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Session 1: Word List

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.

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.

chalk

n. a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

synonym: white rock, limestone, gypsum

(1) a piece of **chalk**, (2) **chalk** on a blackboard

The kids used colored **chalk** to create a mural on the pavement.

blackboard

n. a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk

synonym : chalkboard, slate

(1) chalk on a **blackboard**, (2) electronic **blackboard**

The teacher asked me to rub out the **blackboard**.

dyslexia

n. a neurological condition that affects a person's ability to read, write, and spell, often despite normal or above-average intelligence, effective teaching, and adequate motivation, which is characterized by difficulty in the phonological coding of written words, poor phonological awareness, and poor reading fluency and decoding skills

synonym : reading disability, word blindness, dysgraphia

(1) student with **dyslexia**, (2) diagnosis of **dyslexia**

Educators need to understand how **dyslexia** affects students' reading abilities.

lefty

n. a left-handed person; a person with left-leaning political views or tendencies; a baseball pitcher who throws with their left hand

synonym : left-handed person, southpaw

(1) **lefty** guitarist, (2) **lefty** batter

The **lefty** pitcher had a unique style that made it difficult for batters to hit his pitches.

dissect

v. to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail

synonym : analyze, examine, study

(1) **dissect** the data, (2) **dissect** a personality

The scientist **dissected** the frog to study its internal organs.

undersea

adj. located or occurring beneath the surface of the sea

synonym : underwater, subaquatic, marine

(1) **undersea** earthquake, (2) **undersea** habitat

The **undersea** environment is very different from the surface,

with unique flora and fauna.

dinosaur

n. a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

synonym: reptile, beast, monster

(1) hulking **dinosaur**, (2) **dinosaur** fossil

The discovery of a new **dinosaur** species made headlines in the scientific community.

leviathan

n. a monstrous sea creature or marine animal, often used as a metaphorical term for something big, overbearing, or powerful

synonym: giant, monster, behemoth

(1) **leviathan** of the sea, (2) financial **leviathan**

The company's new CEO was a corporate **leviathan** known for his aggressive business tactics.

oceanic

adj. relating to or characteristic of the ocean or its inhabitants; having to do with the vast expanse of saltwater that covers most of the Earth's surface

synonym: marine, pelagic, sea

(1) **oceanic** climate, (2) **oceanic** exploration

The **oceanic** waves crashed against the shore, creating a mesmerizing sight.

megafauna

n. a term used to describe large animals that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, such as mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed tigers, and that are now extinct

synonym: large animals, large mammals

(1) **megafauna** extinction, (2) **megafauna** fossils

Many prehistoric **megafaunas**, such as mammoths and saber-toothed tigers, are now extinct.

pelagic

adj. relating to or inhabiting the open ocean, specifically referring to marine organisms that live or swim in the upper layers of the water column rather than close to the shore or sea floor

synonym : open-oceanic, oceanic, deep-sea

(1) **pelagic** species, (2) **pelagic** zone

Seabirds like albatrosses are well adapted to life in the **pelagic** environment.

plankton

n. tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed

(1) **plankton** blooms, (2) **plankton** community

Plankton is generally the foundation of the ocean food chain.

critter

n. a small or unimportant creature or animal, often used in a familiar or affectionate way

synonym : animal, creature, beast

(1) cute **critter**, (2) wild **critter**

During their camping trip, the kids were excited to go **critter** hunting in the woods.

communion

n. the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist

synonym : affinity, intimacy, camaraderie

(1) **communion** with God, (2) spiritual **communion** with nature

We use this tableware in a **communion** service.

goliath

n. a biblical figure and legendary giant warrior whom the young shepherd David defeated; a symbol of great strength or size

synonym : giant, colossus, titan

(1) automotive **goliath**, (2) **goliath** bird-eating spider

The young entrepreneur took down the **goliath** corporation with her innovative idea.

stun

v. to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

synonym : shock, amaze, astound

(1) **stun** fish, (2) **stun** an audience

This sprinter **stunned** the world with his speed.

aspiration

n. a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath

synonym : ambition, inhalation, intake

(1) no **aspiration** for fame, (2) **aspiration** into the lungs

He has an **aspiration** to become a doctor.

pertain

v. to be relevant or applicable to a particular subject or situation; to belong to or be connected with something

synonym : relate, concern, apply

(1) **pertain** to the case, (2) **pertain** to the topic

The new regulations **pertain** to all employees, regardless of their position.

pollutant

n. a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil

synonym : contaminant, toxic substance

(1) noxious **pollutant**, (2) water **pollutant**

The factory's use of chemicals has made it a significant **pollutant** in the area.

