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Session 1: Word List

photograph

 a picture or image that is produced by a camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film

synonym: photo, picture, snapshot

photograph album, (2) photograph memories
 I found an old photograph of my grandparents from their wedding day.

whop

v. to strike forcefully; to beat or batter

synonym: hit, smack, bash

(1) **whop** my opponent, (2) **whop** the intruding spider He gave the punching bag a hard **whop** with his fists.

dawn

n. the time of day when the sun's light starts to show in the sky

synonym: daybreak, sunrise, advent

the wan light of dawn,
 crack of dawn
 dawn
 missile assaults on the capital continued around dawn

capture

v. to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape

synonym: catch, arrest, imprison

(1) capture a glimpse, (2) capture customers' hearts

I was able to **capture** the moment on film.

fishery

 an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish

synonym: fishing, piscary, angling

(1) **fishery** management, (2) commercial **fishery**

The majority of the people on the island are **fishery** folk.

invention

 the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing

synonym: creation, design, innovation

(1) the **invention** of new techniques, (2) common **invention** Necessity is the mother of **invention**.

trophy

 an object or prize, such as a cup or plaque, awarded to the winner of a competition or contest

synonym: prize, award, accolade

(1) trophy case, (2) trophy room

The soccer team won the **trophy** after a hard-fought competition.

ancient

adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old

synonym: archaic, age-old, obsolete

(1) pre-Christian ancient, (2) ancient stories

They have been living near water since **ancient** times.

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of something

synonym: root, source, ancestor

(1) origin of information, (2) racial origin

There are various hypotheses concerning the **origin** of life.

modern

adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times synonym: contemporary, stylish, current

(1) modern poetry, (2) pre-modern agricultural society

Their headquarters are in a **modern** skyscraper.

impressive

adj. arousing admiration due to size, quality, or skill synonym: impactful, remarkable, exceptional

(1) **impressive** performances, (2) an **impressive** array of facts

The budget reduction was an **impressive** feat for our nation.

adventure

a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous

synonym: experience, happening, incident

(1) gastronomic **adventures**, (2) **adventure** film He sailed the Atlantic Ocean multiple times during his **adventures**.

revered

 highly respected or admired, often because of moral or spiritual qualities

synonym: respected, admired, honored

(1) **revered** figure, (2) the most **revered** President The **revered** teacher was loved by her students.

rub

v. to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

synonym: scrub, massage, stroke

(1) rub shoulders, (2) rub a glass windowShe rubbed the sore spot on her leg to ease the pain.

release

- v. to set free or allow to escape from confinement synonym: free, let go, discharge
- (1) **release** a prisoner, (2) **release** CO2 into the air The animal rights group worked to **release** the dolphins back into the wild.

toxic

adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous synonym: poisonous, harmful, contaminated

(1) **toxic** molecule, (2) exposure to **toxic** chemicals

This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more toxic.

embellishment

n. the action, process, or result of adding decorative or additional features or details to something to enhance its aesthetic appeal; an accessory or ornament used to decorate or beautify something

synonym: decoration, ornamentation, adornment

(1) the **embellishment** of the truth, (2) artistic **embellishment**

The dress was beautiful on its own, without additional **embellishment**.

nobleman

n. a man of high rank or status

synonym: aristocrat, noble, gentleman

(1) nobleman title, (2) a Bohemian nobleman

The young **nobleman** lived in a grand palace with high social status.

lord

a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office

synonym: master, noble, peer

(1) a young lord, (2) lord of castle

The feudal **lord** had ruled the land for many years.

avid

adj. characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity

synonym: enthusiastic, eager, fervent

(1) avid baseball fan, (2) have avid eyes

She was an **avid** reader and spent hours every day lost in a book.

preserve

v. to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed

synonym: conserve, care for, maintain

(1) **preserve** my strength, (2) **preserve** a country's heritage They worked hard to **preserve** the nature of their native

lands.

commit

- v. to do something illegal or wrong
- synonym: engage, carry out, execute
- (1) commit suicide, (2) commit mistakes

The military has **committed** an abuse of human rights.

