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Session 1: Word List

charismatic

adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others

synonym: mesmerizing, alluring, captivating

(1) **charismatic** chairman, (2) **charismatic** personality

He was a **charismatic** leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.

grind

v. to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time

synonym: mill, crush, grate

(1) **grind** away at my work, (2) **grind** your teeth

She had to **grind** the coffee beans before making a fresh cup.

oversea

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

synonym: foreign, abroad, international

(1) **oversea** shipments, (2) for **oversea** use

The company enhanced **oversea** operations to tap into new markets.

aboriginal

adj. relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous

synonym : native, indigenous, autochthonous

(1) **aboriginal** art, (2) **aboriginal** land

Many **aboriginal** cultures have deep spiritual connections to the land and its natural resources.

illiterate

adj. unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing

synonym : unlettered, uneducated, unschooled

(1) **illiterate** population, (2) computer- **illiterate**

Despite attending school, he remained **illiterate** and unable to read or write.

offend

v. to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed

synonym : insult, hurt, anger

(1) **offend** his sensibilities, (2) **offend** a customer

His rude comments **offended** many people at the party.

naught

n. a numerical value representing zero or no quantity; nothingness

synonym : zero, nil, nothing

(1) **naught** percent, (2) **naught** to fear

The company's profits were reduced to **naught** due to unexpected expenses.

antidote

n. a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease

synonym : remedy, treatment, restorative

(1) the **antidote** to the poison, (2) the **antidote** for aging

Knowledge is the **antidote** to fear.

remnant

n. a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something

synonym : remainder, leftover, residue

(1) **remnant** of the past, (2) **remnants** of fabric
The only **remnant** left of the ancient civilization was the crumbling ruins of their temples.

dialysis

n. a medical treatment that removes waste and excess fluids from the blood of a patient with kidney failure

(1) **dialysis** nurse, (2) **dialysis** machine

Regular **dialysis** treatments are necessary for those with kidney failure.

improvisation

n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation

synonym: spontaneity, ad-lib, extemporization

(1) **improvisation** on stage, (2) jazz **improvisation**

He created a beautiful piece of music using only **improvisation**.

strait

n. a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas

synonym: narrows, channel, passage

(1) **strait** passage, (2) **strait** channel

The ship navigated through the **strait** with great care.

trachoma

n. an infectious eye disease caused by bacteria, characterized by inflammation, irritation, and scarring of the eye tissues and, if left untreated, can lead to blindness

(1) **trachoma** infection, (2) **trachoma** prevention

The World Health Organization has launched a global campaign to eliminate **trachoma** by 2020.

scour

v. to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically

synonym: cleanse, scrub, clean

(1) **scour** a pot, (2) **scour** the Internet

She had to **scour** the kitchen to find a clean dish to use for

dinner.

mound

n. a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap

synonym : hill, knoll, rise

(1) **mound** of dirt, (2) burial **mound**

The team discovered a hidden **mound** in the desert.

determinant

n. a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

synonym : cause, factor, element

(1) environmental **determinant**, (2) a **determinant** of crop yields

One **determinant** of success is having a positive attitude and a strong work ethic.

dung

n. solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement

synonym : excrement, droppings, manure

(1) ball of **dung**, (2) **dung** the land

You can see the horse **dung** on the country road.

beetle

n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings

(1) **beetle** brows, (2) a **beetle** larva

In ancient civilizations, the scarab **beetle** was worshiped as a sacred creature.

choke

v. to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something

synonym : strangle, suffocate, clog

(1) **choke** with anger, (2) **choke** off the blood supply

The baby started to **choke** on a piece of apple.

enclose

v. to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include

synonym : surround, encase, contain

(1) **enclose** a check with a letter, (2) **enclose** area

The walls were **enclosed** to create a private outdoor space.

biogas

n. a type of gas that is produced from organic matter such as crops, animal waste, or sewage, often used as a source of energy or fuel

(1) **biogas** plant, (2) **biogas** digester

The **biogas** produced from organic waste was used to generate electricity.

