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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.

presumption

n. an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity

synonym : assumption, arrogance, audacity

(1) **presumption** against forfeiture, (2) **presumption** of guilt

It is a common **presumption** that doctors know best, but patients should always ask questions and be informed about their healthcare decisions.

paradox

n. a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

synonym :

incongruity, dichotomy, contradiction

(1) French **paradox**, (2) the **paradox** of the heap

There are many theories to explain this **paradox**.

paycheck

n. a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check

synonym: salary, earnings, income

(1) electronic **paycheck**, (2) monthly **paycheck**

I received a bonus on top of my regular **paycheck** this month.

philanthropy

n. the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money

synonym: altruism, benevolence, generosity

(1) **philanthropy** organization, (2) private **philanthropy**

Tech billionaires often spend the majority of their time on **philanthropy**.

inflated

adj. swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high

synonym: enlarged, swollen, distended

(1) **inflated** prices, (2) an **inflated** balloon

The athlete's ego became **inflated** by their success.

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.

congest

v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

synonym: clog, choke, crowd

(1) **congest** in a vein, (2) **congest** a highway

The roads to the airport were heavily **congested**.

bully

n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

synonym : tormentor, intimidator, aggressor

(1) **bully** bystander, (2) **bully** the weak

The schoolyard **bully** terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.

reconcile

v. to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist

synonym : harmonize, moderate, conciliate

(1) **reconcile** these differences, (2) **reconcile** a dispute

Sometimes it is challenging to **reconcile** science and religion.

resourceful

adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems

synonym : inventive, imaginative, clever

(1) **resourceful** thinker, (2) **resourceful** cook in town

She was **resourceful** and found a solution to the problem on her own.

mindset

n. the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone

synonym : attitude, ethos, mentality

(1) flexible **mindset**, (2) the **mindset** in an education system

Countries whose goal is economic development often focus on fostering an entrepreneurial **mindset** in each individual.

procure

v. to obtain, acquire, or secure something, often by effort or skill

synonym : obtain, acquire, secure

(1) **procure** a rare antique, (2) **procure** services

I need to **procure** some supplies for the upcoming project.

monolithic

adj. characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity

synonym : massive, monumental, hulking

(1) **monolithic** block, (2) **monolithic** system

Big technology companies try to integrate customers' data into **monolithic** applications.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym: formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

blueprint

n. a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine

synonym: draft, prototype, sketch

(1) **blueprint** for economic reform, (2) architect's **blueprint**
A business plan is a **blueprint** for your success.

plywood

n. a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles

synonym: panel board, veneer panel, plyboard

(1) flexible **plywood**, (2) **plywood** furniture

Manufacturing companies use large sheets of **plywood** to make furniture and fixtures.

inherit

v. to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

synonym: obtain, gain, acquire

(1) **inherit** estate, (2) **inherit** ancestral property

After his death, his sons **inherited** his business.

fascinate

v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly

synonym: captivate, intrigue, mesmerize

(1) **fascinate** the public, (2) **fascinate** the young

The magic tricks **fascinated** the children.

peg *n.* a small cylindrical or tapered pin used to fasten or secure something, such as clothing, on a line, or in carpentry and woodworking; (verb) to fasten or secure something using a peg or similar object; to mark or indicate a level or position using a peg or similar object
synonym : pin, dowel, spike
(1) **peg** in the ground, (2) **peg** an exchange rate
The sheep were tagged with numbered plastic **pegs** in their ears.

mallet *n.* a tool used to strike or tap an object, typically with a wooden, rubber, or plastic head; a percussion instrument consisting of a handle and a head, often used in orchestral percussion and marimba
synonym : hammer, stick, beater
(1) percussion **mallet**, (2) lucky **mallet**
The percussionist switched from sticks to **mallets** for a softer sound.

clad *adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance
synonym : dressed, covered, attired
(1) **clad** completely in black, (2) **clad** in armor
The athlete was **clad** in a tight-fitting suit designed to reduce drag and improve performance.

sociable *adj.* being friendly, outgoing, and inclined to engage in social activities or interactions; enjoying the company of others
synonym : friendly, outgoing, affable
(1) **sociable** gathering, (2) **sociable** atmosphere
She is a very **sociable** person who loves meeting new people.

confuse *v.* to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand

synonym : confound, obscure, disorient

(1) **confuse** the listener, (2) **confuse** fantasy with reality
Her remarks **confused** the debate.

mundane

adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement

synonym : ordinary, everyday, prosaic

(1) **mundane** affairs, (2) **mundane** objects

After returning from the war, he had a pretty **mundane** life.

symmetrical

adj. having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts

synonym : harmonious, balanced, proportional

(1) **symmetrical** triangle, (2) **symmetrical** pattern

This figure is **symmetrical** about the x-axis.

reinvent

v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

synonym : recreate, remake, revive

(1) **reinvent** local dishes, (2) **reinvent** our life

They have tried to **reinvent** their grocery stores.

vernacular

n. a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region

synonym : dialect, idiom, lingo

(1) **vernacular** language, (2) native **vernacular**

The poet wrote in the **vernacular** of ordinary people.

tinker

v. to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

synonym : fiddle, play, fix

(1) **tinker** with the bill, (2) **tinker** with the settings

He spent the afternoon **tinkering** with his car engine.

