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Session 1: Word List

urbanization

n. the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture

synonym : urban development, urban growth, urban expansion

(1) **urbanization** process, (2) non- **urbanization** area

Rapid **urbanization** has led to many environmental and social issues in cities.

counterintuitive

adj. contrary to what common sense would suggest

synonym : unreasonable, paradoxical, nonsensical

(1) **counterintuitive** results, (2) **counterintuitive** behavior

The **counterintuitive** nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.

menace

n. a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat

synonym : threat, danger, hazard

(1) invisible **menace**, (2) potential **menace**

The reckless driver was a **menace** to other drivers on the road.

scarcity

n. the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

synonym: lack, absence, dearth

(1) fuel **scarcity**, (2) **scarcity** of capital

Some research says that a relative decline in teacher salaries is causing labor **scarcity**.

anyhow

adv. anyway; regardless of what has happened or been said

synonym: anyway, nonetheless

(1) **anyhow** possible, (2) **anyhow** it turns out

Anyhow, let's change the subject because I don't want to talk about this anymore.

slum

n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect

synonym: shantytown, slumdwelling, ghetto

(1) **slum** area, (2) **slum** dwellers

The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in **slums**.

favela

n. a Brazilian shantytown or slum, typically located on the outskirts of a major city, characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and lack of basic services such as sanitation and security

synonym: shantytown, slum, ghetto

(1) **favela** neighborhood, (2) people in the **favelas**

Many **favela** residents struggle to access basic amenities like running water and electricity.

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.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his

life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

rephrase

v. to express or state something in a different or alternative way, usually to make it clearer, easier to understand, or more appropriate for a particular context or audience

synonym: reword, paraphrase, restate

(1) **rephrase** a sentence, (2) **rephrase** the question

Let me **rephrase** what you just said in simpler terms.

expel

v. to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country

synonym: deport, oust, dislodge

(1) **expel** him from his native country, (2) **expel** air from the lungs

He took a big drag of his cigarette and slowly **expelled** the smoke.

periphery

n. the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people

synonym: edge, border, margin

(1) around the **periphery**, (2) **periphery** countries

The factory was located on the city's **periphery**, away from residential areas.

doe

n. a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit

synonym: rabbit, bunny, hare

(1) **doe** rabbit, (2) buck and **doe**

Hunters use a whistle that makes the **doe** sound to lure stags.

atrium

n. a central or main hall or open space in a building, typically with a skylight or large window, often serving as a gathering area or focal point; (of anatomy) a chamber or cavity within the heart or inner ear

synonym : lobby, hall, chamber

(1) **atrium** architecture, (2) **atrium** valve

The office building had a beautiful **atrium** in the center, filled with natural light and plants.

elevate

v. to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

synonym : lift, heighten, promote

(1) **elevate** educational standards, (2) **elevate** a close relationship

Eating food in a hurry **elevates** blood glucose levels.

outdo

v. to do better than someone; to surpass

synonym : excel, surpass, outshine

(1) **outdo** him in trickery, (2) **outdo** the competition

He tried to **outdo** his rival by breaking the world record.

archaic

adj. old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history

synonym : ancient, antique, old-fashioned

(1) **archaic** humans, (2) seem somewhat **archaic**

He deliberately read picture books in an **archaic** way to please the children.

forbid

v. to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

synonym : prohibit, ban, outlaw

(1) **forbid** smoking in public areas, (2) **forbid** the use of chemical weapons

God **forbid** you should regret your marriage.

expropriate

v. to take away privately owned property or assets, typically by the government, without the owner's consent, often for public use or benefit, and with or without compensation

synonym : seize, confiscate, commandeer

(1) **expropriate** assets, (2) government's power to **expropriate**

The government decided to **expropriate** the land for a new highway.

undesirable

adj. not wanted or looked upon favorably; unwanted or unpleasant in nature, character, or appearance

synonym: objectionable, distasteful, unwanted

(1) **undesirable** outcome, (2) **undesirable** behavior

The smell of the garbage was very **undesirable**.

irresponsible

adj. not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable

synonym: careless, reckless, thoughtless

(1) **irresponsible** actions, (2) **irresponsible** behavior

It was **irresponsible** of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.

