the detectives gathered more clues.

persevere

v. to persist in the course of action, despite opposition or difficulty; to continue with determination despite setbacks, obstacles, or discouragement

synonym: persist, endure, continue

(1) **persevere** through hardships, (2) **persevere** in my goals

Even when faced with challenges, it's important to **persevere** and never give up.

incision

n. a sharp cut made in something with a sharp tool, especially during a medical procedure

synonym: cut, slit, laceration

(1) **incision** tool, (2) small **incision**

Patients undergoing **incisional** surgery are often put to sleep by anesthesia.

lifeline

n. a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help

synonym: savior, support, safety net

(1) **lifeline** support, (2) emotional **lifeline**

My best friend has been my **lifeline** throughout all of my hardships.

medicinal

adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

synonym: curative, therapeutic, healing

(1) **medicinal** chemistry, (2) traditional **medicinal**

The **medicinal** properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.

painstaking

adj. cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort

synonym: detailed, meticulous, conscientious

(1) **painstaking** research, (2) a **painstaking** student

The training of a hawk was a **painstaking** process.

situ

adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

synonym: situational, contextual, circumstantial

(1) ex- **situ** conservation, (2) in- **situ** control

Melanoma in **situ** is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.

hardwired

adj. built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics

synonym: innate, ingrained, automatic

(1) **hardwired** behavior, (2) **hardwired** connection

The instinct to protect one's offspring is **hardwired** into many animal species.

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.

generosity

n. the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely

synonym: goodness, hospitality, unselfishness

(1) act of **generosity**, (2) boundless **generosity**

He is remembered for his **generosity** and civilization.

quote

v. to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services

synonym: cite, reference, mention

(1) **quote** a source, (2) **quote** a price

In his speech, he **quoted** a famous philosopher to emphasize his point.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym: attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

silo

n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others

synonym: storage, warehouse, barn

(1) nuclear **silo**, (2) **silo** organization

The farmer used a **silo** to store feed for the animals.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. fuel sc____ty | <i>n.</i> the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount |
| 2. traditional me_____al | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease |
| 3. me_____al chemistry | <i>adj.</i> of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease |
| 4. as___e after perfection | <i>v.</i> to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great |
| 5. car_____ng process | <i>n.</i> the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly |
| 6. accumulation of fi__h | <i>n.</i> dirt, grime, or other disgusting or offensive material; an act or state of being extremely dirty or foul |
| 7. act of gen_____ty | <i>n.</i> the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely |
| 8. flexible mi_____t | <i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone |
| 9. ina_____tly deleted | <i>adv.</i> unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent |
| 10. layer of fi__h | <i>n.</i> dirt, grime, or other disgusting or offensive material; an act or state of being extremely dirty or foul |
| 11. hos_____ze child | <i>v.</i> to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment |

ANSWERS: 1. scarcity, 2. medicinal, 3. medicinal, 4. aspire, 5. caregiving, 6. filth, 7. generosity, 8. mindset, 9. inadvertently, 10. filth, 11. hospitalize

12. global me_____nd *n.* a large-scale or long-term trend that has a significant impact on society or the economy, often influencing multiple sectors or industries
13. un____d the stroller *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
14. boundless gen_____ty *n.* the fact or quality of being willing to do kind things or give somebody money, gifts, or time freely
15. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
16. business ja____n *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
17. pe_____re through hardships *v.* to persist in the course of action, despite opposition or difficulty; to continue with determination despite setbacks, obstacles, or discouragement
18. em____y a spirit of charity *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
19. urb_____ion process *n.* the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture

ANSWERS: 12. megatrend, 13. unfold, 14. generosity, 15. storytelling, 16. jargon, 17. persevere, 18. embody, 19. urbanization

20. nuclear s__o *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
21. a pai_____ng student *adj.* cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
22. small in_____on *n.* a sharp cut made in something with a sharp tool, especially during a medical procedure
23. pai_____ng research *adj.* cautious and correct, and requiring a significant amount of effort
24. ha_____ed behavior *adj.* built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics
25. hos_____ze patient *v.* to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment
26. ina_____tly omitted *adv.* unintentionally; accidentally; without purpose or deliberate intent
27. sc_____ty of capital *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount
28. mi__r strike *n.* a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth
29. develop int_____ent skills *adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected

ANSWERS: 20. silo, 21. painstaking, 22. incision, 23. painstaking, 24. hardwired, 25. hospitalize, 26. inadvertently, 27. scarcity, 28. miner, 29. interdependent

