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Session 1: Word List

riverine

adj. relating to, inhabiting, or characteristic of a river or rivers; located or occurring along the banks or within the vicinity of a river

synonym : river-related, fluvial, stream

(1) **riverine** areas, (2) **riverine** ecosystem

The army conducted **riverine** operations to secure the border area.

infest

v. to swarm or overrun with a large number of something undesirable, such as pests or parasites

synonym : invade, overrun

(1) **infest** a building, (2) **infest** a garden

The old storage shed was **infested** with rats and had to be torn down.

livelihood

n. a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.

synonym : occupation, living, income

(1) a means of **livelihood**, (2) **livelihood** assistance

I could no longer earn my own **livelihood**.

hamper

v. to hinder or impede the progress or movement of something or someone; to prevent or limit the

functioning or effectiveness of something or someone; to obstruct or block access to something

synonym : hinder, impede, obstruct

(1) **hamper** progress, (2) **hamper** growth

The piles of laundry on the floor **hampered my** ability to walk around my room.

diminish

v. to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.

synonym : decline, dwindle, lessen

(1) **diminish** a reputation, (2) **diminish** swelling

As people get old, their energies may **diminish**.

inflated

adj. swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high

synonym : enlarged, swollen, distended

(1) **inflated** prices, (2) an **inflated** balloon

The athlete's ego became **inflated** by their success.

showy

adj. attracting attention due to being bright, flashy, or ostentatious; tending to be more concerned with appearance or showmanship than with substance or quality

synonym : flashy, flamboyant, ostentatious

(1) **showy** clothes, (2) **showy** jewelry

She wore a **showy** dress to the awards ceremony to grab people's attention.

lavender

n. a fragrant herb of the mint family, typically having purple or blue flowers, sometimes used for its soothing scent in aromatherapy or as a flavoring in cooking and baking

(1) **lavender** fields, (2) **lavender-scented** bath products

I love the soothing scent of **lavender** essential oil.

havoc

n. widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events

synonym : destruction, devastation, ruin

(1) cause **havoc**, (2) play **havoc** in the mind

The storm wreaked **havoc** on the town, causing widespread damage and power outages.

hyacinth

n. (also "jacinth") a fragrant flowering plant with clustered flowers that grow on a tall, spiky stem, typically in shades of blue, purple, or pink

synonym: jacinth

(1) **hyacinth** flower, (2) blue **hyacinth**

The beautiful purple **hyacinth** flowers bloomed every spring in the garden.

botanical

adj. relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants

synonym: botanic, plant-based, herbal

(1) **botanical** extract, (2) **botanical** illustrations

The **botanical** gardens were filled with exotic plants from all around the world.

annul

v. to make something legally or officially invalid

synonym: cancel, void, rescind

(1) **annul** his orders, (2) **annul** a judgment

The court **annulled** the marriage due to fraud.

relocate

v. to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there

synonym: emigrate, resettle, migrate

(1) **relocate** a company, (2) **relocate** with a new job

The university **relocated** to campuses several miles away.

quitter

n. a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started

synonym: coward, deserter, surrender

(1) easy **quitter**, (2) serial **quitter**

He was labeled as a **quitter** after he abandoned the project halfway.

arresting

adj. attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something

synonym : striking, impressive, captivating

(1) an **arresting** image, (2) an **arresting** sight

The painting's **arresting** beauty made it difficult to look away.

hem

n. the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish

synonym : edge, border, margin

(1) the **hem** of a dress, (2) **hem** the skirt

The **hem** length of her dress was perfect for the evening event.

fisherfolk

n. people who engage in fishing for subsistence or commercial purposes, particularly in coastal regions or inland water bodies

synonym : fishermen, fishing community, anglers

(1) indigenous **fisherfolk** groups, (2) **fisherfolk** livelihood

The government announced a scheme to promote sustainable fishing practices among the **fisherfolk** community.

