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Session 1: Word List

shoreline

n. a line that separates land and sea

(1) **shoreline** erosion, (2) coral-reef **shoreline**

Flooding occurs along the city's **shoreline** due to the storm surge.

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.

sew

v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle

synonym: stitch, darn, tailor

(1) **sew** with thread, (2) **sew** a button

My mother taught me how to **sew**.

trample

v. to step heavily on something or someone, causing damage or injury

synonym: tread, stomp, crush

(1) **trample** down his feelings, (2) **trample** on the rights

The plants in this garden are precious, so you must not

trample them.

bulldoze

v. to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way

synonym: level, clear, demolish

(1) **bulldoze** a mound, (2) **bulldoze** a person into buying
They **bulldozed** the old building to make way for a new one.

magnify

v. to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder

synonym: enlarge, elaborate, intensify

(1) **magnify** the danger, (2) **magnify** the image for display
Terrorists often attempt to **magnify** the economic impact of their acts of destruction.

overfishing

n. the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem

synonym: overharvesting, over-exploitation, depletion

(1) **overfishing** crisis, (2) **overfishing** ban

The ocean's ecosystem is being threatened by **overfishing**, causing many species to become endangered.

bludgeon

v. to strike or hit someone repeatedly with a heavy object, often resulting in severe injury or death; to force or coerce by using threats or intimidation

synonym: strike, beat, pummel

(1) **bludgeon** a person into agreeing, (2) **bludgeon** to death
The attacker used a heavy object to try and **bludgeon** the victim.

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.

algae

n. A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots

(1) **algae** biofuel, (2) blue **algae**

Algae has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.

overgrow

v. to grow or thrive over so as to cover with herbage
synonym: overrun, choke, overwhelm

(1) **overgrow** neighboring corals, (2) aquatic plants **overgrow**

Weeds **overgrow** throughout the garden.

slippery

adj. difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted

synonym: smooth, glistening, furtive

(1) a **slippery** customer, (2) **slippery** ice

How extraordinarily **slippery** a liar the camera is.

slime

n. a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet
synonym: muck, ooze, gunk

(1) **slime** bacteria, (2) **slime** mold

The kids loved playing with the green **slime**, but it was a nightmare to clean up.

confession

n. a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal

synonym: admission, avowal, acknowledgment

(1) a **confession** of guilt, (2) a **confession** of faith

The prisoner made a full **confession** and admitted to his crime.

tweet

n. a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

synonym:

peep, chirp, post (on Twitter)

(1) a chick's **tweet**, (2) his latest **tweets**

We could hear the **tweet** of baby birds.

glossy

adj. having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish

synonym: shiny, polished, gleaming

(1) **glossy** lipstick, (2) **glossy** photograph

The magazine cover had a **glossy** finish, making the images shine.

conservationist

n. a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife

synonym: environmentalist

(1) wildlife **conservationist**, (2) dedicated **conservationist**

The extinction of this species has been a significant concern for **conservationists**.

spawn

v. to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop

synonym: beget, breed, generate

(1) **spawn** in spring, (2) **spawn** a new concept

The salmon swims upstream to **spawn** in the place they were released.

fertilize

v. to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well

synonym: pollinate, inseminate, enrich

(1) **fertilize** the soil, (2) **fertilize** the female egg

The couple decided to use the non-husband sperm to **fertilize** a wife.

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.

blob

n. a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance

synonym : chunk, lump, hunk

(1) a big **blob** of yellow, (2) a **blob** of jelly

A **blob** of ink fell on the floor.

poppy

n. a plant with large, showy flowers of various colors, including red, pink, yellow, and white, and a capsule containing small seeds, and some species of poppy are used to produce opium and its derivatives

(1) **poppy** tea, (2) **poppy** seeds

She wore a red **poppy** on her lapel to honor the veterans.

tentacle

n. a flexible, mobile, and long arm-like organ used for feeling and holding things, catching food, or moving

(1) a squid's **tentacle**, (2) posterior **tentacle**

The police caught the fugitive criminal in the **tentacles** of an expanded investigation.