loudspeaker

n. an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas

synonym: speaker, loudhailer, megaphone

(1) wireless **loudspeaker**, (2) **loudspeaker** system

The teacher spoke through the **loudspeaker** so that every student could hear the announcement.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym: offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

subtitle

n. a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the

spoken dialogue in another language

synonym : caption, heading, inscription

(1) chart **subtitle**, (2) foreign-language **subtitle**

Make sure to turn on **subtitles** so you can understand the foreign film.

hippie

n. a person who follows a counterculture movement that originated in the United States during the 1960s, characterized by the advocacy of nonviolence, communal living, and a rejection of traditional American values

synonym : bohemian, beatnik, free spirit

(1) **hippie** lifestyle, (2) **hippie** music

The fashion of the **hippie** movement included unconventional clothing such as tie-dye shirts and bell-bottom jeans.

rethink

v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

synonym : reexplore, review, reconsider

(1) **rethink** a marketing plan, (2) **rethink** the role of the manager

We have to **rethink** our company's product lineup for further growth.

dissipate

v. to disperse or scatter widely

synonym : scatter, disperse, evaporate

(1) **dissipate** heat, (2) **dissipate** stress

The fog **dissipated**, and the air cleared up.

lamine

n. a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring

synonym : veneer, coating, layer

(1) **lamine** flooring, (2) **lamine** table

The countertop in my kitchen is made of durable **lamine** material.

innermost

adj. situated or occurring at the deepest or most central part or point; relating to one's deepest or most private thoughts, feelings, or experiences

synonym : deepest, inner, intimate

(1) **innermost** secrets, (2) **innermost** longings

It took years of therapy before the patient could reveal their **innermost** thoughts and feelings.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ex__l air from the lungs | v. | to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country |
| 2. la____te flooring | n. | a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring |
| 3. government's power to exp____te | v. | to take away privately owned property or assets, typically by the government, without the owner's consent, often for public use or benefit, and with or without compensation |
| 4. sc____ty of capital | n. | the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount |
| 5. at__m architecture | n. | a central or main hall or open space in a building, typically with a skylight or large window, often serving as a gathering area or focal point; (of anatomy) a chamber or cavity within the heart or inner ear |
| 6. ex__l him from his native country | v. | to officially force someone to leave a school, organization, or country |
| 7. in____st longings | adj. | situated or occurring at the deepest or most central part or point; relating to one's deepest or most private thoughts, feelings, or experiences |
| 8. housing per he____e | n. | a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters |

ANSWERS: 1. expel, 2. laminate, 3. expropriate, 4. scarcity, 5. atrium, 6. expel, 7. innermost, 8. hectare

9. hi___e lifestyle *n.* a person who follows a counterculture movement that originated in the United States during the 1960s, characterized by the advocacy of nonviolence, communal living, and a rejection of traditional American values
10. und_____le behavior *adj.* not wanted or looked upon favorably; unwanted or unpleasant in nature, character, or appearance
11. an___w it turns out *adv.* anyway; regardless of what has happened or been said
12. seem somewhat ar_____c *adj.* old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history
13. lou_____er system *n.* an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas
14. und_____le outcome *adj.* not wanted or looked upon favorably; unwanted or unpleasant in nature, character, or appearance
15. non-urb_____ion area *n.* the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture
16. ar_____c humans *adj.* old and no longer used or applicable; of or seeming to belong to an ancient period in history
17. potential me___e *n.* a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat

ANSWERS: 9. hippie, 10. undesirable, 11. anyhow, 12. archaic, 13. loudspeaker, 14. undesirable, 15. urbanization, 16. archaic, 17. menace

18. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
19. he_____e land *n.* a unit of area equal to 10,000 square meters
20. fa____a neighborhood *n.* a Brazilian shantytown or slum, typically located on the outskirts of a major city, characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and lack of basic services such as sanitation and security
21. hi____e music *n.* a person who follows a counterculture movement that originated in the United States during the 1960s, characterized by the advocacy of nonviolence, communal living, and a rejection of traditional American values
22. urb_____ion process *n.* the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture
23. around the pe_____ry *n.* the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people
24. in_____st secrets *adj.* situated or occurring at the deepest or most central part or point; relating to one's deepest or most private thoughts, feelings, or experiences
25. di_____te stress *v.* to disperse or scatter widely
26. fo____d the use of chemical weapons *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising

ANSWERS: 18. innovate, 19. hectare, 20. favela, 21. hippie, 22. urbanization, 23. periphery, 24. innermost, 25. dissipate, 26. forbid

