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Session 1: Word List

- hut** *n.* a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud
synonym: shack, cabin, cottage
(1) shepherd's **hut**, (2) fishing **hut**
The little girl lived in a small **hut** in the woods with her family.
- cherish** *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
synonym: treasure, value, hold dear
(1) **cherish** a stuffed animal, (2) **cherish** relationships
She **cherished** the memories of her childhood.
- 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.
- weaver** *n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
(1) the textile **weavers**, (2) tapestry **weavers**

The **weaver** fringed the scarf.

craftsman

n. a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials

synonym: artisan, mechanic, workman

(1) **craftsman** skill, (2) a subtle **craftsman**

The adept **craftsman** carefully carved the wooden figurine with precision and skill.

snuggle

v. to settle closely and comfortably with someone or something, typically in a warm and cozy manner; to cuddle or nestle closely

synonym: nuzzle, nestle, cuddle

(1) **snuggle** with his teddy bear, (2) **snuggle** under the blanket

My cat likes to **snuggle** with me in bed at night.

illiterate

adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

synonym: unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**

Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable to read or write.

laborer

n. a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks

synonym: worker, employee, operative

(1) **laborer** job, (2) skilled **laborer**

The construction site hired many **laborers** to help with the heavy lifting.

monsoon

n. a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas

synonym: rainy season, deluge, downpour

(1) **monsoon** season, (2) **monsoon** current

The **monsoon** rains often bring relief to areas suffering from drought.

rainwater

n. water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected

synonym : precipitation, drizzle, showers

(1) **rainwater** acidity, (2) **rainwater** drainage

The company installed a **rainwater** harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.

stabilize

v. to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way

synonym : brace, steady, secure

(1) **stabilize** prices, (2) **stabilize** blood sugar levels

The raising of interest rates **stabilizes** the inflation rate.

wrinkle

n. a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty

synonym : crinkle, fold, crumple

(1) a fine **wrinkle** on a fabric, (2) a facial **wrinkle**

This suit is made of **wrinkle-proof** material.

recycle

v. to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again

synonym : reclaim, reuse, reprocess

(1) **recycle** the cardboard boxes, (2) **recycle** milk packaging into new paper

We largely **recycle** the circuit board of cell phones because they contain a lot of valuable metals.

blouse

n. a loose-fitting upper garment for women, typically having a collar, buttons, and sleeves

synonym : shirt, top, tunic

(1) a lacy **blouse**, (2) **blouse** with sleeves

She paired her denim jeans with a delicate floral **blouse**.

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**.

facade n. the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant

synonym: front, camouflage, masquerade

(1) the outside **facade** of a castle, (2) **facade** of wealth

A gentle **facade** concealed his powerfulness.

caress v. to touch or stroke gently and affectionately; to express love or tenderness with physical contact

synonym: stroke, fondle, pet

(1) **caress** her hair, (2) **caress** his cheek

The mother gently **caressed** her child's forehead to soothe their fever.

acupuncture n. a traditional Chinese medical practice that involves inserting thin needles into specific points on the body to stimulate energy flow and promote healing; a form of alternative medicine

synonym: stylostixis, needling, reflexology

(1) **acupuncture** for anxiety, (2) **acupuncture** treatment

The **acupuncture** needles are very thin and are not painful to insert.

prefabricated *adj.* constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site

synonym: prebuilt, prefab, factory-made

(1) **prefabricated** building, (2) **prefabricated** home

The new office building was constructed with **prefabricated** materials, which helped save time and money.

- ram** v. to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
synonym : crash, collide, slam
(1) **ram** the door open, (2) **ram** into the ice
The car **rammed** into the wall, causing significant damage.
- multistoried** *adj.* having multiple stories or levels, especially about a building or other structure
synonym : multi-level, high-rise, towering
(1) **multistoried** condominium, (2) **multistoried** car park
The **multistoried** building housed many offices and businesses.
- weave** v. to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them
synonym : braid, unite, contrive
(1) **weave** on a loom, (2) **weave** a story
The girl **weaves** a garland for her friend.
- emit** v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
synonym : give off, radiate, expel
(1) **emit** a gamma ray, (2) **emit** air pollution
During the unloading, the container box **emits** a clicking sound.
- humidifier** *n.* a device or appliance that adds moisture or humidity to the air in a room or building to increase comfort and alleviate dryness
synonym : moisturizer, mist maker
(1) **humidifier** filter, (2) portable **humidifier**
I bought an ultrasonic **humidifier** to add moisture to the dry air in my bedroom.
- archaic** *adj.* old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history

synonym : ancient, antique, old-fashioned

(1) **archaic** humans, (2) seem somewhat **archaic**

He deliberately read picture books in an **archaic** way to please the children.

skyscraper

n. a very tall building, typically one in a city

synonym : high-rise, tower

(1) **skyscraper** apartment house, (2) steel-framed

skyscraper

The 50-floor **skyscraper** loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.