infestation

n. the presence or invasion of a large number of harmful or undesirable pests, parasites, or microorganisms in a specific area or host

synonym : plague, invasion, swarm

(1) **infestation** with a parasite, (2) flea **infestation**

The hotel had an **infestation** of bed bugs, which required a professional exterminator.

handicraft

n. a skill or trade that involves making things by hand, often using traditional methods and materials, which include activities such as woodworking, sewing, pottery, and weaving

synonym :

craft, handmade, artisanry

(1) **handicraft** workshop, (2) traditional **handicrafts**

She spent her free time making **handicrafts** like pottery and crocheting to sell at the local market.

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.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym: in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

adversity

n. difficulties or hardships that someone faces

synonym: hardship, difficulty, trial

(1) environmental **adversity**, (2) struggling with **adversity**

The team demonstrated great resilience in the face of **adversity** and won the game.

tableware

n. dishes, utensils, and other items used for serving and eating food or drink, including plates, bowls, cups, glasses, silverware, and serving pieces such as platters or trays

synonym: dishes, dinnerware, utensils

(1) ceramic **tableware** set, (2) **tableware** collection

The **tableware** for the event was carefully chosen and elegantly displayed.

resilient

adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions

synonym:

robust, sturdy, tough

(1) a hard and **resilient** steel, (2) **resilient** population

She is a **resilient** person and has always bounced back from setbacks.

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.

Session 2: Spelling

1. la_____er-scented bath products
n. a fragrant herb of the mint family, typically having purple or blue flowers, sometimes used for its soothing scent in aromatherapy or as a flavoring in cooking and baking
2. bo_____al illustrations
adj. relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants
3. struggling with ad_____ty
n. difficulties or hardships that someone faces
4. courtroom sto_____ing
n. the act or art of narrating or writing stories
5. a hard and re_____nt steel
adj. able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
6. han_____ft workshop
n. a skill or trade that involves making things by hand, often using traditional methods and materials, which include activities such as woodworking, sewing, pottery, and weaving
7. fis_____lk livelihood
n. people who engage in fishing for subsistence or commercial purposes, particularly in coastal regions or inland water bodies
8. blue hy_____th
n. (also "jacinth") a fragrant flowering plant with clustered flowers that grow on a tall, spiky stem, typically in shades of blue, purple, or pink

ANSWERS: 1. lavender, 2. botanical, 3. adversity, 4. storytelling, 5. resilient, 6. handicraft, 7. fisherfolk, 8. hyacinth

9. sto_____ing performance *n.* the act or art of narrating or writing stories
10. h_m the skirt *n.* the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish
11. re_____nt population *adj.* able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions
12. sh__y clothes *adj.* attracting attention due to being bright, flashy, or ostentatious; tending to be more concerned with appearance or showmanship than with substance or quality
13. ta_____re collection *n.* dishes, utensils, and other items used for serving and eating food or drink, including plates, bowls, cups, glasses, silverware, and serving pieces such as platters or trays
14. play ha__c in the mind *n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
15. ceramic ta_____re set *n.* dishes, utensils, and other items used for serving and eating food or drink, including plates, bowls, cups, glasses, silverware, and serving pieces such as platters or trays
16. re_____te with a new job *v.* to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there

ANSWERS: 9. storytelling, 10. hem, 11. resilient, 12. showy, 13. tableware, 14. havoc, 15. tableware, 16. relocate

17. cause ha__c *n.* widespread destruction or devastation, often caused by natural disasters, war, or other violent events
18. traditional han_____fts *n.* a skill or trade that involves making things by hand, often using traditional methods and materials, which include activities such as woodworking, sewing, pottery, and weaving
19. the h_m of a dress *n.* the edge or border of a piece of cloth, typically sewn to prevent fraying or unraveling; a small margin or border around something; (verb) to fold the edge of a piece of fabric and sew it down to create a neat and secure finish
20. 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
21. ri_____ne areas *adj.* relating to, inhabiting, or characteristic of a river or rivers; located or occurring along the banks or within the vicinity of a river
22. di_____sh swelling *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
23. sh__y jewelry *adj.* attracting attention due to being bright, flashy, or ostentatious; tending to be more concerned with appearance or showmanship than with substance or quality