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.

skyscraper

n. a very tall building, typically one in a city

synonym: high-rise, tower

(1) **skyscraper** apartment house, (2) steel-framed

skyscraper

The 50-floor **skyscraper** loomed over the city, dwarfing the other buildings.

Wikipedia

n. an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics

synonym: online encyclopedia, webpedia

(1) **Wikipedia** entry, (2) **Wikipedia** article

Not all teachers accept citing **Wikipedia** as a valid source for academic papers.

Session 2: Spelling

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|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. in_____t estate | <i>v.</i> to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died |
| 2. native ver_____ar | <i>n.</i> a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region |
| 3. flexible mi_____t | <i>n.</i> the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone |
| 4. ins_____ize customary laws | <i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.) |
| 5. re_____le a dispute | <i>v.</i> to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist |
| 6. co_____e fantasy with reality | <i>v.</i> to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand |
| 7. non-urb_____ion area | <i>n.</i> 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 |
| 8. sky_____er apartment house | <i>n.</i> a very tall building, typically one in a city |
| 9. private phi_____opy | <i>n.</i> the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money |
| 10. French pa_____x | <i>n.</i> a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange; |

ANSWERS: 1. inherit, 2. vernacular, 3. mindset, 4. institutionalize, 5. reconcile, 6. confuse, 7. urbanization, 8. skyscraper, 9. philanthropy, 10. paradox

11. sym_____al triangle *adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
12. bu__y bystander *n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
13. pre_____on of guilt *n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
14. architect's bl_____nt *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
15. bl_____nt for economic reform *n.* a photographic print of an early plan for a building or machine
16. 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
17. Wi_____ia entry *n.* an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
18. pr_____e services *v.* to obtain, acquire, or secure something, often by effort or skill

ANSWERS: 11. symmetrical, 12. bully, 13. presumption, 14. blueprint, 15. blueprint, 16. urbanization, 17. Wikipedia, 18. procure

19. mon_____ic block *adj.* characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity
20. re_____nt local dishes *v.* to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
21. p_g in the ground *n.* a small cylindrical or tapered pin used to fasten or secure something, such as clothing, on a line, or in carpentry and woodworking; (verb) to fasten or secure something using a peg or similar object; to mark or indicate a level or position using a peg or similar object
22. 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
23. pl_____d furniture *n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
24. fa_____te the public *v.* to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
25. re_____le these differences *v.* to find a way of dealing with two or more ideas, needs, etc. that are opposed to each other to agree and coexist
26. lucky ma____t *n.* a tool used to strike or tap an object, typically with a wooden, rubber, or plastic head; a percussion instrument consisting of a handle and a head, often used in orchestral percussion and marimba

ANSWERS: 19. monolithic, 20. reinvent, 21. peg, 22. favela, 23. plywood, 24. fascinate, 25. reconcile, 26. mallet

27. percussion ma___t *n.* a tool used to strike or tap an object, typically with a wooden, rubber, or plastic head; a percussion instrument consisting of a handle and a head, often used in orchestral percussion and marimba
28. electronic pa_____ck *n.* a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
29. ins_____ize a system *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
30. pre_____on against forfeiture *n.* an idea or belief taken to be true without proof or confirmation; an assumption or hypothesis based on incomplete evidence or understanding; a forward or audacious attitude or behavior that assumes too much authority or familiarity
31. in_____t ancestral property *v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died
32. pr_____e a rare antique *v.* to obtain, acquire, or secure something, often by effort or skill
33. cou_____ive results *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
34. cou_____ive behavior *adj.* contrary to what common sense would suggest
35. ti___r with the settings *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way

ANSWERS: 27. mallet, 28. paycheck, 29. institutionalize, 30. presumption, 31. inherit, 32. procure, 33. counterintuitive, 34. counterintuitive, 35. tinker

36. co_____e the listener
v. to mistake one thing for another; to make somebody hard to understand
37. Wi_____ia article
n. an online encyclopedia that allows users to contribute and edit articles collaboratively; a vast and frequently updated repository of information on a wide range of topics
38. steel-framed sky_____er
n. a very tall building, typically one in a city
39. so_____le atmosphere
adj. being friendly, outgoing, and inclined to engage in social activities or interactions; enjoying the company of others
40. so_____le gathering
adj. being friendly, outgoing, and inclined to engage in social activities or interactions; enjoying the company of others
41. re_____nt our life
v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new
42. monthly pa_____ck
n. a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
43. an in_____ed balloon
adj. swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high
44. c__d in armor
adj. dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance
45. co_____t a highway
v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid

ANSWERS: 36. confuse, 37. Wikipedia, 38. skyscraper, 39. sociable, 40. sociable, 41. reinvent, 42. paycheck, 43. inflated, 44. clad, 45. congest

