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Session 1: Word List

snowcap

n. a covering of snow on the top of a mountain or hill

(1) the winter **snowcap**, (2) glacial **snowcap**

The **snowcap** on the mountain was visible from miles away.

alpine

adj. relating to or characteristic of high mountains, especially the Alps; of or relating to cold, snowy, or rugged terrain

synonym: mountain, highland, elevated

(1) **alpine** region, (2) **alpine** plant

We went on an exhilarating **alpine** adventure, climbing steep mountain slopes and glaciers.

expanse

n. a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas

synonym: stretch, field, spread

(1) vast **expanse**, (2) large **expanses**

She looked over the immense **expanse** of the sea.

grassland

n. a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock

synonym: meadow, plain, savanna

(1) endangered **grassland**, (2) vast **grassland**

Meadows and pastures are examples of smaller-scale

grasslands in many parts of the world.

foothill

n. a low hill at the base of a mountain or mountain range, typically found at the beginning of a slope or ascent and can have a significant impact on the local climate and ecology of an area

synonym : hillside, incline, slope

(1) **foothill** trail, (2) **foothill** region

The settlers built their homes in the **foothills** near the river.

horned

adj. having or bearing horns or hornlike projections; resembling the shape or appearance of a horn

synonym : antlered, antler-bearing, tusked

(1) **horned** animal, (2) **horned** beetle

The ram stood proudly with its large, curved, **horned** head.

rhinoceros

n. (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.

synonym : rhino, horned beast, pachyderm

(1) **rhinoceros** habitat, (2) white **rhinoceros**

The baby **rhinoceros** at the wildlife sanctuary was recently born and is very cute.

poacher

n. a person who catches and kills birds, animals, or fish illegally

(1) crackdown on **poachers**, (2) a suspected **poacher**

An old **poacher** makes the best keeper.

battalion

n. a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major

synonym : unit, regiment, squad

(1) infantry **battalion**, (2) armored **battalion**

The enemy forces were no match for the well-trained **battalion**.

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.

gunfight

n. a violent exchange of gunfire between two or more individuals or groups; often depicted in movies and media as part of the action or crime scenes

synonym: shootout, firefight, gunplay

(1) deadly **gunfight**, (2) intense **gunfight** exchange

The police were in a **gunfight** with the robbers attempting to rob the bank.

drone

n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

synonym: hum, whirr, idler

(1) **drone** flight, (2) the speaker's **drone**

He heard a **drone** of sirens roar from the neighboring town.

lowland

n. low-lying country or region

synonym: marshland

(1) **lowland** crop, (2) **lowland** swamp

Much of our territory is located in the **lowland**.

autopilot

n. a system that automatically controls the operation of an aircraft or spacecraft

synonym: self-pilot, self-driving, self-navigating

(1) **autopilot** function, (2) aircraft **autopilot**

The airplane was on **autopilot** during the long flight.

barometer

n. an instrument that measures atmospheric pressure and is used to predict changes in weather; a measure of the prevailing conditions or trends within a particular situation or environment

synonym: indicator, gauge, measure

(1) economic **barometer**, (2) air pressure **barometer**

The number of patients in the hospital is a useful **barometer**

of regional health trends.

altimeter

n. a device used to measure altitude, especially in aircraft, by sensing changes in atmospheric pressure

synonym: elevation gauge, height meter, altitude indicator

(1) digital **altimeter**, (2) **altimeter** calibration

The **altimeter** on the plane measures the altitude above sea level.

binocular

n. (often used in plural form) a device or instrument designed for use with both eyes simultaneously, enabling a viewer to see objects in a three-dimensional perspective and with greater depth perception; (adjective) relating to or involving both eyes, especially when viewing through a device such as a pair of binoculars; involving or requiring the use of both eyes

synonym: field glasses, opera glasses, spyglasses

(1) **binoculars** for birdwatching, (2) powerful **binoculars**

The stargazing enthusiasts used their high-powered **binoculars** to study the constellations in the night sky.

