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Session 1: Word List

interconnect

v. to connect similar things

synonym: interlink, complect, annex

(1) directly **interconnect** with those systems, (2) human activities **interconnect** with the environment

Our system can now **interconnect** with other databases.

iceberg

n. a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier

synonym: glacier, ice mass, floe

(1) hit an **iceberg**, (2) **iceberg** melting

The ship encountered a series of **icebergs** and had to change its course.

dizzy

adj. having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance

synonym: addled, confounded, unsteady

(1) feel **dizzy**, (2) had a **dizzy** spell

Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting **dizzy**.

comprehend

v. to understand the nature or meaning of something fully

synonym: understand, grasp, apprehend

(1) **comprehend** English, (2) **comprehend** instructions
She struggled to **comprehend** complex math problems.

snowflake

n. a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement

synonym: flake, crystal, ice pellet

(1) delicate **snowflake**, (2) **snowflake** pattern

The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated with delicate **snowflake** ornaments.

calve

v. (of glaciology) to break off or shed smaller masses of ice; (of animal breeding) to give birth to a calf

synonym: give birth, break off, splinter

(1) **calve** from the glacier, (2) **calve** early in the morning

As global temperatures rise, more icebergs **calve** off from the polar ice caps.

glacier

n. a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole

synonym: iceberg, ice floe

(1) **glacier** retreat, (2) **glaciers** move tardily

The **glaciers** of the ice age have shaped Fjord.

crumble

v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support

synonym: disintegrate, collapse, deteriorate

(1) **crumble** to dust, (2) began to **crumble** under financial pressure

The old building was starting to **crumble** due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.

nourish

v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

synonym: feed, sustain, nurture

(1) **nourish** damaged skin, (2) **nourish** hope

The mother used her breast milk to **nourish** the baby.

ancestor

n. a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
synonym: forebear, forefather, progenitor

(1) **ancestor** language, (2) earliest human **ancestor**

My remote **ancestor** immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.

Session 2: Spelling

1. had a di__y spell *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
2. an____or language *n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather
3. delicate sn_____ke *n.* a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement
4. ca__e from the glacier *v.* (of glaciology) to break off or shed smaller masses of ice; (of animal breeding) to give birth to a calf
5. com_____nd English *v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
6. no_____h damaged skin *v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
7. cr_____e to dust *v.* to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
8. feel di__y *adj.* having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance
9. hit an ic_____g *n.* a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
10. no_____h hope *v.* to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy

ANSWERS: 1. dizzy, 2. ancestor, 3. snowflake, 4. calve, 5. comprehend, 6. nourish, 7. crumble, 8. dizzy, 9. iceberg, 10. nourish

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| 11. began to cr_____e under financial pressure | <i>v.</i> | to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support |
| 12. gl_____r retreat | <i>n.</i> | a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole |
| 13. sn_____ke pattern | <i>n.</i> | a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement |
| 14. ic_____g melting | <i>n.</i> | a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier |
| 15. directly int_____ect with those systems | <i>v.</i> | to connect similar things |
| 16. ca__e early in the morning | <i>v.</i> | (of glaciology) to break off or shed smaller masses of ice; (of animal breeding) to give birth to a calf |
| 17. com_____nd instructions | <i>v.</i> | to understand the nature or meaning of something fully |
| 18. earliest human an_____or | <i>n.</i> | a person from whom one is descended; a forefather |
| 19. human activities int_____ect with the environment | <i>v.</i> | to connect similar things |
| 20. gl_____rs move tardily | <i>n.</i> | a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole |

ANSWERS: 11. crumble, 12. glacier, 13. snowflake, 14. iceberg, 15. interconnect, 16. calve, 17. comprehend, 18. ancestor, 19. interconnect, 20. glacier

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. As global temperatures rise, more icebergs _____ off from the polar ice caps.
v. (of glaciology) to break off or shed smaller masses of ice; (of animal breeding) to give birth to a calf
2. Our system can now _____ with other databases.
v. to connect similar things
3. The ship encountered a series of _____ and had to change its course.
n. a large piece of ice floating in the sea, detached from a glacier
4. The Christmas tree was beautifully decorated with delicate _____ ornaments.
n. a small, thin, delicate piece of snow; a person, especially a young person, who is perceived as overly sensitive, easily offended, or with an inflated sense of entitlement
5. The mother used her breast milk to _____ the baby.
v. to provide a person, an animal, or plant with food to make them grow and stay healthy
6. The old building was starting to _____ due to years of neglect and lack of maintenance.
v. to break or fall apart into small pieces or fragments, especially due to age, decay, or lack of support
7. Professional skaters can spin fast on the ice without getting _____.
adj. having or causing a whirling sensation and not able to keep balance

ANSWERS: 1. calve, 2. interconnect, 3. icebergs, 4. snowflake, 5. nourish, 6. crumble, 7. dizzy

8. The _____ of the ice age have shaped Fjord.
- n.* a slowly moving mass of ice formed from snow on mountains or near the North Pole or the South Pole
9. She struggled to _____ complex math problems.
- v.* to understand the nature or meaning of something fully
10. My remote _____ immigrated to the United States from Ireland in the 1800s.
- n.* a person from whom one is descended; a forefather

ANSWERS: 8. glaciers, 9. comprehend, 10. ancestor