hire

- v. to give somebody a job
- synonym: employ, engage, lease
- (1) hire a guide, (2) hire a car by the hour

We should always be prepared to hire talented recruits.

palace

- n. the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
- synonym: mansion, manor, castle
- (1) a palace garden, (2) ancestral palace

The imperial **palace** is currently undergoing reforms.

fade

- v. to vanish; to fade away; to lose color; to lose freshness synonym: languish, wither
- (1) fade away almost completely, (2) fade in importance

My memory will fade, but my heart will live on.

hollow

- adj. having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface
- synonym: cavity, depression, concavity
- (1) have **hollow** legs, (2) **hollow** sound

The tree had a **hollow** trunk, which made it easy for animals to take shelter inside.

fin

- a thin flat part on the body of a fish or other aquatic animal used for propulsion or balance
- *synonym*: flipper, appendage, stabilizer
- (1) back fin, (2) a fin of a plane

The shark's powerful **fins** allowed it to swim at high speeds.

indirect

adj. happening in addition to the main or intended aim, cause or result, often in a way that is not obvious; not following the shortest or straight way

synonym: unintended, ambiguous, ancillary

(1) indirect taxation, (2) indirect lighting

He expressed his dissatisfaction in an **indirect** way.

moist

 adj. slightly wet, a state characterized by the presence of moisture or dampness

synonym: damp, humid, wet

(1) moist soil, (2) moist climate

My hands felt **moist** and sweaty during the exam.

fabric

 cloth or other material produced by weaving wool, cotton, silk, etc., used for making clothes, covering furniture, etc.

synonym: cloth, material, goods

(1) a hand-loomed fabric, (2) fabric of creation

These synthetic **fabrics** are used in military vests because of their excellent abrasion resistance.

cotton

- a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
- (1) cotton cloth, (2) culture of cotton

The price of raw **cotton** continued to rise.

silk

 a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

synonym: satin, taffeta, velvet

(1) silk road, (2) silk fabric

She wore a silk dress to the party.

gentle

adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild

synonym: mild, delicate, soft

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(1) in a **gentle** voice, (2) **gentle** downward slope Her **gentle** manner relaxed everyone there.

alike

adv. similar or identical in nature or appearance synonym: similar, identical, comparable

(1) young and old **alike**, (2) **alike** in nature

The two paintings looked **alike** as if the same artist had done

them.

rev

 a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute

synonym: revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- rev engine, (2) rev up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

dramatic

adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement

synonym: striking, theatrical, breathtaking

(1) make **dramatic** changes, (2) a **dramatic** rescue at sea The statement had a **dramatic** impact on house prices.

chop

v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife

synonym: cut, hack, slice

(1) **chop** wood, (2) **chop** a meet with a knife The cook **chopped** the vegetables for the soup.

Session 2: Spelling

1. ad____re film

2. ge___e downward slope

3. commercial fi____y

4. racial or n

5. a hand-loomed fa___c

6. ho___w sound

7. fa c of creation

8. c__p wood

9. co t mistakes

10. a pa___e garden

11. s k fabric

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- adj. having or showing a kindly or tender nature; soft and mild
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- n. the first existence or beginning of something
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- adj. having a hole, empty space inside, or indentation on the surface
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- v. to cut something into pieces with a sharp tool, such as a knife
- v. to do something illegal or wrong
- n. the residence of a high-ranking official such as a king, queen, etc.
- a fine, strong, soft, lustrous fiber produced by silkworms in making cocoons and collected to make thread and fabric

ANSWERS: 1. adventure, 2. gentle, 3. fishery, 4. origin, 5. fabric, 6. hollow, 7. fabric, 8. chop, 9. commit, 10. palace, 11. silk

12.	culture of con	n.	a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
13.	try case	n.	an object or prize, such as a cup or plaque, awarded to the winner of a competition or contest
14.	the inon of new techniques	n.	the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
15.	try room	n.	an object or prize, such as a cup or plaque, awarded to the winner of a competition or contest
16.	exposure to toc chemicals	adj.	of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
17.	inct taxation	adj.	happening in addition to the main or intended aim, cause or result, often in a way that is not obvious; not following the shortest or straight way
18.	common inon	n.	the creation of a new device or process resulting from study and experimentation; the act of inventing
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20.	mon poetry	adj.	of or belonging to the present time or recent times
21.	gastronomic adres	n.	a journey or a series of events that is unusual, exciting, or dangerous
22.	r_b shoulders	<i>v</i> .	to move one's hand or an object over the surface of something with pressure