30. in_____on tool *n.* a sharp cut made in something with a sharp tool, especially during a medical procedure
31. scientific ja____n *n.* specialized language or vocabulary used by a particular group or profession that is often difficult for outsiders to understand; language that is full of technical slang or obscure terms and is often used to obscure or confuse rather than clarify
32. car_____ng responsibilities *n.* the act of providing care and support for someone who is ill, disabled, or elderly
33. lack of hu_____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
34. int_____ent systems *adj.* depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected
35. poor te_____rk *n.* the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal
36. un____d the story *v.* to open up or spread out something that is folded or rolled up; to reveal or disclose something that was previously hidden or unknown
37. qu__e a price *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
38. mi__r industry *n.* a person who works in a mine (= excavation in the Earth from which ores and minerals are extracted), especially one who extracts coal, minerals, or precious metals from the Earth

ANSWERS: 30. incision, 31. jargon, 32. caregiving, 33. humility, 34. interdependent, 35. teamwork, 36. unfold, 37. quote, 38. miner

39. me_____nd forecasting *n.* a large-scale or long-term trend that has a significant impact on society or the economy, often influencing multiple sectors or industries
40. 18-hole pl_____f *n.* a series of games or matches played among teams or individuals to determine the winner of a competition or championship, particularly in sports
41. te_____rk in business *n.* the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal
42. em_____y my goal *v.* to represent or exemplify something; to give tangible form to an abstract idea
43. sp__n in spring *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
44. courtroom sto_____ing *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
45. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
46. li_____e city *adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation
47. ha_____ed connection *adj.* built-in or innate, often referring to behavior or traits that are instinctive or automatic, as if pre-programmed in the brain or genetics
48. in-s__u control *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

ANSWERS: 39. megatrend, 40. playoff, 41. teamwork, 42. embody, 43. spawn, 44. storytelling, 45. industrious, 46. livable, 47. hardwired, 48. situ

49. develop an attitude of hu____ty *n.* the quality or condition of being humble; a low estimate of one's self
50. sp__n a new concept *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
51. the mi____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
52. emotional li____ne *n.* a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help
53. qu__e a source *v.* to repeat or reproduce the words or statement of someone else, often acknowledging the source; to give an estimated cost or price for goods or services
54. ex-s__u conservation *adj.* short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance
55. an____e his soul *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
56. an____e the body *v.* to make something full of interest and energy
57. li____ne support *n.* a line, rope, or cable used to support or rescue a person in danger or distress; vital or necessary support, connection, or source of help
58. li____e housing *adj.* capable of being lived in comfortably and sustainably; suitable for human habitation

ANSWERS: 49. humility, 50. spawn, 51. mindset, 52. lifeline, 53. quote, 54. situ, 55. animate, 56. animate, 57. lifeline, 58. livable

59. as___e to greatness *v.* to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great
60. pe_____re in my goals *v.* to persist in the course of action, despite opposition or difficulty; to continue with determination despite setbacks, obstacles, or discouragement
61. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
62. pl_____f game *n.* a series of games or matches played among teams or individuals to determine the winner of a competition or championship, particularly in sports
63. s__o organization *n.* a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others
64. non-urb_____ion area *n.* the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture

ANSWERS: 59. aspire, 60. persevere, 61. industrious, 62. playoff, 63. silo, 64. urbanization

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The farmer used a _____ to store feed for the animals.
n. a tall, cylindrical structure, usually made of concrete or steel, that is used for storing grain, feed, or other dry materials; a system or structure that is isolated or separate from others

2. She _____ to become a successful businesswoman.
v. to have an ambition or a desire to achieve something, typically something high or great

3. Melanoma in _____ is considered the earliest stage of melanoma and has a high cure rate with appropriate treatment.
adj. short for "situated," meaning located or placed in a particular position or circumstance

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n. a series of games or matches played among teams or individuals to determine the winner of a competition or championship, particularly in sports

5. She was skilled in _____ techniques, such as using different voices for other characters.
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories

6. Harmonious _____ is essential to the success of this project.
n. the combined action of a group of people working together towards a common goal

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8. She devoted her life to _____ looking after her aging parents.
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13. Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial _____ in each individual.
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ANSWERS: 16. animated, 17. lifeline, 18. urbanization, 19. spawn, 20. humility, 21. scarcity, 22. quoted, 23. jargon

24. The instinct to protect one's offspring is _____ into many animal species.
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25. The janitor had to clean up the _____ left behind after the concert.
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31. The coal _____ worked tirelessly to extract valuable minerals from deep underground.
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ANSWERS: 24. hardwired, 25. filth, 26. industrious, 27. megatrend, 28. incisional, 29. painstaking, 30. generosity, 31. miner

32. She had to be _____ due to her injuries.

v. to admit someone to a hospital for medical treatment

ANSWERS: 32. hospitalized