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Session 1: Word List

cacao

n. a small tropical tree that produces cocoa beans, which are used to make chocolate; the dried seeds of this tree used in the production of chocolate

synonym: chocolate bean

(1) dark chocolate **cacao**, (2) raw **cacao**

The recipe calls for high-quality **cacao** powder to make the perfect chocolate cake.

chili

n. a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers

synonym: capsicum, pepper

(1) **chili** sauce, (2) red **chili** powder

I love making a big pot of **chili** on a cold winter day.

cocoa

n. a powder made from roasted cacao beans used to flavor sweets and drinks; the dried and fermented seeds from which the powder is made

(1) **cocoa** powder, (2) **cocoa** butter

The culinary class learned how to make homemade **cocoa** mix from scratch.

invigorate

v. to give energy, enthusiasm, or vitality to something or someone; to revitalize or refresh

synonym: energize, stimulate, revitalize

(1) **invigorate** the economy, (2) **invigorate** the team

Exercising in the morning helps to **invigorate** my mind and body.

concoction

n. the mixture, often a complicated one; a preparation made by combining various ingredients

synonym: mixture, brew, composition

(1) **concoction** recipe, (2) coffee-milk **concoction**

The **concoction** of herbs and spices gave the soup a unique flavor.

froth

n. a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather

synonym: foam, lather

(1) beer **froth**, (2) **froth** in the ocean

The cappuccino was topped with **froth**, making it look like a work of art.

serpent

n. a large snake

synonym: snake, viper, reptile

(1) the feathered **serpent** god, (2) **Serpent** Bearer

That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a **serpent's** tail.

transatlantic

adj. relating to or situated on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, especially about travel communication or cultural exchange between Europe and North America

synonym: intercontinental, across-the-pond

(1) **transatlantic** cable, (2) **transatlantic** partnership

Transatlantic cooperation is important for global security and stability.

lieutenant

n. a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer

synonym : second-in-command, adjutant, deputy

(1) **lieutenant** general, (2) second **lieutenant**

After years of hard work, he finally got promoted to **lieutenant**.

jug

n. a container with a handle and spout used for pouring liquids, typically made of ceramics, glass, or metal;
(verb) to cook something slowly in a covered container

synonym : pitcher, carafe, decanter

(1) ceramic **jug**, (2) **jug** of beer

She filled the **jug** with ice-cold water from the fridge.

colonist

n. a person who lives in or is sent to establish a colony (= a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful entity) a new country or area

synonym : settler, pioneer, inhabitant

(1) space **colonist**, (2) American **colonist**

The first **colonists** arrived in the New World in the early 17th century.

salacious

adj. characterized by or describing inappropriate, often sexually suggestive content or behavior; excessively erotic or lustful in nature

synonym : provocative, suggestive, titillating

(1) **salacious** gossip, (2) a **salacious** novel

The tabloids publish **salacious** stories to attract more readers.

aphrodisiac

n. a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance

synonym : love potion, sex stimulant

(1) powerful **aphrodisiac**, (2) herbal **aphrodisiac**

Oysters are believed to be a natural **aphrodisiac**, encouraging sexual desire.

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.

ailment

n. a slight but often persistent illness
synonym : illness, disorder, infection

(1) heart **ailment**, (2) age-related **ailment**

He got timely treatment for his physical **ailment** of severe back pain.

aristocratic

adj. relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance
synonym : noble, titled, patrician

(1) **aristocratic** titles, (2) **aristocratic** government

The **aristocratic** family had a long history of wealth and privilege.

dedicate

v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
synonym : consecrate, devote, commit

(1) **dedicate** a few hours, (2) **dedicate** a chapter to the subject

He **dedicated** his life to helping others.

recombine

v. to combine or put together again or differently; to cause genetic recombination (= the process by which genetic material is broken and joined to other genetic material)

(1) **recombine** at the surface, (2) ability to **recombine**

Some scientists argue that the genes in food should not be artificially **recombined**.

equator

n. an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around

40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)

(1) south of the **equator**, (2) above the **equator**
Ecuador is on the **equator**.

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.

horrific

adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
synonym: terrifying, alarming, shocking

(1) **horrific** experience, (2) **horrific** condition

The accident scene was **horrific**, with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.

indenture

n. a legal agreement between two parties, typically a contract of apprenticeship or a deed of conveyance, that is written in duplicate or triplicate and separated by indentations to prevent fraud or alteration and is often used to bind a person to a specific job or service
synonym: contract, covenant, agreement

(1) **indenture** agreement, (2) legal **indenture**

The legal contract included an **indenture** that stipulated the responsibilities of each party.

decadent

adj. characterized by or showing a state of moral or cultural decline

synonym: effete, depraved, corrupt

(1) **decadent** country, (2) have a **decadent** time

He had been living a **decadent** life after being fired from his job.

originate

v. to come into existence in a particular place or situation; to start something in a specific place

synonym: begin, arise, create

(1) **originate** from the country, (2) **originate** a political movement

The flight **originates** in Vancouver.

