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Session 1: Word List

legislator

n. a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws

synonym: lawmaker, lawgiver, administrator

(1) a **legislator** appointed by the party, (2) incumbent **legislator**

Corporate executives and **legislators** are still overwhelmingly men.

capita

n. a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone

synonym: head, headcount, person

(1) per **capita** sales, (2) the agricultural yield per **capita**
GDP per **capita** shrunk by almost 10 percent for the third consecutive year.

creditor

n. a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money

(1) the **creditor's** claims, (2) bankrupt **creditor**

I asked the lawyer to initiate **creditor** negotiations for voluntary liquidation.

vigorously

adv. in a way that is very energetic and enthusiastic

synonym: energetically, forcefully, strongly

(1) **vigorously** shake, (2) mix **vigorously** by hand
He **vigorously** scrubbed the stains on the shirt.

salient

adj. most noticeable or important; striking

synonym: striking, noticeable, important

(1) the **salient** part of the speech, (2) **salient** feature

The most **salient** point made during the presentation was the potential profit increase.

misunderstand

v. to interpret or understand something in the wrong way

synonym: misinterpret, misperceive, misapprehend

(1) **misunderstand** each other, (2) **misunderstand** entirely about her

You should not **misunderstand** the meaning of freedom.

interdependent

adj. depending on each other; mutually reliant or interconnected

synonym: interconnected, interrelated, mutual

(1) **interdependent** systems, (2) develop **interdependent** skills

In nature, all living things are **interdependent** and rely on each other for survival.

spillover

n. the occurrence of a disease or infection spreading from one species to another, often from animals to humans; (economics) any indirect effect of public expenditure

synonym: transmission, overflow, contamination

(1) **spillover** effect, (2) **spillover** risk

The **spillover** of the disease from animals to humans caused a global pandemic.

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.

arbor

n. a shady place or a shelter formed by trees, vines, or climbing plants; a lattice framework or trellis that supports climbing plants; a seating area or shelter made of woven branches or vines; (of medicine, also "arbor vitae") the white matter of the cerebellum in the brain

synonym: mandrel, pergola, bower

(1) grape **arbor**, (2) **arbor** vitae

The wooden bench beneath the **arbor** was a peaceful place to read a book.

wolverine

n. a carnivorous mammal native to the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions of North America and Eurasia

synonym: glutton, devil bear, skunk bear

(1) **wolverine** habitat, (2) reintroduction of **wolverine**

The **wolverine** population has declined in many areas due to habitat loss and human activity.

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**.

sweatshop

n. a factory or workshop where workers are employed at very low wages and under poor conditions, often characterized by long hours, low pay, and hazardous working conditions

(1) **sweatshop** conditions, (2) **sweatshop** labor

Activists have been pushing for legislation to ban the use of **sweatshops** in the garment industry.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. vig_____ly shake | <i>adv.</i> in a way that is very energetic and enthusiastic |
| 2. incumbent leg_____or | <i>n.</i> a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws |
| 3. jazz imp_____ion | <i>n.</i> the act of making something up on the spot or creating or performing something without preparation |
| 4. per ca___a sales | <i>n.</i> a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone |
| 5. wo_____ne habitat | <i>n.</i> a carnivorous mammal native to the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions of North America and Eurasia |
| 6. sp_____er risk | <i>n.</i> the occurrence of a disease or infection spreading from one species to another, often from animals to humans; (economics) any indirect effect of public expenditure |
| 7. the sa_____t part of the speech | <i>adj.</i> most noticeable or important; striking |
| 8. the agricultural yield per ca___a | <i>n.</i> a Latin word meaning "head," used to express the amount for each person; any head or headlike expansion on a structure, as on a bone |
| 9. mix vig_____ly by hand | <i>adv.</i> in a way that is very energetic and enthusiastic |

ANSWERS: 1. vigorously, 2. legislator, 3. improvisation, 4. capita, 5. wolverine, 6. spillover, 7. salient, 8. capita, 9. vigorously

10. sa____t feature *adj.* most noticeable or important; striking
11. sw_____op conditions *n.* a factory or workshop where workers are employed at very low wages and under poor conditions, often characterized by long hours, low pay, and hazardous working conditions
12. reintroduction of wo_____ne *n.* a carnivorous mammal native to the Arctic and sub-Arctic regions of North America and Eurasia
13. a leg_____or appointed by the party *n.* a member of a group of people who has the power to make or enact laws
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16. the cr_____or's claims *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
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18. 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

ANSWERS: 10. salient, 11. sweatshop, 12. wolverine, 13. legislator, 14. misunderstand, 15. sweatshop, 16. creditor, 17. spillover, 18. determinant

19. bankrupt cr____or *n.* a person, company, etc. to whom a debtor owes money
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26. environmental det_____nt *n.* a factor, circumstance, or condition that contributes to the shaping, influencing, or determining of a particular outcome or result

ANSWERS: 19. creditor, 20. arbor, 21. interdependent, 22. interdependent, 23. misunderstand, 24. improvisation, 25. arbor, 26. determinant

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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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2. He created a beautiful piece of music using only _____.
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ANSWERS: 8. wolverine, 9. capita, 10. sweatshops, 11. legislators, 12. salient, 13. determinant