46. mon_____ic system *adj.* characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity
47. the mi_____t in an education system *n.* the established set of attitudes or fixed ideas held by someone
48. c__d completely in black *adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance
49. res_____ul thinker *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
50. sym_____al pattern *adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts
51. mu_____e objects *adj.* very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
52. ver_____ar language *n.* a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region
53. phi_____opy organization *n.* the practice of voluntarily helping the poor, especially by giving money
54. in_____ed prices *adj.* swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high
55. ti___r with the bill *v.* to make repairs, adjustments, or improvements to something, especially in an experimental or makeshift way
56. the pa_____x of the heap *n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;

ANSWERS: 46. monolithic, 47. mindset, 48. clad, 49. resourceful, 50. symmetrical, 51. mundane, 52. vernacular, 53. philanthropy, 54. inflated, 55. tinker, 56. paradox

57. flexible pl____d
n. a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
58. co____t in a vein
v. to make something blocked or crowded so as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement or flow of liquid
59. res____ul cook in town
adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
60. fa____te the young
v. to attract and hold the attention of someone deeply and irresistibly
61. mu____e affairs
adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
62. 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
63. p_g an exchange rate
n. a small cylindrical or tapered pin used to fasten or secure something, such as clothing, on a line, or in carpentry and woodworking; (verb) to fasten or secure something using a peg or similar object; to mark or indicate a level or position using a peg or similar object
64. bu__y the weak
n. a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful

ANSWERS: 57. plywood, 58. congest, 59. resourceful, 60. fascinate, 61. mundane, 62. favela, 63. peg, 64. bully

ANSWERS:

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. 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
2. I received a bonus on top of my regular _____ this month.
n. a check issued to an employee as payment for work or services rendered; the amount of money received in this check
3. The athlete's ego became _____ by their success.
adj. swollen or blown up, especially with air or gas; excessively or unreasonably high
4. She was _____ and found a solution to the problem on her own.
adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
5. The sheep were tagged with numbered plastic _____ in their ears.
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6. I need to _____ some supplies for the upcoming project.
v. to obtain, acquire, or secure something, often by effort or skill
7. They have tried to _____ their grocery stores.
v. to change something so drastically that it looks to be completely new

ANSWERS: 1. urbanization, 2. paycheck, 3. inflated, 4. resourceful, 5. pegs, 6. procure, 7. reinvent

8. The schoolyard _____ terrorized the other children and made their lives miserable.
- n.* a person who uses strength or power to harm or intimidate those who are weaker; (verb) to intimidate, harass, or mistreat someone weaker or less powerful
9. She is a very _____ person who loves meeting new people.
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12. The athlete was _____ in a tight-fitting suit designed to reduce drag and improve performance.
- adj.* dressed or covered in a particular way; provided or protected with a particular material or substance
13. Manufacturing companies use large sheets of _____ to make furniture and fixtures.
- n.* a strong, flexible, and lightweight engineered wood made of thin layers of wood veneer that have been glued together at alternating, perpendicular angles
14. After his death, his sons _____ his business.
- v.* to receive money, property, or a title from someone after they have died

ANSWERS: 8. bully, 9. sociable, 10. presumption, 11. fascinated, 12. clad, 13. plywood, 14. inherited

15. There are many theories to explain this _____.
- n.* a statement, situation, or person that has two opposite facts or features and therefore seems impossible, is difficult to understand, or is strange;
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- n.* a very tall building, typically one in a city
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19. The roads to the airport were heavily _____.
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21. Many _____ residents struggle to access basic amenities like running water and electricity.
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- adj.* having similarity in size, shape, and relative position of corresponding parts

ANSWERS: 15. paradox, 16. skyscraper, 17. mindset, 18. confused, 19. congested, 20. reconcile, 21. favela, 22. symmetrical

23. A business plan is a _____ for your success.
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24. The percussionist switched from sticks to _____ for a softer sound.
n. a tool used to strike or tap an object, typically with a wooden, rubber, or plastic head; a percussion instrument consisting of a handle and a head, often used in orchestral percussion and marimba
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26. He spent the afternoon _____ with his car engine.
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28. Big technology companies try to integrate customers' data into _____ applications.
adj. characterized by massiveness, rigidity, and uniformity
29. After returning from the war, he had a pretty _____ life.
adj. very ordinary and therefore lacking interest or excitement
30. The poet wrote in the _____ of ordinary people.
n. a language or dialect spoken by the ordinary people in a particular country or region

ANSWERS: 23. blueprint, 24. mallets, 25. Wikipedia, 26. tinkering, 27. philanthropy, 28. monolithic, 29. mundane, 30. vernacular

31. The new policy aims to _____ the use of renewable energy sources.

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

32. The _____ nature of quantum physics has been a source of confusion for scientists for decades.

adj. contrary to what common sense would suggest

ANSWERS: 31. institutionalize, 32. counterintuitive