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Session 1: Word List

biodegrade

v. to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi

(1) **biodegrade** by the microorganism, (2) bioplastic designed to **biodegrade**

The company's plastic products are easily **biodegraded** thanks to a unique manufacturing process.

addict

n. a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful

synonym: devotee, buff, freak

(1) a drug **addict**, (2) Internet **addict**

We have become TV **addicts** due to video streaming services.

pollute

v. to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals

synonym: contaminate, corrupt, degrade

(1) **pollute** the air, (2) **pollute** the thread

We should do our best not to **pollute** the environment.

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.

outsource

v. to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure

synonym: delegate, contract out, farm out

(1) **outsource** a non-core function, (2) **outsource** to India

The company decided to **outsource** its IT services to a third-party provider.

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.

discotheque

n. a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance

synonym: nightclub, dance club, disco

(1) **discotheque** party, (2) **discotheque** scene

He couldn't wait to hit the **discotheque** and dance the night away.

intimidate

v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do

synonym: frighten, threaten, terrify

(1) **intimidate** an opponent, (2) effectively **intimidate** a thief

The boss tried to **intimidate** his subordinate with threats.

marquee

n. a large tent or canopy used as a shelter or exhibition area at a fair, festival, or outdoor event; a sign or canopy over the entrance of a building or theater

synonym: tent, pavilion, canopy

(1) **marquee** lighting, (2) outdoor **marquee**

The **marquee** at the festival had a lineup of popular music artists.

dent

v. to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface

synonym: indent, depress, mark

(1) **dent** removal, (2) **dent** his pride

He acci **dentally** dented his car when he bumped into a tree.

yearn

v. to strongly desire or long for something

synonym: long, desire, crave

(1) **yearn** after my old days, (2) **yearn** for love

She **yearned** for the days when things were simpler.

app

n. (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

synonym: application, software

(1) killer **app**, (2) cannot log in to the **app**

The discovery of a critical bug caused the company to delay the **app's** release.

babysitter

n. a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians

synonym: childcare provider, nanny, nurse

(1) need a trustworthy **babysitter**, (2) experienced **babysitter**

Our regular **babysitter** was sick, so we had to find a replacement at the last minute.

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.

plummet

v. to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply

synonym: drop, plunge, fall

(1) **plummeting** sales, (2) **plummet** against other major currencies

The stock prices have **plummeted** in the last hour, causing concern for investors.

newsworthy

adj. worthy of being reported in the news; interesting or important enough to be of public interest or noteworthy

synonym: newswaking, noteworthy, important

(1) **newsworthy** event, (2) **newsworthy** announcement

The scandal was deemed **newsworthy** by every major media outlet in the country.

commonplace

adj. occurring very often; lacking originality or interest

synonym: ordinary, routine, mundane

(1) become a **commonplace** sight, (2) **commonplace** event

Forgetting someone's name is a **commonplace** occurrence.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. bio_____de by the microorganism | <i>v.</i> | to decay naturally by microorganisms, such as bacteria and fungi |
| 2. ou_____ce a non-core function | <i>v.</i> | to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure |
| 3. cute gr_____ids | <i>n.</i> | the grandchildren of a particular person |
| 4. dis_____ue party | <i>n.</i> | a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance |
| 5. int_____te an opponent | <i>v.</i> | to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do |
| 6. killer a_p | <i>n.</i> | (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC |
| 7. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship | <i>n.</i> | a child of someone's son or daughter |
| 8. ye__n after my old days | <i>v.</i> | to strongly desire or long for something |
| 9. outdoor ma_____e | <i>n.</i> | a large tent or canopy used as a shelter or exhibition area at a fair, festival, or outdoor event; a sign or canopy over the entrance of a building or theater |
| 10. com_____ce event | <i>adj.</i> | occurring very often; lacking originality or interest |
| 11. spend the weekend with their
gr_____ids | <i>n.</i> | the grandchildren of a particular person |

ANSWERS: 1. biodegrade, 2. outsource, 3. grandkid, 4. discotheque, 5. intimidate, 6. app, 7. grandchild, 8. yearn, 9. marquee, 10. commonplace, 11. grandkid

12. a drug ad___t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
13. Internet ad___t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
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15. pl___t against other major currencies *v.* to fall or drop suddenly and steeply; to decline rapidly or sharply
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19. become a com_____ce sight *adj.* occurring very often; lacking originality or interest
20. d__t removal *v.* to make a depression or indentation in the surface of something; (noun) a depression scratched or carved into a surface
21. experienced bab_____er *n.* a person hired to look after a child or children while the parents are away or occupied; someone who provides temporary care and supervision for children in the absence of their parents or guardians

ANSWERS: 12. addict, 13. addict, 14. newsworthy, 15. plummet, 16. biodegrade, 17. babysitter, 18. newsworthy, 19. commonplace, 20. dent, 21. babysitter

22. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
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24. po_____e the air *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
25. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
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27. ou_____ce to India *v.* to contract out or transfer a job, task, or service to an external organization or party, often as a cost-saving measure
28. ma_____e lighting *n.* a large tent or canopy used as a shelter or exhibition area at a fair, festival, or outdoor event; a sign or canopy over the entrance of a building or theater
29. po_____e the thread *v.* to make an area or substance, such as land, air, water, etc., dirty or harmful to living things by adding waste matter or harmful chemicals
30. cannot log in to the a_p *n.* (abbreviation for application) software designed to run on smartphones and other mobile devices or inside a web browser on a PC

ANSWERS: 22. industrious, 23. plummet, 24. pollute, 25. industrious, 26. dent, 27. outsource, 28. marquee, 29. pollute, 30. app

31. effectively int_____te a thief *v.* to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
32. dis_____ue scene *n.* a nightclub or restaurant where recorded music is played, and people dance
33. ye__n for love *v.* to strongly desire or long for something
34. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

ANSWERS: 31. intimidate, 32. discotheque, 33. yearn, 34. grandchild

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Our regular _____ was sick, so we had to find a replacement at the last minute.
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- v. to make someone fearful or uneasy so that they will do something that you want them to do
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- n. the grandchildren of a particular person

ANSWERS: 16. intimidate, 17. grandkids,