mow

v. to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops

synonym: cut, trim, clip

(1) **mow** the field, (2) **mow** a yard

My father likes to **mow** the lawn early on Saturday mornings.

rainforest

n. a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall

(1) **rainforest** destruction, (2) tropical **rainforest**

The destruction of the **rainforest** is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.

ape

n. a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons

synonym:

monkey, primate, simian

(1) jungle **ape**, (2) play the **ape**

The scientist studied the behavior of **apes** in the wild.

orangutan

n. a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits

(1) **orangutan** arm, (2) female **orangutan**

The researcher found new species of **orangutan** on the island.

treetop

n. the uppermost part of a tree, where the leaves or branches grow out from the trunk; the highest point of elevation within a forested area

synonym: canopy, crown

(1) **treetop** view, (2) climb **treetop**

The drone captured breathtaking footage of the forest **treetops** from above.

time-consuming

adj. requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete

synonym: lengthy, prolonged, protracted

(1) **time-consuming** project, (2) **time-consuming** process

Writing a research paper can be a **time-consuming** task.

excite

v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager

synonym: thrill, exhilarate, animate

(1) **excite** the crowd, (2) **excite** rebellion

The news of her promotion **excited** her.

oblivious

adj. not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful

synonym: forgetful, clueless, unaware

(1) **oblivious** of his promise, (2) **oblivious** to our response

She was so engrossed in her work that she was **oblivious** to her surroundings.

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.

plank

n. a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes

synonym : board, timber, beam

(1) oak **plank**, (2) **plank** exercise

He was ordered to walk the **plank** by the pirate captain.

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.

campfire

n. an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

synonym : bonfire, blaze, fire pit

(1) **campfire** story, (2) roast marshmallows around the **campfire**

We sat around the **campfire** and told stories late into the night.

cumbersome

adj. difficult to handle or use, especially because of being large, heavy, or not effective; not elegant or graceful in expression

synonym : clumsy, awkward, bulky

(1) **cumbersome** process, (2) a **cumbersome** suitcase

His **cumbersome** writing style made the reader confused.

rooftop

n. the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes

synonym: roof, terrace, deck

(1) **rooftop** live, (2) **rooftop** deck

They held the dinner party on the **rooftop** terrace, enjoying the beautiful view of the city.

triangulation

n. the process of determining the location or position of something, such as an object, place, or point, by measuring the angles or distances between multiple reference points or landmarks

synonym: measurement, surveying, trilateration

(1) **triangulation** method, (2) political **triangulation**

The archaeologists used GPS **triangulation** to accurately map the ancient ruins.

parachute

n. a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air

(1) **parachute** troops, (2) golden **parachute**

This training includes emergency escape drills with **parachutes**.

eavesdrop

v. to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission

synonym: listen in, spy, overhear

(1) **eavesdrop** conversation, (2) **eavesdrop** on a secret plot
I accidentally **eavesdropped** on a confidential meeting last week.

amphibian

n. a cold-blooded animal that can live both on land and in water

synonym: frog, toad, salamander

(1) **amphibian** species, (2) **amphibian** habitat

Scientists are concerned about the rapid decline in **amphibian** populations around the world.

wingspan

n. the distance between the tips of a bird's wings when fully extended and in flight; often used to describe the size or scope of something, particularly about physical objects or structures

synonym: reach, spread, extent

(1) bird **wingspan**, (2) airplane **wingspan**

The bald eagle has an impressive **wingspan** of over 7 feet.

centimeter

n. a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter

(1) **centimeter** measurement, (2) thirty **centimeters** tall

The room was only one **centimeter** wider than the piano, making it a tight fit.

skeptic

n. a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural

synonym: doubter, disbeliever, questioner

(1) an ingrained **skeptic**, (2) climate **skeptic**

He was a **skeptic** who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.