Session 2: Spelling

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|------------------------------------|----|---|
| 1. e__t air pollution | v. | to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc. |
| 2. steel-framed sky_____er | n. | a very tall building, typically one in a city |
| 3. cr_____an skill | n. | a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials |
| 4. shepherd's h_t | n. | a small, simple, and often crude shelter or dwelling, typically made of natural materials such as wood or mud |
| 5. ch_____h a stuffed animal | v. | to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something |
| 6. ra_____er acidity | n. | water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected |
| 7. tapestry we____rs | n. | the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth |
| 8. st_____ze prices | v. | to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way |
| 9. begin to r_t | v. | to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually |
| 10. the outside fa___e of a castle | n. | the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant |
| 11. we__e on a loom | v. | to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them |

ANSWERS: 1. emit, 2. skyscraper, 3. craftsman, 4. hut, 5. cherish, 6. rainwater, 7. weaver, 8. stabilize, 9. rot, 10. facade, 11. weave

12. mul_____ied condominium *adj.* having multiple stories or levels, especially about a building or other structure
13. ar_____c humans *adj.* old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history
14. re_____e milk packaging into new paper *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
15. mo_____n season *n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas
16. a fine wr_____e on a fabric *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
17. re_____e the cardboard boxes *v.* to sort and collect things to process them and produce valuable materials that can be used again
18. computer-ill_____te *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
19. la_____r job *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
20. we__e a story *v.* to make cloth, a carpet, a basket, etc., by repeatedly crossing a single thread through two sets of long threads at a right angle to them

ANSWERS: 12. multistoried, 13. archaic, 14. recycle, 15. monsoon, 16. wrinkle, 17. recycle, 18. illiterate, 19. laborer, 20. weave

21. a facial wr_____e *n.* a small line or fold in something, especially fabric or the skin of the face; a minor difficulty
22. st_____ze blood sugar levels *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
23. pre_____ted building *adj.* constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site
24. mul_____ied car park *adj.* having multiple stories or levels, especially about a building or other structure
25. sky_____er apartment house *n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
26. fa___e of wealth *n.* the face or front of a building, especially a large one; superficial or false appearance intended to conceal something unpleasant
27. acu_____re treatment *n.* a traditional Chinese medical practice that involves inserting thin needles into specific points on the body to stimulate energy flow and promote healing; a form of alternative medicine
28. a subtle cr_____an *n.* a skilled worker who creates handmade objects, especially one who works with wood, metal, or other materials
29. r_t with age *v.* to decay, or cause something to decay, naturally and gradually
30. ca___s her hair *v.* to touch or stroke gently and affectionately; to express love or tenderness with physical contact

ANSWERS: 21. wrinkle, 22. stabilize, 23. prefabricated, 24. multistoried, 25. skyscraper, 26. facade, 27. acupuncture, 28. craftsman, 29. rot, 30. caress

31. el_____fy the audience *v.* to make a machine or system work by using electricity; to make someone extremely enthusiastic about or interested in something
32. hum_____er filter *n.* a device or appliance that adds moisture or humidity to the air in a room or building to increase comfort and alleviate dryness
33. sn_____e under the blanket *v.* to settle closely and comfortably with someone or something, typically in a warm and cozy manner; to cuddle or nestle closely
34. a lacy bl____e *n.* a loose-fitting upper garment for women, typically having a collar, buttons, and sleeves
35. ca____s his cheek *v.* to touch or stroke gently and affectionately; to express love or tenderness with physical contact
36. sn_____e with his teddy bear *v.* to settle closely and comfortably with someone or something, typically in a warm and cozy manner; to cuddle or nestle closely
37. bl____e with sleeves *n.* a loose-fitting upper garment for women, typically having a collar, buttons, and sleeves
38. ra_____er drainage *n.* water that falls from the clouds in the form of rain and is collected
39. ill_____te population *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

ANSWERS: 31. electrify, 32. humidifier, 33. snuggle, 34. blouse, 35. caress, 36. snuggle, 37. blouse, 38. rainwater, 39. illiterate

40. ch____h relationships *v.* to hold someone or something dear; to feel or show affection for someone or something
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42. the textile we____rs *n.* the craftsman whose job is weaving cloth
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44. skilled la____r *n.* a person who works hard physically, typically doing unskilled or manual labor; a worker or employee who performs physically demanding tasks
45. e__t a gamma ray *v.* to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
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47. r_m the door open *v.* to strike or push forcefully, often to cause damage; to batter or break open a door or barrier using brute force
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ANSWERS: 40. cherish, 41. acupuncture, 42. weaver, 43. archaic, 44. laborer, 45. emit, 46. electrify, 47. ram, 48. ram

49. portable hum_____er *n.* a device or appliance that adds moisture or humidity to the air in a room or building to increase comfort and alleviate dryness
50. pre_____ted home *adj.* constructed or made in advance, often in sections or components, before being assembled on-site; manufactured or built in a factory rather than on-site
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52. mo_____n current *n.* a seasonal wind system that brings heavy rainfall to a region, typically occurring in tropical areas

ANSWERS: 49. humidifier, 50. prefabricated, 51. hut, 52. monsoon

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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7. The company installed a _____ harvesting system to collect and reuse it for manufacturing.
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