ANSWERS: 17. havoc, 18. handicraft, 19. hem, 20. weave, 21. riverine, 22. diminish, 23. showy

24. in_____ed prices *adj.* swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high
25. an ar_____ng image *adj.* attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something
26. an in_____ed balloon *adj.* swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high
27. se_____ly, it is important *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
28. se_____ly connected *adv.* used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.
29. hy_____th flower *n.* (also "jacinth") a fragrant flowering plant with clustered flowers that grow on a tall, spiky stem, typically in shades of blue, purple, or pink
30. an__l a judgment *v.* to make something legally or officially invalid
31. flea inf_____on *n.* the presence or invasion of a large number of harmful or undesirable pests, parasites, or microorganisms in a specific area or host
32. 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: 24. inflated, 25. arresting, 26. inflated, 27. secondly, 28. secondly, 29. hyacinth, 30. annul, 31. infestation, 32. weave

33. a means of liv_____od *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
34. ha____r growth *v.* to hinder or impede the progress or movement of something or someone; to prevent or limit the functioning or effectiveness of something or someone; to obstruct or block access to something
35. ri_____ne ecosystem *adj.* relating to, inhabiting, or characteristic of a river or rivers; located or occurring along the banks or within the vicinity of a river
36. bo_____al extract *adj.* relating to the study or science of plants; of, pertaining to, made from, or derived from plants
37. di_____sh a reputation *v.* to reduce or be reduced in size, extent, or importance; to make something smaller, weaker, etc.
38. an__l his orders *v.* to make something legally or officially invalid
39. in____t a garden *v.* to swarm or overrun with a large number of something undesirable, such as pests or parasites
40. environmental ad_____ty *n.* difficulties or hardships that someone faces
41. inf_____on with a parasite *n.* the presence or invasion of a large number of harmful or undesirable pests, parasites, or microorganisms in a specific area or host

ANSWERS: 33. livelihood, 34. hamper, 35. riverine, 36. botanical, 37. diminish, 38. annul, 39. infest, 40. adversity, 41. infestation

42. in___t a building *v.* to swarm or overrun with a large number of something undesirable, such as pests or parasites
43. indigenous fis_____lk groups *n.* people who engage in fishing for subsistence or commercial purposes, particularly in coastal regions or inland water bodies
44. serial qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
45. ha___r progress *v.* to hinder or impede the progress or movement of something or someone; to prevent or limit the functioning or effectiveness of something or someone; to obstruct or block access to something
46. liv_____od assistance *n.* a means of earning money people need to pay for food, a place to live, clothing, etc.
47. la_____er fields *n.* a fragrant herb of the mint family, typically having purple or blue flowers, sometimes used for its soothing scent in aromatherapy or as a flavoring in cooking and baking
48. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
49. an ar_____ng sight *adj.* attracting attention or interest; striking or impressive in appearance or effect; halting or stopping the movement or progress of something

ANSWERS: 42. infest, 43. fisherfolk, 44. quitter, 45. hamper, 46. livelihood, 47. lavender, 48. quitter, 49. arresting

50. re____te a company

v. to move or move something or someone to a new place and build a house or a business there

ANSWERS: 50. relocate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The painting's _____ beauty made it difficult to look away.
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2. The piles of laundry on the floor _____ ability to walk around my room.
v. to hinder or impede the progress or movement of something or someone; to prevent or limit the functioning or effectiveness of something or someone; to obstruct or block access to something
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4. The university _____ to campuses several miles away.
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ANSWERS: 1. arresting, 2. hampered my, 3. inflated, 4. relocated, 5. secondly, 6. handicrafts, 7. hyacinth

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