Session 2: Spelling

1. armored ba_____on
n. a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
2. e__t air pollution
v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
3. ea_____op conversation
v. to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission
4. e__t a gamma ray
v. to give off or send out something such as light, heat, sound, gas, etc.
5. am_____an species
n. a cold-blooded animal that can live both on land and in water
6. play the a_e
n. a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
7. a suspected po_____r
n. a person who catches and kills birds, animals, or fish illegally
8. pl__k exercise
n. a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes
9. am_____an habitat
n. a cold-blooded animal that can live both on land and in water
10. dr__e flight
n. a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control

ANSWERS: 1. battalion, 2. emit, 3. eavesdrop, 4. emit, 5. amphibian, 6. ape, 7. poacher, 8. plank, 9. amphibian, 10. drone

11. ex___e the crowd *v.* to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
12. bird wi_____an *n.* the distance between the tips of a bird's wings when fully extended and in flight; often used to describe the size or scope of something, particularly about physical objects or structures
13. ea_____op on a secret plot *v.* to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission
14. crackdown on po_____rs *n.* a person who catches and kills birds, animals, or fish illegally
15. vast ex_____e *n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
16. housing per he_____e *n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
17. white rhi_____os *n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.
18. tropical rai_____st *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
19. au_____ot function *n.* a system that automatically controls the operation of an aircraft or spacecraft
20. endangered gr_____nd *n.* a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock
21. ob_____us of his promise *adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful

ANSWERS: 11. excite, 12. wingspan, 13. eavesdrop, 14. poacher, 15. expanse, 16. hectare, 17. rhinoceros, 18. rainforest, 19. autopilot, 20. grassland, 21. oblivious

22. ho___d beetle *adj.* having or bearing horns or hornlike projections; resembling the shape or appearance of a horn
23. roast marshmallows around the ca____re *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire
24. or_____an arm *n.* a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits
25. oak pl__k *n.* a long, flat piece of wood or other material that is used for construction or as a platform; an exercise in which a person holds their body in a straight line supported by their hands and toes
26. large ex____es *n.* a substance, such as water or oil, that flows freely and is neither a solid nor a gas
27. ob_____us to our response *adj.* not aware of something, especially what is happening around you; forgetful
28. infantry ba_____on *n.* a large, organized military unit composed of several companies, typically commanded by a lieutenant colonel or a major
29. intense gu____ht exchange *n.* a violent exchange of gunfire between two or more individuals or groups; often depicted in movies and media as part of the action or crime scenes
30. lo____d swamp *n.* low-lying country or region

ANSWERS: 22. horned, 23. campfire, 24. orangutan, 25. plank, 26. expanse, 27. oblivious, 28. battalion, 29. gunfight, 30. lowland

31. cum_____me process *adj.* difficult to handle or use, especially because of being large, heavy, or not effective; not elegant or graceful in expression
32. air pressure ba_____er *n.* an instrument that measures atmospheric pressure and is used to predict changes in weather; a measure of the prevailing conditions or trends within a particular situation or environment
33. jungle a_e *n.* a large animal with long arms, no tail, and usually a lot of body hair, including gorillas, chimpanzees, orangutans, and gibbons
34. the speaker's dr__e *n.* a low continuous humming noise; someone who takes more time than necessary; a pilot-less aerial vehicle that is operated by remote control
35. digital al_____er *n.* a device used to measure altitude, especially in aircraft, by sensing changes in atmospheric pressure
36. glacial sn_____p *n.* a covering of snow on the top of a mountain or hill
37. tri_____ion method *n.* the process of determining the location or position of something, such as an object, place, or point, by measuring the angles or distances between multiple reference points or landmarks
38. al_____er calibration *n.* a device used to measure altitude, especially in aircraft, by sensing changes in atmospheric pressure