sonde

n. a scientific instrument or device, often attached to a balloon or rocket, used to gather data or conduct measurements in the atmosphere or outer space, transmitting information back to ground-based receivers; (of medicine) a probe or catheter which is inserted into the body to take measurements, administer medications, or perform certain procedures

synonym : probe, device, instrument

(1) pulmonary **sonde**, (2) temperature **sonde**

The scientists launched a **sonde** into the atmosphere to collect data on weather patterns.

sponge

n. a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

(1) sea **sponge**, (2) metallic **sponge**

The tiny marine **sponge** has existed for more than 500 million years.

proctology

n. the branch of medicine that focuses on the diagnosis and treatment of disorders and diseases of the rectum and anus

synonym : coloproctology, rectal surgery

(1) **proctology** clinic, (2) **proctology** exam

He is a specialist in **proctology** and deals with various disorders related to the rectum and colon.

redwood

n. a type of large evergreen tree native to North America that can grow up to 360 feet in height and have a reddish-colored bark and durable wood used for construction and furniture-making

synonym : sequoia

(1) **redwood** forest, (2) old-growth **redwood**

The tall **redwood** trees towered over us as we hiked through the forest.

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.

dart

n. a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly

synonym : arrow, (verb) dash

(1) blow **dart**, (2) **dart** here and there

A poison **dart** hit him.

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.

hermit

n. a person who lives alone or in seclusion from society, typically for religious or spiritual reasons; a person who avoids social interactions or seeks solitude

synonym: recluse, solitary, anchorite

(1) **hermit** lifestyle, (2) mountain **hermit**

The **hermit-monk** spent his entire life in solitary contemplation, far from the world's hustle.

cordon

n. a line or circle of police, soldiers, or other guards preventing access to or from an area; a barrier or blockade

synonym: barrier, barricade, line

(1) **cordon** tape, (2) police **cordon**

The police set up a **cordon** around the crime scene to keep bystanders out.

foresight

n. the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come

synonym: prescience, prediction, clairvoyance

(1) strategic **foresight**, (2) **foresight** planning

With **foresight**, she made a plan to avoid any potential obstacles.

manta

n. a large, flat-bodied fish related to rays found in warm ocean waters around the world

synonym: stingray, devilfish, mobula

(1) **manta** conservation, (2) **manta** dive

The marine biologist observed a graceful **manta** ray gliding through the ocean.

caliber

n. a level of excellence or worth of someone or something; diameter of a tube or gun barrel

synonym: ability, competence, quality

(1) high- **caliber** executive, (2) the **caliber** of a vein

The students' **caliber** has improved from mediocre to above-average.

goby

n. a small, often brightly colored fish that typically inhabits shallow coastal waters and streams

(1) mud **goby**, (2) colorful **goby**

I love to watch the tiny **goby** fish darting around in the aquarium.

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.

smartphone

n. a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet

(1) **smartphone** app developer, (2) **smartphone** addict

Internet traffic volumes have increased significantly with the advent of **smartphones**.

eradicate

v. to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

synonym: destroy, eliminate, exterminate

(1) **eradicate** the deficit, (2) **eradicate** racial discrimination

We are trying to **eradicate** this disease from the world.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. pe_____n to the topic | v. | to be relevant or applicable to a particular subject or situation; to belong to or be connected with something |
| 2. Internet ad____t | n. | a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful |
| 3. pl_____on blooms | n. | tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed |
| 4. blow d__t | n. | a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly |
| 5. mud g__y | n. | a small, often brightly colored fish that typically inhabits shallow coastal waters and streams |
| 6. wild cr_____r | n. | a small or unimportant creature or animal, often used in a familiar or affectionate way |
| 7. co_____on with God | n. | the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist |
| 8. electronic bla_____rd | n. | a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk |

ANSWERS: 1. pertain, 2. addict, 3. plankton, 4. dart, 5. goby, 6. critter, 7. communion, 8. blackboard

9. ch__k on a blackboard *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards
10. a drug ad___t *n.* a person who cannot stop using or doing something as a habit, especially something harmful
11. di_____t the data *v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
12. colorful g__y *n.* a small, often brightly colored fish that typically inhabits shallow coastal waters and streams
13. s__n fish *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly
14. re_____d forest *n.* a type of large evergreen tree native to North America that can grow up to 360 feet in height and have a reddish-colored bark and durable wood used for construction and furniture-making
15. blue al__e *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
16. noxious po_____nt *n.* a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil
17. high-ca_____r executive *n.* a level of excellence or worth of someone or something; diameter of a tube or gun barrel

ANSWERS: 9. chalk, 10. addict, 11. dissect, 12. goby, 13. stun, 14. redwood, 15. algae, 16. pollutant, 17. caliber