polyp

n. (of zoology) a small, typically sessile, marine animal with a hollow, cylindrical body and tentacles surrounding a central mouth, often found in colonies and sometimes forming coral reefs; (of gastroenterology) an abnormal tissue growth that can occur in the colon, rectum, or other parts of the gastrointestinal tract

synonym : polypus, hydra, anemone

(1) the **polyp** on the hydra's tentacle, (2) gastric **polyp**

The coral reef was home to various **polyps** and other sea creatures.

limestone

n. a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite

synonym : calcareous rock, chalk

(1) sheer **limestone** cliffs, (2) **limestone** pavement

The Great Pyramid of Giza was built using blocks of **limestone**.

hardworking

adj. tending to work with a lot of effort and care

synonym : diligent, dedicated, conscientious

(1) **hardworking** student, (2) retire from **hardworking** life

They sought candidates with **hardworking** and good-natured.

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.

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.

crevice

n. a long narrow depression or opening in a surface of rock or wall

synonym : crack, chink, slit

(1) small **crevices**, (2) peep through a **crevice**

He wedged a knife into the **crevice**

predator

n. an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

synonym : vulture, bloodsucker

(1) apex **predator**, (2) sexual **predators**

The native South American animals were in danger because of the **predator's** arrival.

- pier** *n.* a structure built on posts extending from land out into a body of water used as a landing place for boats or as a recreational area
synonym : jetty, wharf, dock
(1) **pier** fishing, (2) a landing **pier**
Families gathered on the head of a **pier** to watch the sunset and catch a glimpse of the dolphins swimming in the bay.
- microbe** *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
synonym : germ, microorganism, bacterium
(1) pathogenic **microbe**, (2) **microbes** sterilizer
Microbes thrive on the surface of the human skin.
- settler** *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
synonym : frontiersperson, immigrant, emigrant
(1) new **settlers**, (2) **settlers** on some foreign shore
A large proportion of railway workers in **settler** colonies were white.
- uncover** *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden
synonym : disclose, reveal, unveil
(1) **uncover** a potential problem, (2) **uncover** the truth
He continued his investigation and soon **uncovered** another crime.
- seawater** *n.* water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals
synonym : saltwater, brine, ocean water
(1) **seawater** pollution, (2) **seawater** bacteria
The desalination plant turned **seawater** into drinking water through a complex process.
- metamorphose** *v.* to undergo a dramatic change in form, structure, or substance; to transform or alter in appearance or nature

synonym : transform, change, alter

(1) **metamorphose** in appearance, (2) **metamorphose** over time

The caterpillar **metamorphoses** into a butterfly during its life cycle.

amazement

n. a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected

synonym : astonishment, wonder, surprise

(1) express **amazement**, (2) feeling of **amazement**

The magician's disappearing act left the audience in **amazement**.

infect

v. to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism

synonym : pollute, contaminate, affect

(1) **infect** other animal species, (2) **infect** a computer with a virus

Children often **infect** parents with this head cold.

explode

v. to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open

synonym : detonate, blast, rupture

(1) **explode** in anger, (2) **explode** in popularity

The old building **exploded** in a fiery inferno.

fungus

n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive

synonym : mold, mildew, yeast

(1) **fungus** infection, (2) symbiotic **fungus**

Certain types of **fungus** can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. symbiotic fu___s | <i>n.</i> a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive |
| 2. a b__b of jelly | <i>n.</i> a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance |
| 3. s_w a button | <i>v.</i> to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle |
| 4. in___t a garden | <i>v.</i> to swarm or overrun with a large number of something undesirable, such as pests or parasites |
| 5. sl__e bacteria | <i>n.</i> a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet |
| 6. p__r fishing | <i>n.</i> a structure built on posts extending from land out into a body of water used as a landing place for boats or as a recreational area |
| 7. a con_____on of faith | <i>n.</i> a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal |
| 8. tr_____e on the rights | <i>v.</i> to step heavily on something or someone, causing damage or injury |
| 9. in___t a computer with a virus | <i>v.</i> to affect a person, an animal, or a plant with a disease-causing organism |

ANSWERS: 1. fungus, 2. blob, 3. sew, 4. infest, 5. slime, 6. pier, 7. confession, 8. trample, 9. infect