ANSWERS: 31. cumbersome, 32. barometer, 33. ape, 34. drone, 35. altimeter, 36. snowcap, 37. triangulation, 38. altimeter

39. an ingrained sk____c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
40. ho____d animal *adj.* having or bearing horns or hornlike projections; resembling the shape or appearance of a horn
41. climb tr____p *n.* the uppermost part of a tree, where the leaves or branches grow out from the trunk; the highest point of elevation within a forested area
42. deadly gu____ht *n.* a violent exchange of gunfire between two or more individuals or groups; often depicted in movies and media as part of the action or crime scenes
43. al____e region *adj.* relating to or characteristic of high mountains, especially the Alps; of or relating to cold, snowy, or rugged terrain
44. de____st a mountain *v.* to clear an area of forest or trees
45. tr____p view *n.* the uppermost part of a tree, where the leaves or branches grow out from the trunk; the highest point of elevation within a forested area
46. the winter sn____p *n.* a covering of snow on the top of a mountain or hill
47. pa____te troops *n.* a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air

ANSWERS: 39. skeptic, 40. horned, 41. treetop, 42. gunfight, 43. alpine, 44. deforest, 45. treetop, 46. snowcap, 47. parachute

48. vast gr_____nd *n.* a large area of land covered mainly by grass, with few or no trees, and typically used for grazing livestock
49. ro_____p live *n.* the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes
50. m_w the field *v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
51. economic ba_____er *n.* an instrument that measures atmospheric pressure and is used to predict changes in weather; a measure of the prevailing conditions or trends within a particular situation or environment
52. thirty cen_____ers tall *n.* a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
53. lo_____d crop *n.* low-lying country or region
54. m_w a yard *v.* to cut down and trim grass or other vegetation, usually with a machine such as a lawnmower; to cut down or harvest crops
55. he_____e land *n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
56. ca_____re story *n.* an outdoor fire used for cooking, warmth, or light, often made by camping or in rural areas; a gathering or social event around such a fire

ANSWERS: 48. grassland, 49. rooftop, 50. mow, 51. barometer, 52. centimeter, 53. lowland, 54. mow, 55. hectare, 56. campfire

57. de____st millions of acres *v.* to clear an area of forest or trees
58. female or_____an *n.* a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits
59. rai_____st destruction *n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
60. climate sk_____c *n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
61. aircraft au_____ot *n.* a system that automatically controls the operation of an aircraft or spacecraft
62. a cum_____me suitcase *adj.* difficult to handle or use, especially because of being large, heavy, or not effective; not elegant or graceful in expression
63. al___e plant *adj.* relating to or characteristic of high mountains, especially the Alps; of or relating to cold, snowy, or rugged terrain
64. fo_____ll region *n.* a low hill at the base of a mountain or mountain range, typically found at the beginning of a slope or ascent and can have a significant impact on the local climate and ecology of an area
65. bi_____ars for birdwatching *n.* (often used in plural form) a device or instrument designed for use with both eyes simultaneously, enabling a viewer to see objects in a three-dimensional perspective and with greater depth perception; (adjective) relating to or involving both eyes, especially when viewing through a device such as a pair of binoculars; involving or requiring the use of both eyes

ANSWERS: 57. deforest, 58. orangutan, 59. rainforest, 60. skeptic, 61. autopilot, 62.

cumbersome, 63. alpine, 64. foothill, 65. binocular

66. fo_____ll trail
n. a low hill at the base of a mountain or mountain range, typically found at the beginning of a slope or ascent and can have a significant impact on the local climate and ecology of an area
67. tim_____ing process
adj. requiring a significant amount of time or effort to complete
68. ex___e rebellion
v. to make someone feel suddenly enthusiastic or eager
69. golden pa_____te
n. a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air
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n. a unit of measurement of length in the metric system, equivalent to one-hundredth of a meter
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ANSWERS: 66. foothill, 67. time-consuming, 68. excite, 69. parachute, 70. centimeter, 71. time-consuming, 72. wingspan, 73. rooftop, 74. binocular

75. political tri_____ion *n.* the process of determining the location or position of something, such as an object, place, or point, by measuring the angles or distances between multiple reference points or landmarks
76. rhi_____os habitat *n.* (also rhino) a large, thick-skinned mammal with one or two horns on the nose, typically found in Africa and Asia.