18. oc____c exploration *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the ocean or its inhabitants; having to do with the vast expanse of saltwater that covers most of the Earth's surface
19. cute cr____r *n.* a small or unimportant creature or animal, often used in a familiar or affectionate way
20. strategic fo____ht *n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come
21. police co____n *n.* a line or circle of police, soldiers, or other guards preventing access to or from an area; a barrier or blockade
22. asp____on into the lungs *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
23. hulking di____ur *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
24. le____an of the sea *n.* a monstrous sea creature or marine animal, often used as a metaphorical term for something big, overbearing, or powerful
25. the ca____r of a vein *n.* a level of excellence or worth of someone or something; diameter of a tube or gun barrel
26. a piece of ch__k *n.* a soft, white, porous sedimentary rock composed of calcium carbonate, often used for drawing or writing on surfaces such as blackboards

ANSWERS: 18. oceanic, 19. critter, 20. foresight, 21. cordon, 22. aspiration, 23. dinosaur, 24. leviathan, 25. caliber, 26. chalk

27. ma__a conservation *n.* a large, flat-bodied fish related to rays found in warm ocean waters around the world
28. serial qu____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
29. ma__a dive *n.* a large, flat-bodied fish related to rays found in warm ocean waters around the world
30. sma_____ne app developer *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
31. di____ur fossil *n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin
32. sexual pr____ors *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others
33. old-growth re____d *n.* a type of large evergreen tree native to North America that can grow up to 360 feet in height and have a reddish-colored bark and durable wood used for construction and furniture-making
34. me_____na extinction *n.* a term used to describe large animals that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, such as mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed tigers, and that are now extinct
35. er____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

ANSWERS: 27. manta, 28. quitter, 29. manta, 30. smartphone, 31. dinosaur, 32. predator, 33. redwood, 34. megafauna, 35. eradicate

36. automotive go____h *n.* a biblical figure and legendary giant warrior whom the young shepherd David defeated; a symbol of great strength or size
37. oc____c climate *adj.* relating to or characteristic of the ocean or its inhabitants; having to do with the vast expanse of saltwater that covers most of the Earth's surface
38. spiritual co_____on with nature *n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
39. un____ea earthquake *adj.* located or occurring beneath the surface of the sea
40. co____n tape *n.* a line or circle of police, soldiers, or other guards preventing access to or from an area; a barrier or blockade
41. pulmonary so__e *n.* a scientific instrument or device, often attached to a balloon or rocket, used to gather data or conduct measurements in the atmosphere or outer space, transmitting information back to ground-based receivers; (of medicine) a probe or catheter which is inserted into the body to take measurements, administer medications, or perform certain procedures
42. pe____c zone *adj.* relating to or inhabiting the open ocean, specifically referring to marine organisms that live or swim in the upper layers of the water column rather than close to the shore or sea floor

ANSWERS: 36. goliath, 37. oceanic, 38. communion, 39. undersea, 40. cordon, 41. sonde, 42. pelagic

43. student with dy____ia *n.* a neurological condition that affects a person's ability to read, write, and spell, often despite normal or above-average intelligence, effective teaching, and adequate motivation, which is characterized by difficulty in the phonological coding of written words, poor phonological awareness, and poor reading fluency and decoding skills
44. d__t here and there *n.* a small narrow pointed object, sometimes with feathers to help it fly, that is thrown or shot; (verb) to move along rapidly and lightly
45. me_____na fossils *n.* a term used to describe large animals that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, such as mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed tigers, and that are now extinct
46. sma_____ne addict *n.* a mobile phone that functions as a computer and connects to the Internet
47. a con_____on of guilt *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
48. temperature so__e *n.* a scientific instrument or device, often attached to a balloon or rocket, used to gather data or conduct measurements in the atmosphere or outer space, transmitting information back to ground-based receivers; (of medicine) a probe or catheter which is inserted into the body to take measurements, administer medications, or perform certain procedures

ANSWERS: 43. dyslexia, 44. dart, 45. megafauna, 46. smartphone, 47. confession, 48. sonde

49. mountain he___t *n.* a person who lives alone or in seclusion from society, typically for religious or spiritual reasons; a person who avoids social interactions or seeks solitude
50. go_____h bird-eating spider *n.* a biblical figure and legendary giant warrior whom the young shepherd David defeated; a symbol of great strength or size
51. a con_____on of faith *n.* a formal statement in which one admits that they have done something wrong or illegal
52. le__y guitarist *n.* a left-handed person; a person with left-leaning political views or tendencies; a baseball pitcher who throws with their left hand
53. un_____ea habitat *adj.* located or occurring beneath the surface of the sea
54. fo_____ht planning *n.* the ability to anticipate or predict future events or outcomes; the act of planning for the future with wisdom and prudence; an intuitive sense of what is to come
55. pro_____gy clinic *n.* the branch of medicine that focuses on the diagnosis and treatment of disorders and diseases of the rectum and anus
56. easy qu_____r *n.* a person who gives up easily or does not have the determination to finish what they have started
57. apex pr_____or *n.* an animal whose natural behavior is to prey on others