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| 10. har_____ng student | <i>adj.</i> tending to work with a lot of effort and care |
| 11. retire from har_____ng life | <i>adj.</i> tending to work with a lot of effort and care |
| 12. a sl_____ry customer | <i>adj.</i> difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted |
| 13. se_____rs on some foreign shore | <i>n.</i> a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area |
| 14. ex_____e in anger | <i>v.</i> to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open |
| 15. la__a of a butterfly | <i>n.</i> the immature free-living form of insect or an animal, which at hatching from the egg, is fundamentally unlike its parent and must metamorphose |
| 16. met_____ose over time | <i>v.</i> to undergo a dramatic change in form, structure, or substance; to transform or alter in appearance or nature |
| 17. pathogenic mi_____e | <i>n.</i> a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease |
| 18. a big b__b of yellow | <i>n.</i> a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance |
| 19. small cr_____es | <i>n.</i> a long narrow depression or opening in a surface of rock or wall |
| 20. bl_____on to death | <i>v.</i> to strike or hit someone repeatedly with a heavy object, often resulting in severe injury or death; to force or coerce by using threats or intimidation |

ANSWERS: 10. hardworking, 11. hardworking, 12. slippery, 13. settler, 14. explode, 15. larva, 16. metamorphose, 17. microbe, 18. blob, 19. crevice, 20. bludgeon

21. blue al__e *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
22. wildlife con_____ist *n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
23. gl___y lipstick *adj.* having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish
24. ex_____e in popularity *v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
25. express am_____nt *n.* a state of great surprise or wonder caused by something extraordinary or unexpected
26. sp__n a new concept *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
27. coral-reef sh_____ne *n.* a line that separates land and sea
28. his latest tw__ts *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application
29. mi_____es sterilizer *n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
30. st_____ze prices *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
31. sexual pr_____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

ANSWERS: 21. algae, 22. conservationist, 23. glossy, 24. explode, 25. amazement, 26. spawn, 27. shoreline, 28. tweet, 29. microbe, 30. stabilize, 31. predator

32. s_w with thread *v.* to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
33. a con_____on of guilt *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
34. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
35. gastric po__p *n.* (of zoology) a small, typically sessile, marine animal with a hollow, cylindrical body and tentacles surrounding a central mouth, often found in colonies and sometimes forming coral reefs; (of gastroenterology) an abnormal tissue growth that can occur in the colon, rectum, or other parts of the gastrointestinal tract
36. sp__n in spring *v.* to lay eggs or to produce offspring; to cause something to develop
37. a squid's te_____le *n.* a flexible, mobile, and long arm-like organ used for feeling and holding things, catching food, or moving
38. ma_____y the danger *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
39. ind_____us worker *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
40. a chick's tw__t *n.* a short, high sound made by a small bird; a message sent using Twitter, the social media application

ANSWERS: 32. sew, 33. confession, 34. predator, 35. polyp, 36. spawn, 37. tentacle, 38. magnify, 39. industrious, 40. tweet

41. po__y tea *n.* a plant with large, showy flowers of various colors, including red, pink, yellow, and white, and a capsule containing small seeds, and some species of poppy are used to produce opium and its derivatives
42. po__y seeds *n.* a plant with large, showy flowers of various colors, including red, pink, yellow, and white, and a capsule containing small seeds, and some species of poppy are used to produce opium and its derivatives
43. posterior te_____le *n.* a flexible, mobile, and long arm-like organ used for feeling and holding things, catching food, or moving
44. bu_____ze a person into buying *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way
45. fe_____ze the female egg *v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
46. sheer li_____ne cliffs *n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite
47. un_____r the truth *v.* to remove the cover from something; to discover something previously unseen or hidden

ANSWERS: 41. poppy, 42. poppy, 43. tentacle, 44. bulldoze, 45. fertilize, 46. limestone, 47. uncover