ANSWERS: 75. triangulation, 76. rhinoceros

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The archaeologists used GPS _____ to accurately map the ancient ruins.
 - n.* the process of determining the location or position of something, such as an object, place, or point, by measuring the angles or distances between multiple reference points or landmarks

2. We went on an exhilarating _____ adventure, climbing steep mountain slopes and glaciers.
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3. The ram stood proudly with its large, curved, _____ head.
 - adj.* having or bearing horns or hornlike projections; resembling the shape or appearance of a horn

4. Scientists are concerned about the rapid decline in _____ populations around the world.
 - n.* a cold-blooded animal that can live both on land and in water

5. The bald eagle has an impressive _____ of over 7 feet.
 - n.* the distance between the tips of a bird's wings when fully extended and in flight; often used to describe the size or scope of something, particularly about physical objects or structures

6. He heard a _____ of sirens roar from the neighboring town.
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ANSWERS: 1. triangulation, 2. alpine, 3. horned, 4. amphibian, 5. wingspan, 6. drone

7. The number of patients in the hospital is a useful _____ of regional health trends.
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- v.* to listen to someone else's conversation without their knowledge or permission
10. During the unloading, the container box _____ a clicking sound.
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11. He was a _____ who doubted the existence of supernatural phenomena.
- n.* a person who doubts or questions the truth of specific claims, beliefs, or doctrines, especially those in religion or the supernatural
12. The settlers built their homes in the _____ near the river.
- n.* a low hill at the base of a mountain or mountain range, typically found at the beginning of a slope or ascent and can have a significant impact on the local climate and ecology of an area
13. The farm spans over 100 _____ of land.
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ANSWERS: 7. barometer, 8. treetops, 9. eavesdropped, 10. emits, 11. skeptic, 12. foothills, 13. hectares, 14. snowcap

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16. He was ordered to walk the _____ by the pirate captain.

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20. They held the dinner party on the _____ terrace, enjoying the beautiful view of the city.

n. the upper surface or cover of a building's roof, often used for recreational or other purposes

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ANSWERS: 15. cumbersome, 16. plank, 17. battalion, 18. apes, 19. mow, 20. rooftop, 21. gunfight

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- n.* a device used to slow the motion of people or objects through an atmosphere consisting of a large piece of thin cloth that is attached to them and opens out in the air
33. The airplane was on _____ during the long flight.
- n.* a system that automatically controls the operation of an aircraft or spacecraft
34. The destruction of the _____ is a ticking time bomb for the Earth.
- n.* a forest rich in biodiversity that is generally found in tropical settings with heavy annual rainfall
35. The stargazing enthusiasts used their high-powered _____ to study the constellations in the night sky.
- n.* (often used in plural form) a device or instrument designed for use with both eyes simultaneously, enabling a viewer to see objects in a three-dimensional perspective and with greater depth perception; (adjective) relating to or involving both eyes, especially when viewing through a device such as a pair of binoculars; involving or requiring the use of both eyes
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- n.* a large long-armed ape with red-brown hair that lives in Borneo and Sumatra and has arboreal habits

ANSWERS: 30. grasslands, 31. campfire, 32. parachutes, 33. autopilot, 34. rainforest, 35. binoculars, 36. orangutan

37. The _____ on the plane measures the altitude above sea level.

- n.* a device used to measure altitude, especially in aircraft, by sensing changes in atmospheric pressure

38. Much of our territory is located in the _____.

- n.* low-lying country or region

ANSWERS: 37. altimeter, 38. lowland