ANSWERS: 49. hermit, 50. goliath, 51. confession, 52. lefty, 53. undersea, 54. foresight, 55. proctology, 56. quitter, 57. predator

58. he___t lifestyle *n.* a person who lives alone or in seclusion from society, typically for religious or spiritual reasons; a person who avoids social interactions or seeks solitude
59. pe_____n to the case *v.* to be relevant or applicable to a particular subject or situation; to belong to or be connected with something
60. water po_____nt *n.* a substance or agent that pollutes or contaminates the environment, typically through release into the air, water, or soil
61. pe_____c species *adj.* relating to or inhabiting the open ocean, specifically referring to marine organisms that live or swim in the upper layers of the water column rather than close to the shore or sea floor
62. er_____te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
63. al__e biofuel *n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots
64. no asp_____on for fame *n.* a strong desire to achieve something; the action or process of drawing breath
65. chalk on a bla_____rd *n.* a large board made of a smooth, usually dark-colored slate attached to a wall used by teachers in schools for writing on with chalk
66. metallic sp___e *n.* a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

ANSWERS: 58. hermit, 59. pertain, 60. pollutant, 61. pelagic, 62. eradicate, 63. algae, 64. aspiration, 65. blackboard, 66. sponge

67. le__y batter *n.* a left-handed person; a person with left-leaning political views or tendencies; a baseball pitcher who throws with their left hand
68. diagnosis of dy____ia *n.* a neurological condition that affects a person's ability to read, write, and spell, often despite normal or above-average intelligence, effective teaching, and adequate motivation, which is characterized by difficulty in the phonological coding of written words, poor phonological awareness, and poor reading fluency and decoding skills
69. pl____on community *n.* tiny forms of plant and animal life that live in water or air on which other animals feed
70. pro____gy exam *n.* the branch of medicine that focuses on the diagnosis and treatment of disorders and diseases of the rectum and anus
71. di____t a personality *v.* to cut into pieces to study the structure of something in detail
72. financial le____an *n.* a monstrous sea creature or marine animal, often used as a metaphorical term for something big, overbearing, or powerful
73. s__n an audience *v.* to make a person or an animal unconscious or dizzy, especially by hitting them on the head; to make someone surprised or shocked greatly

ANSWERS: 67. lefty, 68. dyslexia, 69. plankton, 70. proctology, 71. dissect, 72. leviathan, 73. stun

74. sea sp___e

n. a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

ANSWERS: 74. sponge

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. Many prehistoric _____ such as mammoths and saber-toothed tigers, are now extinct.
 - n.* a term used to describe large animals that lived during the Pleistocene epoch, such as mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed tigers, and that are now extinct

2. We are trying to _____ this disease from the world.
 - v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad

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

6. _____ has jammed the inlet to the water turbine.
 - n.* A simple plant that grows in or near water and lacks typical leaves and roots

7. The prisoner made a full _____ and admitted to his crime.
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ANSWERS: 1. megafaunas, 2. eradicate, 3. dart, 4. oceanic, 5. predator's, 6. Algae, 7. confession

8. He has an _____ to become a doctor.
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15. Educators need to understand how _____ affects students' reading abilities.
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ANSWERS: 8. aspiration, 9. goliath, 10. pollutant, 11. goby, 12. smartphones, 13. stunned, 14. proctology, 15. dyslexia

16. The _____ environment is very different from the surface, with unique flora and fauna.

adj. located or occurring beneath the surface of the sea

17. He was labeled as a _____ after he abandoned the project halfway.

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n. a small or unimportant creature or animal, often used in a familiar or affectionate way

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ANSWERS: 16. undersea, 17. quitter, 18. addicts, 19. critter, 20. manta, 21. caliber, 22. sonde

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n. a soft material with many microscopic pores that can absorb a large amount of liquid and is used for washing and cleaning

ANSWERS: 23. pelagic, 24. redwood, 25. leviathan, 26. blackboard, 27. hermit-monk, 28. cordon, 29. sponge

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36. We use this tableware in a _____ service.
- n.* the act or condition of exchanging or sharing thoughts and feelings; (Christianity) the act of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist
37. The discovery of a new _____ species made headlines in the scientific community.
- n.* a large extinct reptile, often with an armored back, long neck, tail, and bony plates on the skin

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