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ANSWERS: 12. cotton, 13. trophy, 14. invention, 15. trophy, 16. toxic, 17. indirect, 18. invention, 19. release, 20. modern, 21. adventure, 22. rub

23. a dr ic rescue at sea adj. very sudden, very excellent, or full of action and excitement 24. an t stories adj. relating to the long ago, particularly the historical period preceding the fall of the Western Roman Empire; very old 25. pho____ph album a picture or image that is produced by a n. camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film the time of day when the sun's light 26. the wan light of d n n. starts to show in the sky 27. pre-mo___n agricultural society adj. of or belonging to the present time or recent times 28. pho ph memories a picture or image that is produced by a n. camera; a visual representation or record of a person, object, or scene that has been captured electronically or on film 29. w__p my opponent to strike forcefully; to beat or batter ν. 30. to c molecule adj. of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous 31. a young l d a person who has general authority, control, or power over others; a man of noble rank or high office 32. fi___y management an area of water where fish are caught in large quantities for living; a business or practice of catching and selling fish adj. characterized by enthusiasm and 33. a d baseball fan vigorous pursuit, especially of an interest or activity

ANSWERS: 23. dramatic, 24. ancient, 25. photograph, 26. dawn, 27. modern, 28. photograph, 29. whop, 30. toxic, 31. lord, 32. fishery, 33. avid

- 34. crack of d n
 - 35. artistic emb____ent

- 36. low-r_v engine
- 37. pr____ve a country's heritage
- 38. f__e in importance
- 39. co t suicide
- 40. w p the intruding spider
- 41. mo t climate
- 42. in___ct lighting
- 43. re___d figure

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- to do something illegal or wrong ν.
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- highly respected or admired, often ν. because of moral or spiritual qualities

ANSWERS: 34. dawn, 35. embellishment, 36. rev, 37. preserve, 38. fade, 39. commit, 40. whop, 41. moist, 42. indirect, 43. revered

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ANSWERS: 44. alike, 45. moist, 46. nobleman, 47. capture, 48. impressive, 49. alike, 50. nobleman, 51. gentle, 52. rev, 53. impressive, 54. fade, 55. capture, 56. hollow

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ANSWERS: 57. revered, 58. silk, 59. hire, 60. hire, 61. dramatic, 62. fin, 63. origin, 64. chop, 65. release, 66. palace, 67. ancient, 68. lord, 69. avid

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ANSWERS: 70. rub, 71. fin, 72. preserve, 73. cotton, 74. embellishment

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1.	The soccer team won the after a hard-fought competition.
n.	an object or prize, such as a cup or plaque, awarded to the winner of a competition or contest
2.	They worked hard to the nature of their native lands.
<i>v</i> .	to keep or maintain a particular quality, feature, etc., especially to prevent it from decaying, being damaged, or being destroyed
3.	The price of raw continued to rise.
n.	a plant that is grown in warm countries and bears bolls containing seeds with soft and long hairs that are made into textile fiber and thread for sewing
4.	This chemical compound is a thousand-fold more
adj	of or relating to or caused by a poison; poisonous
5. v.	The animal rights group worked to the dolphins back into the wild. to set free or allow to escape from confinement
6.	I was able to the moment on film.
<i>v</i> .	to catch a person or an animal and confine them in an area which they cannot escape
7.	The two paintings looked as if the same artist had done them.
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8.	The statement had a impact on house prices.
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ANSWERS: 9. hire, 10. origin, 11. indirect, 12. moist, 13. avid, 14. fishery, 15. rubbed, 16. hollow, 17. lord

ANSWERS: 26. adventures, 27. fade, 28. chopped, 29. silk, 30. fins, 31. modern, 32. photograph, 33. dawn, 34. ancient

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ANSWERS: 35. fabrics, 36. committed, 37. nobleman