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Session 1: Word List

evaporation

n. the process of a liquid changing into a gas or vapor, often as a result of high temperatures or reduced pressure; the gradual disappearance or dissipation of something, such as money or resources

synonym : vaporization, dehydration, desiccation

(1) **evaporation** cooling, (2) slow **evaporation**

The formation of clouds is facilitated by the process of **evaporation** and condensation

transpire

v. to happen or be revealed

synonym : occur, happen, take place

(1) **transpire** as expected, (2) **transpire** in the news

It finally **transpired** that an employee had stolen the missing money.

hectare

n. a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters

(1) **hectare** land, (2) housing per **hectare**

The farm spans over 100 **hectares** of land.

temperate

adj. mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude

synonym : moderate, mild, genial

(1) **temperate** grassland, (2) **temperate** behavior

The **temperate** climate of the region made it an ideal vacation spot.

deforest

v. to clear an area of forest or trees

synonym : clear-cut, strip, denude

(1) **deforest** a mountain, (2) **deforest** millions of acres

The company planned to **deforest** a large rainforest area to make way for a new plantation.

chainsaw

n. a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects

synonym : handsaw, power saw, buzz saw

(1) use a **chainsaw**, (2) sharpen a **chainsaw**

The lumberjack used his **chainsaw** to chop through the tree's thick trunk.

apprehend

v. to arrest or capture a person suspected of a crime; to understand or perceive something; to feel anxious or fearful about something happening in the future

synonym : capture, arrest, seize

(1) **apprehend** the meaning, (2) **apprehend** a criminal

The police were able to **apprehend** the suspect after a high-speed chase.

endowment

n. a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization

synonym : fund, gift, donation

(1) education **endowment** insurance, (2) **endowment** gift

The wealthy benefactor's **endowment** helped the university build a new library.

seize

v. to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something

synonym : grab, grasp, capture

(1) **seize** a person's property, (2) **seize** the day

He has the superpower to **seize** a business opportunity.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

slaughterhouse

n. a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat

synonym : abattoir, meatpacking plant, butcher shop

(1) **slaughterhouse** operation, (2) **slaughterhouse** facility

The smell of the **slaughterhouse** made him feel sick to his stomach.

biome

n. a major ecological community characterized by particular plant and animal species adapted to a specific climate and geographic region, such as desert, tundra, or rainforest

synonym : ecosystem, habitat, biota

(1) **biome** conservation, (2) marine **biome**

The rainforest is one of the most diverse **biomes** on the planet.

beetle

n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings

(1) **beetle** brows, (2) a **beetle** larva

In ancient civilizations, the scarab **beetle** was worshiped as a sacred creature.

larva

n. the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose

synonym : caterpillar, grub, maggot

(1) **larva** of a butterfly, (2) a moth **larva**

The butterfly emerged from its **larva** stage.

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.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym: head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

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.

leapfrog

n. a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs

synonym: hopping, jumpfrog

(1) **leapfrog** game, (2) **leapfrog** technology

During recess, the children played a game of **leapfrog** in the schoolyard.

landline

n. a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection

synonym: fixed line, wired phone

(1) **landline** phone, (2) **landline** connection

We need to install a **landline** in our new office before we can start taking client calls.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ap_____nd the meaning
v. to arrest or capture a person suspected of a crime; to understand or perceive something; to feel anxious or fearful about something happening in the future
2. de_____st a mountain
v. to clear an area of forest or trees
3. le_____og game
n. a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs
4. bi__e conservation
n. a major ecological community characterized by particular plant and animal species adapted to a specific climate and geographic region, such as desert, tundra, or rainforest
5. te_____te behavior
adj. mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude
6. de_____st millions of acres
v. to clear an area of forest or trees
7. la_____ne connection
n. a telephone line that transmits and receives signals through a physical wire or cable network, as opposed to a cellular or satellite connection
8. housing per he_____e
n. a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters

ANSWERS: 1. apprehend, 2. deforest, 3. leapfrog, 4. biome, 5. temperate, 6. deforest, 7. landline, 8. hectare

9. se__e the day *v.* to catch or take hold of someone or something suddenly and forcibly; to capture the attention or imagination of something
10. marine bi__e *n.* a major ecological community characterized by particular plant and animal species adapted to a specific climate and geographic region, such as desert, tundra, or rainforest
11. le____og technology *n.* a children's game in which players take turns jumping over each other's stooped backs
12. te_____te grassland *adj.* mild or moderate in temperature or climate; exhibiting self-restraint, particularly about the consumption of food, drink, or other indulgences; showing moderation or restraint in behavior or attitude
13. slow eva_____on *n.* the process of a liquid changing into a gas or vapor, often as a result of high temperatures or reduced pressure; the gradual disappearance or dissipation of something, such as money or resources
14. op_____ne occasion *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
15. sharpen a ch____aw *n.* a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects
16. he_____e land *n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters

ANSWERS: 9. seize, 10. biome, 11. leapfrog, 12. temperate, 13. evaporation, 14. opportune, 15. chainsaw, 16. hectare

17. eva_____on cooling *n.* the process of a liquid changing into a gas or vapor, often as a result of high temperatures or reduced pressure; the gradual disappearance or dissipation of something, such as money or resources
18. sla_____use facility *n.* a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat
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22. education en_____nt insurance *n.* a fund or financial support, either from a charitable organization or from an individual or group of individuals, to support a specific purpose or organization
23. an op_____ne remark *adj.* suitable or happening at a time that is suitable or convenient for a particular purpose
24. sla_____use operation *n.* a facility where animals are killed and processed for meat
25. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

ANSWERS: 17. evaporation, 18. slaughterhouse, 19. landline, 20. apprehend, 21. beetle, 22. endowment, 23. opportune, 24. slaughterhouse, 25. creditor

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ANSWERS: 26. capita, 27. larva, 28. larva, 29. beetle, 30. transpire, 31. emit, 32. capita, 33. seize, 34. emit, 35. endowment

36. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
37. tr____re as expected *v.* to happen or be revealed
38. use a ch____aw *n.* a mechanical saw with a rotating chain, typically used for cutting down trees or other large objects

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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