Session 2: Spelling

1. above the eq____r
n. an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
2. lie_____nt general
n. a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer
3. ari_____tic government
adj. relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance
4. ind_____us worker
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
5. the feathered se_____t god
n. a large snake
6. American co_____st
n. a person who lives in or is sent to establish a colony (= a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful entity) a new country or area
7. raw ca__o
n. a small tropical tree that produces cocoa beans, which are used to make chocolate; the dried seeds of this tree used in the production of chocolate
8. dark chocolate ca__o
n. a small tropical tree that produces cocoa beans, which are used to make chocolate; the dried seeds of this tree used in the production of chocolate

ANSWERS: 1. equator, 2. lieutenant, 3. aristocratic, 4. industrious, 5. serpent, 6. colonist, 7. cacao, 8. cacao

9. ability to re_____ne
v. to combine or put together again or differently; to cause genetic recombination (= the process by which genetic material is broken and joined to other genetic material)
10. inv_____te the team
v. to give energy, enthusiasm, or vitality to something or someone; to revitalize or refresh
11. ho_____ic experience
adj. causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
12. age-related ai_____t
n. a slight but often persistent illness
13. coffee-milk con_____on
n. the mixture, often a complicated one; a preparation made by combining various ingredients
14. de_____nt country
adj. characterized by or showing a state of moral or cultural decline
15. ari_____tic titles
adj. relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance
16. south of the eq_____r
n. an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)
17. heart ai_____t
n. a slight but often persistent illness
18. or_____te a political movement
v. to come into existence in a particular place or situation; to start something in a specific place

ANSWERS: 9. recombine, 10. invigorate, 11. horrific, 12. ailment, 13. concoction, 14. decadent, 15. aristocratic, 16. equator, 17. ailment, 18. originate

19. ho____ic condition *adj.* causing horror or disgust; gruesome and terrifying
20. ceramic j_g *n.* a container with a handle and spout used for pouring liquids, typically made of ceramics, glass, or metal; (verb) to cook something slowly in a covered container
21. a sa_____us novel *adj.* characterized by or describing inappropriate, often sexually suggestive content or behavior; excessively erotic or lustful in nature
22. j_g of beer *n.* a container with a handle and spout used for pouring liquids, typically made of ceramics, glass, or metal; (verb) to cook something slowly in a covered container
23. traditional me_____al *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
24. tra_____tic partnership *adj.* relating to or situated on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, especially about travel communication or cultural exchange between Europe and North America
25. de_____te a chapter to the subject *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
26. de_____te a few hours *v.* to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use

ANSWERS: 19. horrific, 20. jug, 21. salacious, 22. jug, 23. medicinal, 24. transatlantic, 25. dedicate, 26. dedicate

27. me_____al chemistry *adj.* of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease
28. Se_____t Bearer *n.* a large snake
29. red ch__i powder *n.* a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers
30. in_____re agreement *n.* a legal agreement between two parties, typically a contract of apprenticeship or a deed of conveyance, that is written in duplicate or triplicate and separated by indentations to prevent fraud or alteration and is often used to bind a person to a specific job or service
31. ch__i sauce *n.* a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers
32. legal in_____re *n.* a legal agreement between two parties, typically a contract of apprenticeship or a deed of conveyance, that is written in duplicate or triplicate and separated by indentations to prevent fraud or alteration and is often used to bind a person to a specific job or service
33. have a de_____nt time *adj.* characterized by or showing a state of moral or cultural decline
34. inv_____te the economy *v.* to give energy, enthusiasm, or vitality to something or someone; to revitalize or refresh

ANSWERS: 27. medicinal, 28. serpent, 29. chili, 30. indenture, 31. chili, 32. indenture, 33. decadent, 34. invigorate

35. co__a butter *n.* a powder made from roasted cacao beans used to flavor sweets and drinks; the dried and fermented seeds from which the powder is made
36. re_____ne at the surface *v.* to combine or put together again or differently; to cause genetic recombination (= the process by which genetic material is broken and joined to other genetic material)
37. sa_____us gossip *adj.* characterized by or describing inappropriate, often sexually suggestive content or behavior; excessively erotic or lustful in nature
38. co__a powder *n.* a powder made from roasted cacao beans used to flavor sweets and drinks; the dried and fermented seeds from which the powder is made
39. powerful aph_____ac *n.* a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance
40. or_____te from the country *v.* to come into existence in a particular place or situation; to start something in a specific place
41. con_____on recipe *n.* the mixture, often a complicated one; a preparation made by combining various ingredients
42. tra_____tic cable *adj.* relating to or situated on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean, especially about travel communication or cultural exchange between Europe and North America