48. al__e biofuel *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
49. dedicated con_____ist *n.* a person who advocates or acts to protect and preserve the environment and wildlife
50. bu____ze a mound *v.* to level or clear an area of land using a bulldozer (= a large, heavy vehicle with a blade on the front); to use force or the threat of force to make them do something or to get them to move out of the way
51. aquatic plants ov____ow *v.* to grow or thrive over so as to cover with herbage
52. fe_____ze the soil *v.* to cause an egg, female animal, or plant to develop by joining sperm from the male with them; to add a natural or chemical substance to land to make plants grow well
53. ind_____us student *adj.* hardworking, diligent, and persistent in effort
54. ove_____ng crisis *n.* the removal of too many fish from a body of water, causing a decline in population levels and harm to the ecosystem
55. sl____ry ice *adj.* difficult to hold firmly or stand on because it is wet or smooth; not to be trusted
56. sl__e mold *n.* a thick, slippery substance that is usually soft and wet

ANSWERS: 48. algae, 49. conservationist, 50. bulldoze, 51. overgrow, 52. fertilize, 53. industrious, 54. overfishing, 55. slippery, 56. slime

57. new se____rs *n.* a person who moved with a group of others to live in a different country or area
58. ma____y the image for display *v.* to make something look bigger than it really is, especially by looking at it through a lens; to make something bigger, stronger, or louder
59. gl____y photograph *adj.* having a smooth, shiny surface or finish; characterized by an attractive, polished appearance; often used to describe photographs or printed materials with a high-quality finish
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61. in____t a building *v.* to swarm or overrun with a large number of something undesirable, such as pests or parasites
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63. st____ze blood sugar levels *v.* to become or cause to become steady or unlikely to give way
64. li____ne pavement *n.* a sedimentary rock that is composed mainly of calcium carbonate, which is the mineral calcite
65. peep through a cr____e *n.* a long narrow depression or opening in a surface of rock or wall

ANSWERS: 57. settler, 58. magnify, 59. glossy, 60. seawater, 61. infest, 62. fungus, 63. stabilize, 64. limestone, 65. crevice

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ANSWERS: 66. shoreline, 67. infect, 68. polyp, 69. larva, 70. medicinal, 71. medicinal, 72. trample, 73. overfishing, 74. uncover

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ANSWERS: 75. pier, 76. seawater, 77. overgrow, 78. metamorphose, 79. bludgeon, 80. amazement

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The native South American animals were in danger because of the _____ arrival.
 - n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

2. The police caught the fugitive criminal in the _____ of an expanded investigation.
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3. Weeds _____ throughout the garden.
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4. We could hear the _____ of baby birds.
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ANSWERS: 1. predator's, 2. tentacles, 3. overgrow, 4. tweet, 5. pier, 6. fertilize, 7. spawn

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12. He continued his investigation and soon _____ another crime.
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ANSWERS: 8. amazement, 9. glossy, 10. infested, 11. slime, 12. uncovered, 13. medicinal, 14. bludgeon, 15. slippery

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ANSWERS: 16. poppy, 17. industrious, 18. metamorphoses, 19. infect, 20. confession, 21. bulldozed, 22. conservationists, 23. limestone

24. _____ thrive on the surface of the human skin.
- n.* a tiny living thing that can only be seen with a microscope and that may cause disease
25. The old building _____ in a fiery inferno.
- v.* to burst or break open violently and noisily; to cause something to burst or break open
26. _____ has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.
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ANSWERS: 24. Microbes, 25. exploded, 26. Algae, 27. shoreline, 28. polyps, 29. magnify, 30. overfishing,

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adj. tending to work with a lot of effort and care
34. My mother taught me how to _____.
v. to join, fasten, or repair two pieces of something by putting the thread through them with a needle
35. He wedged a knife into the _____.
n. a long narrow depression or opening in a surface of rock or wall
36. Certain types of _____ can be toxic to humans, causing severe illness if ingested.
n. a type of organism that includes yeasts, molds, and mushrooms, which are heterotrophic, meaning they do not produce their food and must consume organic matter to survive
37. A _____ of ink fell on the floor.
n. a small amount or drop of a thick liquid or sticky substance
38. The desalination plant turned _____ into drinking water through a complex process.
n. water from the sea or ocean, typically containing salt and various other dissolved minerals

ANSWERS: 31. stabilizes, 32. settler, 33. hardworking, 34. sew, 35. crevice, 36. fungus, 37. blob, 38. seawater

39. The butterfly emerged from its _____ stage.

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

40. The plants in this garden are precious, so you must not _____ them.

v. to step heavily on something or someone, causing damage or injury

ANSWERS: 39. larva, 40. trample