27. gra_____ld-grandparent relationship *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
28. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
29. la_____te table *n.* a material made by bonding together two or more layers of different materials, often used in furniture or flooring
30. ou__o him in trickery *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
31. foreign-language su_____le *n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language
32. el_____e educational standards *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
33. irr_____ble behavior *adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
34. at_____m valve *n.* a central or main hall or open space in a building, typically with a skylight or large window, often serving as a gathering area or focal point; (of anatomy) a chamber or cavity within the heart or inner ear
35. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter

ANSWERS: 27. grandchild, 28. innovate, 29. laminate, 30. outdo, 31. subtitle, 32. elevate, 33. irresponsible, 34. atrium, 35. grandchild

36. invisible me___e *n.* a person or thing that is likely to cause harm or danger; a threat or perceived threat
37. an___w possible *adv.* anyway; regardless of what has happened or been said
38. irr_____ble actions *adj.* not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
39. s__m dwellers *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
40. fo___d smoking in public areas *v.* to order somebody not to do something, especially officially; to keep something from happening or arising
41. di_____te heat *v.* to disperse or scatter widely
42. pe_____ry countries *n.* the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people
43. cou_____ive results *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
44. re_____k a marketing plan *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
45. wireless lou_____er *n.* an electronic device that amplifies sound, typically used to address a large audience or to play music or other audio content in public areas
46. fuel sc_____ty *n.* the state of being in short supply; a small and inadequate amount

ANSWERS: 36. menace, 37. anyhow, 38. irresponsible, 39. slum, 40. forbid, 41. dissipate, 42. periphery, 43. counterintuitive, 44. rethink, 45. loudspeaker, 46. scarcity

47. s__m area *n.* a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
48. exp_____te assets *v.* to take away privately owned property or assets, typically by the government, without the owner's consent, often for public use or benefit, and with or without compensation
49. re_____se the question *v.* to express or state something in a different or alternative way, usually to make it clearer, easier to understand, or more appropriate for a particular context or audience
50. chart su_____le *n.* a secondary title or alternate title that is displayed below the primary title often used to provide additional information or translation for a movie or video; a text that appears at the bottom of a movie, TV show, or video to provide a written translation or transcription of the spoken dialogue in another language
51. ou__o the competition *v.* to do better than someone; to surpass
52. people in the fa___as *n.* a Brazilian shantytown or slum, typically located on the outskirts of a major city, characterized by poverty, overcrowding, and lack of basic services such as sanitation and security
53. cou_____ive behavior *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest

ANSWERS: 47. slum, 48. expropriate, 49. rephrase, 50. subtitle, 51. outdo, 52. favela, 53. counterintuitive

54. buck and d_e *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
55. el____e a close relationship *v.* to raise something from a lower to a higher position; to give a promotion to or assign to a higher position
56. d_e rabbit *n.* a mature female of mammals of which the male is called a buck, such as a deer or a rabbit
57. re____se a sentence *v.* to express or state something in a different or alternative way, usually to make it clearer, easier to understand, or more appropriate for a particular context or audience
58. re____k the role of the manager *v.* to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it

ANSWERS: 54. doe, 55. elevate, 56. doe, 57. rephrase, 58. rethink

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. We have to _____ our company's product lineup for further growth.
v. to consider again a plan, idea, etc., especially to change it
2. The government needs to invest more in affordable housing options to reduce the number of people living in _____.
n. a heavily populated urban area characterized by poor, run-down housing and infrastructure, often associated with poverty and social neglect
3. Make sure to turn on _____ so you can understand the foreign film.
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4. The _____ nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.
adj. contrary to what common sense would suggest
5. Rapid _____ has led to many environmental and social issues in cities.
n. the process of population growth and physical expansion of cities, often involving increased migration from rural areas and the development of urban infrastructure and culture
6. It was _____ of him to drive home after drinking so much alcohol.
adj. not showing a proper sense of responsibility; not reliable
7. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.
v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

ANSWERS: 1. rethink, 2. slums, 3. subtitles, 4. counterintuitive, 5. urbanization, 6. irresponsible, 7. innovate

8. Many _____ residents struggle to access basic amenities like running water and electricity.
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ANSWERS: 22. doe, 23. scarcity, 24. expelled, 25. loudspeaker, 26. undesirable, 27. atrium, 28. outdo, 29. elevates

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