methane

n. a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel

(1) atmospheric **methane**, (2) reduce **methane** emissions

The ignition of **methane** gas in the plant killed five employees.

stab

v. to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife

synonym : poke, thrust, jab

(1) **stab** at the enemy with a knife, (2) **stab** in the chest

He was **stabbed** many times with scissors.

pretension

n. the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

synonym : presumption, pretense, affectation

(1) **pretension** to authority, (2) baseless **pretension**

His **pretensions** of being a gourmet were quickly exposed when he could not identify basic herbs and spices.

treble

n. the highest vocal or instrumental register, typically performed by a woman or child; a high-pitched sound or tone; three times as much of something or threefold

synonym : soprano, triple, triad

(1) **treble** clef, (2) **treble** booster

The soprano singer hit a piercing **treble** note during the performance.

apartheid

n. a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors

synonym: segregation, discrimination, oppression

(1) **apartheid** system, (2) **apartheid** policies

The South African government enforced **apartheid** laws that segregated people based on race.

human-made

adj. created or produced by humans; artificial

synonym: artificial, unnatural, manufactured

(1) **human-made** climate change, (2) the worst **human-made** disaster

The bridge is a **human-made** structure and was built to span the river.

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

1. st___t channel *n.* a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas
2. abo_____al land *adj.* relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous
3. en_____e a check with a letter *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
4. na___t to fear *n.* a numerical value representing zero or no quantity; nothingness
5. er_____te the deficit *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
6. imp_____ion on stage *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
7. for ov_____a use *adj.* situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
8. mo__d of dirt *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
9. tr___e clef *n.* the highest vocal or instrumental register, typically performed by a woman or child; a high-pitched sound or tone; three times as much of something or threefold

ANSWERS: 1. strait, 2. aboriginal, 3. enclose, 4. naught, 5. eradicate, 6. improvisation, 7. oversea, 8. mound, 9. treble

10. be___e brows *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
11. st___t passage *n.* a narrow stretch of water or sea connecting two larger bodies of water or seas
12. gr__d away at my work *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
13. ill_____te population *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
14. di_____is machine *n.* a medical treatment that removes waste and excess fluids from the blood of a patient with kidney failure
15. ball of d__g *n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement
16. a det_____nt of crop yields *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
17. ap_____id system *n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
18. abo_____al art *adj.* relating to the people, culture, or history of the original inhabitants of a particular region, especially before the arrival of colonizers or settlers; indigenous

ANSWERS: 10. beetle, 11. strait, 12. grind, 13. illiterate, 14. dialysis, 15. dung, 16. determinant, 17. apartheid, 18. aboriginal

19. ch__e off the blood supply *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
20. hum_____de climate change *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
21. cha_____ic personality *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
22. the an_____te for aging *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
23. burial mo__d *n.* a raised area of ground or dirt, often used for burial, construction, or as a fortification; a large, rounded pile or heap
24. s__b at the enemy with a knife *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
25. computer-ill_____te *adj.* unable to read or write; lacking basic education and knowledge in reading and writing
26. reduce me_____e emissions *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
27. d__g the land *n.* solid waste from animals, especially from large animals such as cattle and horses; (verb) to fertilize or dress with animals' excrement
28. pre_____on to authority *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition

ANSWERS: 19. choke, 20. human-made, 21. charismatic, 22. antidote, 23. mound, 24. stab, 25. illiterate, 26. methane, 27. dung, 28. pretension

29. cha_____ic chairman *adj.* having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
30. na___t percent *n.* a numerical value representing zero or no quantity; nothingness
31. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result
32. bi___s digester *n.* a type of gas that is produced from organic matter such as crops, animal waste, or sewage, often used as a source of energy or fuel
33. di_____is nurse *n.* a medical treatment that removes waste and excess fluids from the blood of a patient with kidney failure
34. er_____te racial discrimination *v.* to get rid of or destroy something completely, especially something bad
35. the worst hum_____de disaster *adj.* created or produced by humans; artificial
36. tr_____ma prevention *n.* an infectious eye disease caused by bacteria, characterized by inflammation, irritation, and scarring of the eye tissues and, if left untreated, can lead to blindness
37. jazz imp_____ion *n.* the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
38. a be___e larva *n.* an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings

ANSWERS: 29. charismatic, 30. naught, 31. determinant, 32. biogas, 33. dialysis, 34. eradicate, 35. human-made, 36. trachoma, 37. improvisation, 38. beetle

39. baseless pre_____on *n.* the act of claiming or asserting something, especially without good reason or without evidence; an unfounded or excessive claim or ambition
40. sc__r a pot *v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
41. sc__r the Internet *v.* to clean thoroughly and vigorously by scrubbing or rubbing; to search or examine something thoroughly and systematically
42. ap_____id policies *n.* a system of racial segregation and discrimination that was enforced in South Africa from 1948 to 1994; any similar system of discrimination or segregation based on race, ethnicity, or other factors
43. the an_____te to the poison *n.* a chemical substance or remedy that stops or controls the effects of a poison or disease
44. of___d a customer *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
45. of___d his sensibilities *v.* to cause someone to feel upset, angry, or annoyed
46. en_____e area *v.* to surround, as with a fence, wall, or barrier; to put within boundaries; to include
47. re_____ts of fabric *n.* a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something

ANSWERS: 39. pretension, 40. scour, 41. scour, 42. apartheid, 43. antidote, 44. offend, 45. offend, 46. enclose, 47. remnant

48. gr__d your teeth *v.* to reduce something to small particles or powder by crushing or rubbing it; to work hard over a long period of time
49. s__b in the chest *v.* to cause harm with a sharp, pointed object, such as a knife
50. tr____ma infection *n.* an infectious eye disease caused by bacteria, characterized by inflammation, irritation, and scarring of the eye tissues and, if left untreated, can lead to blindness
51. tr___e booster *n.* the highest vocal or instrumental register, typically performed by a woman or child; a high-pitched sound or tone; three times as much of something or threefold
52. atmospheric me____e *n.* a chemical compound with the chemical formula CH₄ with no smell or color, often used as a fuel
53. re____t of the past *n.* a small remaining quantity of something, considered separately from what has been lost or destroyed; a surviving piece or fragment of something
54. ch__e with anger *v.* to prevent or obstruct the normal breathing or swallowing of someone or something
55. bi___s plant *n.* a type of gas that is produced from organic matter such as crops, animal waste, or sewage, often used as a source of energy or fuel

ANSWERS: 48. grind, 49. stab, 50. trachoma, 51. treble, 52. methane, 53. remnant, 54. choke, 55. biogas

56. ov_____a shipments

adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries

ANSWERS: 56. oversea

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. He was a _____ leader and could persuade others to follow his ideas.
adj. having a strong and magnetic personality that attracts and influences others
2. The company enhanced _____ operations to tap into new markets.
adj. situated or operating beyond national boundaries; in, from, or to foreign countries
3. The World Health Organization has launched a global campaign to eliminate _____ by 2020.
n. an infectious eye disease caused by bacteria, characterized by inflammation, irritation, and scarring of the eye tissues and, if left untreated, can lead to blindness
4. In ancient civilizations, the scarab _____ was worshiped as a sacred creature.
n. an insect having a hard shell-like back covering its wings
5. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
n. the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation
6. The ignition of _____ gas in the plant killed five employees.
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ANSWERS: 1. charismatic, 2. oversea, 3. trachoma, 4. beetle, 5. improvisation, 6. methane, 7. determinant

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ANSWERS: 8. remnant, 9. pretensions, 10. scour, 11. stabbed, 12. treble, 13. illiterate, 14. strait, 15. human-made

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21. You can see the horse _____ on the country road.

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23. Knowledge is the _____ to fear.

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ANSWERS: 16. choke, 17. dialysis, 18. offended, 19. naught, 20. aboriginal, 21. dung, 22. enclosed, 23. antidote

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25. The _____ produced from organic waste was used to generate electricity.
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ANSWERS: 24. eradicate, 25. biogas, 26. grind, 27. mound, 28. apartheid