ANSWERS: 35. cocoa, 36. recombine, 37. salacious, 38. cocoa, 39. aphrodisiac, 40. originate, 41. concoction, 42. transatlantic

43. fr__h in the ocean *n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather
44. space co_____st *n.* a person who lives in or is sent to establish a colony (= a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful entity) a new country or area
45. beer fr__h *n.* a mass of small bubbles on the surface of a liquid caused by agitation or fermentation; a light, airy, or frothy substance; foam or lather
46. second lie_____nt *n.* a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer
47. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
48. herbal aph_____ac *n.* a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance

ANSWERS: 43. froth, 44. colonist, 45. froth, 46. lieutenant, 47. industrious, 48. aphrodisiac

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Exercising in the morning helps to _____ my mind and body.
v. to give energy, enthusiasm, or vitality to something or someone; to revitalize or refresh
2. That mythical chimera has a lion's body, a bird's wings, and a _____ tail.
n. a large snake
3. The flight _____ in Vancouver.
v. to come into existence in a particular place or situation; to start something in a specific place
4. He _____ his life to helping others.
v. to give all of your energy, time, etc., entirely to a specific person, activity, or cause; to set apart for a particular purpose or use
5. I love making a big pot of _____ on a cold winter day.
n. a small hot-tasting fruit of a type of pepper plant used in sauces, relishes, and spice powders; a spicy stew made from ground beef and beans, typically seasoned with chili peppers
6. Oysters are believed to be a natural _____ encouraging sexual desire.
n. a substance that is believed to enhance sexual desire or performance
7. The _____ properties of this herb have been known to help with various ailments.
adj. of or relating to the treatment or cure of disease

ANSWERS: 1. invigorate, 2. serpent's, 3. originates, 4. dedicated, 5. chili, 6. aphrodisiac, 7. medicinal

8. After years of hard work, he finally got promoted to _____.
- n.* a deputy or subordinate officer; a military officer ranking below a captain; a naval rank or officer
9. He got timely treatment for his physical _____ of severe back pain.
- n.* a slight but often persistent illness
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12. The accident scene was _____ with bodies and debris scattered everywhere.
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13. He had been living a _____ life after being fired from his job.
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14. The legal contract included an _____ that stipulated the responsibilities of each party.
- n.* a legal agreement between two parties, typically a contract of apprenticeship or a deed of conveyance, that is written in duplicate or triplicate and separated by indentations to prevent fraud or alteration and is often used to bind a person to a specific job or service
15. The first _____ arrived in the New World in the early 17th century.
- n.* a person who lives in or is sent to establish a colony (= a country or an area that is governed by a more powerful entity) a new country or area

ANSWERS: 8. lieutenant, 9. ailment, 10. Transatlantic, 11. salacious, 12. horrific, 13. decadent, 14. indenture, 15. colonists

16. The _____ of herbs and spices gave the soup a unique flavor.
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17. He was known to be very _____ and would often work late into the night.
adj. hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
18. The recipe calls for high-quality _____ powder to make the perfect chocolate cake.
n. a small tropical tree that produces cocoa beans, which are used to make chocolate; the dried seeds of this tree used in the production of chocolate
19. She filled the ____ with ice-cold water from the fridge.
n. a container with a handle and spout used for pouring liquids, typically made of ceramics, glass, or metal; (verb) to cook something slowly in a covered container
20. The cappuccino was topped with _____ making it look like a work of art.
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21. Some scientists argue that the genes in food should not be artificially _____.
v. to combine or put together again or differently; to cause genetic recombination (= the process by which genetic material is broken and joined to other genetic material)
22. The _____ family had a long history of wealth and privilege.
adj. relating to or characteristic of the aristocracy (= the most powerful class of society); noble or aristocratic in manner or appearance

ANSWERS: 16. concoction, 17. industrious, 18. cacao, 19. jug, 20. froth, 21. recombined, 22. aristocratic

23. The culinary class learned how to make homemade _____ mix from scratch.
- n.* a powder made from roasted cacao beans used to flavor sweets and drinks; the dried and fermented seeds from which the powder is made
24. Ecuador is on the _____.
- n.* an line of latitude that separates Earth's northern and southern hemispheres and has a radius of around 40,075 kilometers (24,901 miles)

ANSWERS: 23. cocoa, 24. equator